



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

Loving Jesus, living and sharing our Faith, welcoming all.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B) 15th August 2021 & Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 22nd August 2021

Psalter week 4 and 1

WELCOME

Welcome to St Joseph's and St John the Baptist! We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic community in Brighton, with a vision to form disciples of Jesus Christ, to love others, and to serve our city.

Everyone is welcome, and there are loads of ways you can get involved! See our website www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Sebastian

For the real Christian, the question is not **whether** to evangelise or make disciples, but **HOW**. As Lord of our lives, Jesus Christ's purpose is twofold: to bless us and to make us a blessing. As we will see, He has commanded all of us to be witnesses unto Him, to communicate the gospel and make disciples everywhere. Though we are not yet perfect, Jesus expects us to be His witnesses, to know the gospel and to share it with others intelligently and in the power of the Holy Spirit. The two Gospel stories: of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary and of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us of our mission as Christians. We are not here on earth to live for ourselves. We are set on mission, the mission of being witnesses of faith, of Jesus before all people we encounter throughout our lives. A disciple is one who learns from a master. If we believe in Jesus with saving faith, we will go on to learn from him in submission and obedience, and that makes us disciples of Jesus.

Every true Christian is a disciple.

Be full of the Spirit, be bold, watch and listen, never let discouragement overcome you. PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION! Have blessed weeks!

thank you!

Thank you from our Parish Food Bank!

It was another busy weekend in the Parish food bank. If you can, please bring fresh milk, fresh sliced bread, fresh fruit, veg and salad.

Thank you once again to everyone supporting our Food Bank.

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COMING TO CHURCH

We are following the guidance sent to us by The Conference of Bishops and our Diocese about how to have Mass safely now we are in Step 4.

As per the guidance, the first thing we will consider is the prevailing local conditions, this will be reviewed on a weekly basis. This will include the rates people are being vaccinated, the prevalence of new variants and the local rates of hospital admissions and any local public health advice.

Coming to Mass

When you come to Mass the following mitigations remain in place:

- You will still need to wear a mask - unless exempt
- You will still need to use hand sanitiser on arrival
- You will still need to sign in using the NHS Qr Code or by leaving your name and number with the Welcome
- We will still have stewarding during Communion.
 - ◊ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be used if the mass is particularly busy.
 - ◊ Both the Priest and Extraordinary Minister will wear masks and sanitise their hands before Communion, and if they touch anyone they will sanitise again)
- There will continue to be no formal Sign of Peace.
- The church will be ventilated and our welcomers will still be using the 'fogger' after services

Changes and Social Distancing

We are allowed to reintroduce Congregational Singing and will be doing so over the next few months (and you are required to keep your mask on whilst singing).

From 19th July there is no legislation on Social Distancing in England, and so we have removed the tape from the churches and removing the requirement to distance within a row to allow for increased capacity. We still want our church to be a place where people feel safe to gather to worship, and we are aware that some people are still worried about close contact, so we have introduced "**Please Leave A Space**" cards. People can pick these up on entry into the church and put beside them so that a so a space can be left to allow for distancing. Please respect these cards and do not move them or sit where they are placed - in some cases they may just be beside someone, and in others they may also be in the rows in front and behind.

Please speak to a Welcomer if you need help to find somewhere safe to sit.

We are very grateful to the Welcomers - we would not be able to have Mass, and keep each other safe without their help. Please continue to follow their directions as we create a safe environment for people to come and worship.

Thank you as always for your support!

The Wednesday Takeaway Community Cafe at SJB Hall

The Real Junk Food Project Brighton's Community Cafe is open every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30 - 14.00 at SJB Hall. Come along and collect a delicious takeaway lunch made from food that would otherwise go to landfill on a "pay as you feel" basis. Pay as you feel means that you pay what you can afford or what you think the meal is worth and it encourages people to think about what that plate of food means to them. It helps to end the segregation of people based on financial circumstances in a way that does not patronise those who need it and those who want to support it. Those in need are not degraded or shamed for taking a free or cheap meal, likewise those who can afford it are not pestered into more and more donations. Everyone is equal in getting fed, it is up to the individual to pay what they feel.

