



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Psalter week 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](http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk) for more opportunities.

### Message from Fr Sebastian

Jesus reveals to his disciples that he is to be delivered into the hands of men and they will put him to death. Not an easy message... What we see in Peter today, far from being an attitude to discourage us, should be a great source of strength. We, too, suffer the same lack of insight, the same inability to digest the mystery of suffering. Being caught inside the mystery of suffering is painful and confusing. The last eighteen months haven't been easy for most of us... As Christians, we may find encouragement that we are like Jesus's disciples: we try to understand what's happening around us, we fall, we get up again.

Life! We give ourselves in love, knowing that he is with us from his Cross, lighting our way. As St John Henry Newman put it: "Let me be thy blind instrument. I ask not to see. I ask not to know. I ask simply to be used."

Hope! Let's have hope my friends! Christ is with us until the end of the world.



### Can you help at our Parish Food Bank!

We need a few more volunteers for our Parish Food bank. At the moment it's only 1 in 5 Sunday's - and depending on the number of volunteers this may be 1 in 6! Volunteers need to arrive at about 11:30 and should be finished by about 2:00pm. Please contact AnnMarie in the Parish Office if you can help or would like more info.

If you can, please bring fresh milk (500ml or 1l only), and fresh fruit and veg with you this Sunday. Thank you!

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## COMING TO CHURCH

We feel like our newsletter has had a lot about the Covid restrictions and whilst we are still taking all the necessary precautions to ensure we are Covid safe—we want to focus on other things happening in our Parish!

A separate guidance sheet is now available on our website ([click here](#)) or contact the Parish office but you should continue to:

- ♦ **Wear a mask in Church**
- ♦ **Sanitise your hands**
- ♦ **Sign in (NHS QR code or leave your details)**

**Our welcomers still play a very important part of Mass and ensuring we stay Covid safe.**

**We are very grateful to them. Please continue to follow their directions as we create a safe environment for people to come and worship.**

### 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. 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, and perhaps try your hand at Table tennis after on one of the outdoor tables!

### Pilgrimage Walk in Arundel in Honour of Our Lady

Join us on Saturday 26 September 2021 at 11am to 2 pm. We will be stopping at the remains of the ancient religious foundations of Arundel for short prayers. All welcome. For more info contact Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or email [aruncathfriends@btconnect.com](mailto:aruncathfriends@btconnect.com) or see [www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk](http://www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk)

### Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard

Click here for the Pastoral Letter for this Sunday from Bishop Richard. This letter concerns the Assisted Suicide Bill currently making its way through the House of Lords. Bishop Richard asked that it was made available this weekend. Copies are also available from the back of the churches, or contact the Parish Office for a copy.

### Annual Mass Count—starts this weekend.

The Diocese has requested that The Annual Mass Count starts this week - and attendance will be counted for the next four weekends.

## SACRAMENTS

### First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion programme will start in November this year for children in Year 3 or above.

In the sessions, the children come to know more about Jesus, and about developing a relationship with him in the Mass and Reconciliation. We follow a parent-led programme in which parents and carers are supported and guided, by a team of catechists, to prepare their children themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This approach emphasises the key role of parents as the first teachers of the Christian faith, and the importance of the family bond.

We have regular family Masses where the young people preparing for First Holy Communion are encouraged to take a more active role: taking up the offertory, reading a prayer, serving refreshments, fundraising, or welcoming.

We also accept children (Year 3 and above) who are also preparing for baptism.

[Click here to apply for this year's programme](#), or contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

### Hospitality Team - please get involved and help us be a really welcoming parish!

As our emphasis changes from stewarding to really welcoming people back to Church - some of whom haven't been to Mass in over a year, we are looking for people to join this very important ministry. The skill required is being able to talk to people! Call the Parish Office if you would like to join this important ministry or would like to see what's involved.

# YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

For info about the latest young adults events & activities see [www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton](http://www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton).

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

## GROUPS / MEETINGS

### Monday Zoom Rosary Group

Everyone is welcome to join our Rosary by Zoom at 4pm on Monday's. Please contact the parish office for more info and for the link.

### Tuesday Rosary

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.

### Tuesday Evening

Our lively sessions of learning, discussion and friendship are online at 7:30. Our current topic is Divine Renovation LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/96161676521> ID: 961 6167 6521

### Evening with Friends

Join David on Wednesdays evenings at 7:30 for an hour of chat and time to be together as a community. LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/97896232496> ID: 978 9623 2496

### Wednesday Evening Perpetual Novena

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm at SJB Church

### Thursday mornings

Join us from 10am-12pm for a friendly social session of chat and discussion around a topic of our faith. LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/92452001507> ID: 924 5200 1507

### Padre Pio Group

Join us at 7pm on Thursday evenings at St Joseph's for Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Mothers Prayers

We are a group of mothers who meet weekly to pray for our children & grandchildren. We have set up a Zoom meeting which enables us to be together spiritually in prayer. Contact Jill O'Rourke 01273 687642 for more info.

### No Lectio Divina on Friday 17th September.

Back on Friday 24th September and then every Friday at 8pm. 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

## SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's School

All our new children have settled in to school life, enjoyed their first school hot-dinner and have been busy exploring the fantastic learning activities - the role play and sand tray are a favourite, especially when the dinosaurs appear!

I can't believe that we are already thinking about September 2022 therefore already arranging Open Days for new parents and families.

If you are looking to apply for a place at your local St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Davey Drive) for your child to start in Reception September 2022, please come along to one of our Open Day Tours. You will meet our staff and pupils and get a glimpse into life at inside St Joseph's. We will give a tour of the lovely school and be available to answer your questions.

Meanwhile check out our website <https://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/> or call 01273 556607

Tour dates:

Tuesday 9th November 9am-10.30am Thursday 18th November 4pm-5pm

Or if you cannot make these days, we are happy to arrange an alternative day/time on request.

Gill Foan

(Acting) Headteacher

# CONTACT DETAILS

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## MASS TIMES

*Please see below for the masses that will be streamed.*

Saturday 18th September		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Theresa Creffield
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Diane Christelle RIP ( <i>Ruth Mouvogny</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	Philomena Skjoren RIP
Monday 20th September St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Ethel Darlington RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 21st September St Matthew		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Teresa Pires RIP
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Rene Gordon RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
Wednesday 22nd September		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Edward Keegan RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcino		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	John Murray RIP ( <i>Mary Murray</i> )
Friday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Alma Shepherd ( <i>D Lawrence</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jules Le Peltier RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Saturday 25th September		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass followed by Confessions	Leao & Teresa Pires—Thanksgiving ( <i>The Family</i> )
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Helen (Tim's Sister)
Sunday 26th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Kathy RIP ( <i>Conway Family</i> )
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Breda Clements RIP ( <i>Noreen &amp; Maryanne</i> )

### 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, Pat Healy, Sarah Moriarty, and Fred Pearson.

Those who have died recently especially Teresa Pires and Alf Wright 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.