



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

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Psalter week 4

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 Kieron

We cannot earn God's love and mercy simply by being nice people: he loves us anyway. Yet St Paul tells us that if our faith is not accompanied by good works, then that faith is quite dead. So our ability to show our love to others is not a requirement for God's love, but a consequence of it. When we experience the gratuitous love of God in Jesus, this is not something to be coveted preciously, but it is to be shared with everyone and this leads to so-called *good works*, acts of charity and kindness which go beyond self-interest. The living-out of a life of good works has been codified over many years in the strong tradition of Catholic Social Teaching.

In our own Parish we can see examples of this in the work of the Foodbank and the development of the Fitzherbert Community Hub, together with our support for more global charities like CAFOD and *Mary's Meals*. As we see in the Gospel, making a profession of faith is one thing; living it out is something altogether different and taking up the cross is never easy. However, living out our Gospel values is never something that we can do purely out of our own strength. Just as God gave Peter strength in his weakness, we pray for the strength to bring the love of God to others without counting the cost.

thank you!

Thank you from our Parish Food Bank!

It was another busy week at the Food Bank. We appreciate your support – and also want to thank our wonderful volunteers - they work so hard each week!

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

It's the Brighton Marathon this Sunday!

Check the Brighton Marathon website for road closures that may effect coming to mass!

www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk

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 or see www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk

Journeying from Despair to Hope

'Building support from parishes to prisoners and their families.' An online event on 12th October, 5pm- 6.15pm. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/1zTkUTiP7>

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.

Would you like to become an Altar Server?

Fr Sebastian is having a gathering at SJB Church at 7pm on Friday 17th September for new and existing Altar Servers. Anyone who has made their First Holy communion can become an Altar Server—boys and girls and anyone of any age! Come and join the team!

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.

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

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.

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

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's School

We were happy to see all our children return safely, and welcome new families to our lovely school. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share.

We are planning to celebrate Education Sunday in school next week, thanking God for our school and all involved in the smooth running of St Joseph's. Our focus will be on 'a word in season' as we need to acknowledge the weariness that must surely have affected the whole education sector as it has coped with the disruption of COVID-19, but we also need to keep in mind the strength that will make it possible to open up all the incredibly positive possibilities that lie ahead. A word in season at a time such as this will bring encouragement and hope as well as understanding and support, to children and teacher alike.

Two of our key focus points for School Improvement this year is :-

- To foster knowledge and understanding of the Gospel values and growing in God's love.
- To proactively encourage our families to become involved in the life of the parish and to be actively seen within the parish to inspire more families to seek the benefits of Catholic education



We also wanted to share our mini model of St Joseph!

Gill Foan
(Acting) Headteacher

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MASS TIMES

Please see below for the masses that will be streamed.

Saturday 11th September		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Phil Fenwick
Sunday 12th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - EDUCATION DAY		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Neil & Libby McElhinney (<i>Maria & Ian</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (click here to watch)	Deceased Parishioners of St Joseph's (<i>Tina Viggiano</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 13th September St John Chrysostom		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Rhona Shilson (<i>Helen Symmons</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Chad Goddard RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Susan Curran
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Mr & Mrs DaCosta
Wednesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Mission of the Parish
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rita Gomez RIP (<i>Fenwick Family</i>)
Thursday 16th September Ss Cornelius and Cyprian		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mitchell & Jemima - Get Well
Friday 17th September		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Mgr Canon Johnston RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Michael McCann's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Saturday 18th September		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Eileen Stewart
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
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	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	Diane Christelle RIP (<i>Ruth Mouvogny</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Philomena Skjoren RIP

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.