You are encouraged to eat your takeaway in the church courtyard or on the green opposite the Fitzherbert Centre, which has recently been beautifully landscaped by Brighton Table Tennis Club as the first stage of the Fitzherbert Community Hub Community Garden programme. This will not only give you the opportunity to meet members of our wider East Brighton community but the chance to try your hand at table tennis after lunch if you fancy giving it a go!

Creativity and Faith

[Click here to go to the Creativity and Faith page on our website](#), with images, prayers and poems by parishioners.

We welcome all new submissions via the office - email eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk or give the office a call.

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YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

For info about the latest young adults events & activities see www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton.

Students - find out more about the Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy at www.catholicstudents.org and www.facebook.com/groups/catholicchaplaincy. Email Claire, the Chaplain for Brighton claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk

GROUPS / MEETINGS

Summer Break - The Monday Zoom Rosary Group, The Tuesday and Thursday Groups, Alpha, Padre Pio Group and Mothers Prayers

All these groups are taking a break for August, and will be back in September. Keep an eye on the newsletter for details of when these groups will resume nearer the time.

Tuesday Rosary - new time

The Tuesday Rosary at St Joseph's church will continue - we will now start at 06:00 and finishing at 06:40. Doors open at 05:45. It would be great if you can manage to join us - if only for one decade.

Lectio Divina - Divine Reading - Fridays 8pm to 9pm Lectio Divina

An invitation to take part in an online Lectio Divina prayer group - from the Benedictine monks in Elm Grove.
 LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/92327977736> ID: 923 2797 7736

Beginning Experience Weekend

October 8th - 10th, Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex.

For those who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or bereavement. Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to help you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning.

More details at besouthofengland@gmail.com

Parish Office—Summer Hours

AnnMarie is taking annual leave in August, and this means the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 20th August, Maryanne will open the Parish Office on Monday's and Wednesday's as usual from 930am-1pm!
 Thank you!

Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to have someone to talk to?

Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact your Parish Priest if you would like to speak to one of our team.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leao Pires, Jose Cabanas, Vivien Appleby, Charles Appleby, Ella O'Driscoll, Clive Coates, Tommy Maher, Dermot O'Hara, Ian Brockwell, Angela Hubert, Maria Rigby, Frank Mansbridge, Patsy Regan, Ray Mason, Patrick Sweeney, Moira Hall, Margaret Lamb, Tony Wallace, Jean Ghazal, Roy Dadswell, Christopher Browne, Teresa Pires, Deacon Ivor Pelling, Pat Healy and Sarah Moriarty.

Those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

To be added to the sick list contact the Parish Office. Please contact Fr Kieron or Fr Sebastian if you are going into hospital.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 14th August		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Nancy & Jim's Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 15th August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Michael & Cassie McCann RIP
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (click here to watch)	Anna Viggiano RIP (<i>Tina Viggiano</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 16th August		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Canon J Newton RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Arthur Francis Chisholm RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 17th August		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Deceased Friends RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	William O'Dea RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 18th August		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Monica McLauchlan RIP Anniversary
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 19th August		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass (click here to watch)	Veronica Kearney RIP (<i>Carmel Stevenson</i>)
Friday 20th August	St Bernard	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Essa Family
Saturday 21st August	St Pius X	
St Joseph's	11:00am - 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd August	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Monica McLoughlin RIP
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	Diane Christelle RIP (<i>Ruth Mouvogny</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Peggy Blake RIP
Monday 23rd August		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	St Margaret Mary's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Margaret Moran RIP
Tuesday 24th August	St Bartholomew	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Ivan Gibbons
Wednesday 25th August		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Mission of the Parish
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jacqueline Sutton RIP
Thursday 26th August		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass (click here to watch)	Anne Elizabeth Magennis RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Friday 27th August	St Monica	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Holy Souls
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Peggy Blake RIP
Saturday 28th August	St Augustine	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Bernie Harkness RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am - 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Delia Moran RIP
Sunday 29th August	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Mary Davenport RIP
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	For Deceased Parishioners (<i>Tina Viggiano</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish