



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Christ the King (B) 21st November 2021

Psalter week 2

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

History shows us that the kingdoms of this world rise and fall with alarming frequency. Our own personal kingdoms which we build with ambition and self sufficiency are equally fickle and fragile. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus comes to usher in a Kingdom which is not defined by time or place, but one which is planted in our hearts and takes shape in this world and is completed in the next. The virtues which build this Kingdom are given to us in the preface for the Mass :

a kingdom of truth and life

a kingdom of holiness and grace

a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Every time we live out and work for those qualities in our lives, God's Kingdom becomes more of a reality in our lives and we are drawn ever more deeply into the life of the King.

Change to Sunday Mass time at St Joseph's

After much thought and consideration we have decided to change the 11:30am Mass to 11:00am. This will start next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent, 28th November 2021.



Save the Date for our Parish Christmas Party!

We are having our Parish Christmas Party at St Josephs Hall on **Thursday 16th December from 7:30pm** - more details to follow! We hope to see you there!

COMING TO CHURCH

Covid update!

Please be mindful of safety measure we have in place. **Please wear a mask, sanitise your hands on arrival and leaving the church, and follow the directions given by the welcomers.**

Please also remember that the 'Please leave a seat' cards are still available, and we can help seat those who want some extra space - please speak to a welcomer if you have any concerns or need some help with finding a bit more space. Another option is to come to one of the evening masses at either church as these are still much quieter at the moment.

- ♦ 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 .

New contactless donation system!

Those attending St John the Baptist will have discovered that we had a slight technical issue with our wifi last weekend. This has been rectified and the NEW DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE is now ready to take your donation! Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make your donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.



You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%!

If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. It is so easy to set up - the first time you use a card on this machine you will need to enter your name and address for Gift Aid, and then every time you use that same card all future donations will then be Gift Aided (unless you tell us you're no longer eligible).

Whilst it is easy to set up the Gift Aid donation on the terminal in Church, if you want to have this done before coming to mass, you can give a donation online and then use the same card in Church and your Gift Aid will be donated.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

Please note! If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system - it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system

Mass with Evening Prayer for Advent

Join us for Mass with Evening Prayer for Advent celebrated by the Worth Benedictine monks in Brighton.

Three Mondays in Advent (29 Nov, 6 Dec and 13 Dec) at 6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's' Elm Grove. All are welcome.

Confessions during Advent

Advent starts next week and as part of our preparation for the birth of Jesus there will be confessions available after every mass during Advent, as well as at the usual times.

"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father" Pope Francis

Sunday 21st November is the Sunday in Living Wage Week

The Real Living Wage is an independently calculated wage based on what employees and their families need to live. It is higher than the government minimum wage, (the National Living Wage) Employers voluntarily choose to pay this. The rate is now £9.90 per hour. Are all employers in Brighton paying this?

The readings today remind us that Jesus' Kingship does not reinforce the unjust hierarchies of this world, but challenges them - for at the centre of God's Kingdom are those who "have suffered injustice, inequality, abuse of power, deprivations....." The Real Living Wage campaign, established by Citizens UK in 2001, has raised the minimum wages of many workers to a more just level.

Our Crowdfunder Campaign is being launched soon!

Keep your eye on the newsletter and weekly email for more details!



thank you!

Thank you from our Parish Food Bank!

Please bring fresh milk, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs & sliced bread if you can. **Thank you to everyone supporting our Food Bank.**

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 Morning Rosary at St John the Baptist 9:15 - 9:55am in time for Mass. You are very welcome to join us!

Tuesday Evening We are continuing our well-reviewed video course on the challenging topic of unanswered prayer. Join us online at 7:30 on <https://zoom.us/j/9616167652> ID: 961 6167 6521

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 & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy will be recited at 9:30am on Fridays at SJB. You are warmly invited to join us.

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 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

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's School

We took a squad of 16 runners to Waterhall on Wednesday for a Cross-Country tournament. We had representatives from Years 4, 5 and 6 - all looking very smart in our St Joseph's sports kit which has not been out to a sporting event for a very long time!

At St Joseph's Primary, we were proud to support Children in Need again this year. In fact, more so than ever after the last 18 months. Children in Need's strapline is "Changing young lives across the UK." We dressed up in Pudsey costumes or wore lots of spots on our home clothes then donated a £1 and sold hundreds of cakes after school - we hope to make £200 this year.

On Thursday, we held our second Open Day, it was well attended and it was good to see some families from the parish. If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they are eligible to start school in September 2022. Parents are more than welcome to ring the school on 01273 556607 for more information. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

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

Gill Foan, Headteacher

St John the Baptist School

This week is 'Anti-bullying Week' celebrated by the wearing of odd socks on Monday! 'One Kind Word' is the theme this year. The children have thought of how they can change someone's day for the better with kind words.

OPEN DAYS (for new families 2022-23) St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road,

Please phone or email the school to make an appointment to visit SJB. We will happily give you a tour.

Please look at our website and new prospectus:

PACT: Operation Elf

Bishop Richard writes: 'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through PACT's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.' Register at parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card for £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk Thank you.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 20th November		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Pat Duffy
Sunday 21st November		
CHRIST THE KING		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (click here to watch)	Eric Jeffs RIP (<i>Celia Webster</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	Veronica Kearney RIP (<i>Carmel Stevenson</i>)
Monday 22nd November		
St Cecilia		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Geoff & Barbara Lewis
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Deceased friends & relatives of the Fenwick Family
Tuesday 23rd November		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Paul Bowman RIP (<i>Laurie Garlington</i>)
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Joan Cook RIP (<i>Julie Dempster</i>)
Wednesday 24th November		
St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Alice Glenis & Teresa Leach (<i>Tommy Ryan</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 25th November		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Arthur Henry Magennis RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Friday 26th November		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Teresa La Raite
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Deceased relatives & friends of Parishioners
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Saturday 27th November		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Barbara Sambucci RIP (<i>J Sambucci</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mr NR John RIP (<i>Jo Jo Antony</i>)
Sunday 28th November		
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Clamma Varghese (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's NEW TIME!	11:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Michael Fitzgerald RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Mass Intentions

The greatest gift you can give a loved one, deceased or living, is the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. You can arrange a mass by contacting the Parish Office, or collecting a Mass Intention envelope from the back of either of the churches.

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 & Irma Mansbridge, Patsy Regan, Ray Mason, Patrick Sweeney, Moira Hall, Margaret Lamb, Tony Wallace, Jean Ghazal, Roy Dadswell, Pat Healy, Sarah Moriarty, Fred Pearson, Aileen Bramwell, Phil McGrandles, and Gilberta Kunyumbu.

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.