



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 3rd October 2021

Psalter week 3

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

Today's Liturgy of the Word reminds us that God's law is authoritative over civil law because God's law has been in effect since the beginning. When a man and woman get married they become "one flesh." They make vows before God and "what God has joined together, no human being must separate." What a challenge for the modern world.

For some, love is just a feeling: it comes and goes, but true love never ends. God has outlined what he intends for marriage to be and it is a beautiful thing that is possible with the grace of God. In our broken world, marriages aren't going to be perfect but those who are married can strive towards holiness in marriage and find forgiveness when they fall. God is merciful and wants marriages to not just survive, but thrive!

Dear friends: be strong and thrive as God is your strength! True love is still possible. No doubts!



Can you help at our Parish Food Bank!

We have only had one new volunteer—please help if you can!

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 are still taking all the necessary precautions to ensure we are Covid safe. 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

Sr Margaret Mary RIP

With sadness we announce the death of Sr Margaret Mary who taught for many years in the Parish Schools and was Sacristan at SJB. She lived in the Convent in Bristol Road.

The Requiem Mass will take place at 11:00am on Thursday, 7th October at St John the Baptist. [Click here to live stream.](#) May She Rest in Peace.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard

[Click here for the Pastoral Letter](#) for this Sunday from Bishop Richard. This letter is about the 16th Synod of Bishops. Copies are also available from the back of the churches, or contact the Parish Office for a copy.

Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's is at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday 17th October. We are also hoping to start Children's Liturgy at SJB soon—watch this space!

Assembly seeking to Improve Mental Health Care in Brighton.

Please join this live streamed assembly on Thursday 14th October from 6.30 – 8.30pm. We are looking for 50+ parishioners to simply attend this event (on-line) organised by an Alliance of 18 local Faith, non-Faith and Educational establishments that includes our Parish. Please see the Parish Website News Section for more details and register while your diary remains free.

Donation of baby items:

One of our parishioners is kindly donating the following used baby items: maternity pillow, baby bedside cot with mattress and linens, baby bouncer, buggy with a bassinet. All used, but in very good condition from smoke-free and pet-free house. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal

Please remember to return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend to help people adapt to the worst impacts of climate change and protect our common home. You can also donate online through the [CAFOD website \(cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis\)](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis). Would you consider too, adding your voice to our online COP26 [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate? Thank you for your support

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's School

What a wonderful week celebrating our amazing Grandparents. It has been lovely to witness the connections between the generations. Please view our photos on our website.

<https://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news> tel: 01273 556607

OPEN DAY (for new families) St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Davey Drive, 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

St John the Baptist School

During 'Cycle to School Week' the children have elected a new 'Bike Crew' and enjoyed cycling on our 30 new bikes.

OPEN DAYS (for new families) St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, Tour dates: -

Tuesday 9th November 2pm **Tuesday 16th November 2pm**

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

<https://www.stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk/reception-class-2020> Phone:01273 607924

Tina Davidson, Headteacher.

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

The Catholic chaplaincy is a community that welcomes, supports and unconditionally accepts students and staff from Brighton & Sussex Universities, and provides a background of support for those who wish to share, explore and perhaps find anew their spiritual journey. There is mass everyday (except Sat) on Campus. See the facebook page for details.

Adoration, Praise and Worship and Young Adults Social

On Friday 8th October there will be adoration at St Joseph's from 6.30-8pm with praise and worship music - all are welcome! After adoration, the young adults group will be going to the pub for a social event. We'd like to invite all young adults to join us for adoration and then come to the pub for the social after - all are welcome!

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 at St. Joseph's church will stop for the autumn & winter, and start again on Tue 1st Mar 2022

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—now monthly!

Join David on Wednesday 27th October 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

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

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.

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.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 2nd October		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Alfonso Schiavone RIP (<i>Enza Sacula</i>)
Sunday 3rd October	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass - Induction Mass for Mrs Davidson - SJB School's New Headteacher	Sister Margaret Mary RIP
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (click here to watch)	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	Maureen Trezona RIP
Monday 4th October	St Francis of Assisi	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Bernard Morgan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Tuesday 5th October		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	William J Shepherd (<i>D Lawrence</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rev F Edwards & AC Edwards RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 6th October		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Mission of the Parish
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Kevin Whyte & Family (<i>Fenwick Family</i>)
Thursday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Requiem Mass (click here to watch)	Sr Margaret Mary RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mitchell McCann - Get Well
Friday 8th October		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Thomas Harwood RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Margaret Geiger RIP
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Saturday 9th October	St John Henry Newman	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass followed by Confessions	Celia & Anita Pires
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	The Repose of the Soul of Sonia Villaluna RIP (<i>Villaluna Family</i>)
Sunday 10th October	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Ouseph Varghese (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	Brady RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	John Murray RIP (<i>Mary Murray</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 Sister Margaret Mary, 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.