



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

First Sunday of Advent (C) 28<sup>th</sup> November 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

Over the four Sundays of Advent the Church invites us to stretch our gaze to the broad canvas – to the purpose of our lives and even of history in general. As Christians we believe that life and history have come from somewhere and are heading somewhere – we not only have our origin in God, but we have a goal and a purpose. We have a future – we, the individual persons that we are and we, the human community that we form together. God is at work in the world. He speaks to us through various ways: situations, signs, people. You are invited to stay vigilant for Jesus' coming either in Advent or in daily life. You can do it this year by lighting the candle and by saying the prayer from the Prayer for Advent booklet together with your loved ones every day during Advent (the items will be given to you this Sunday).



The first Sunday of Advent this year invites us to look at our present lives and activities in the context of our future destiny. "Stand erect, hold your heads high, your liberation is at hand." Let the spiritual preparation for Christmas begin!

### 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 this Sunday - First Sunday of Advent.

### See inside for events in our Parish this Advent!

#### Christmas Mass Times:

##### Christmas Eve

##### Family Christmas Vigil Mass

6.00pm St Joseph's  
Carols and Mass of Christmas Night  
10.30pm St Joseph's  
10:30pm St John the Baptist

##### Christmas Day

##### Dawn Mass

9:00am St John the Baptist  
Christmas Morning Mass  
11.00am St Joseph's  
11:00am St John the Baptist



First Sunday of Advent

## 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.

- ♦ 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 .

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

### Prayer for Advent Booklet & Candle

Advent is a time of preparation. As A Parish this year we want to prepare ourselves for Christmas together through daily prayer. To pray means to turn the heart towards God, and when we pray from the heart, no matter what form it takes, we are changed by God's love.

We will be giving a candle and 'Prayer for Advent' booklet to each family or household this Sunday with suggestions for some ways you might want to prepare your heart and home for Christmas.

### Here are some more things happening in our Parish during Advent:

#### 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.*

#### An Invitation for Advent - Mass with sung Evening Prayer

The Worth Abbey Benedictine monks in Brighton invite you to Mass with sung Evening Prayer on Mondays in Advent (29 Nov, 6 Dec and 13 Dec); 6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's church, Elm Grove. We hope you can join us.



#### And of course....Save the Date for our Parish Christmas Party!

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

#### Parish Carol Service - Saturday 18th December

The Young Adults Team is hosting a Carol Service at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 18th December at 5:00pm and look forward to seeing you all there!

**Keep an eye here and on the weekly email for everything happening in the run up to Christmas!**

#### Honouring Sunday

Bishop Richard has asked us to share a document from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales entitles Honouring Sunday. [You can click here to see the document](#), a few copies will be available in the Churches this weekend, or contact the Parish Office for a copy.

#### Our Crowdfunder Campaign is being launched soon!

Keep your eye on the newsletter and weekly email for more details! We have been raising money for this project over the last 2 years and thanks to significant awards from Trusts & Foundations and generous donations from local individual givers, we are ready to start the build phase of the project! However, we now need your support to help us equip and furnish the Hub, so that we can open our doors in 2022 and welcome everyone to this fabulous space! There are some great rewards being given away with our Crowdfunder too - we are so grateful to the local businesses who have provided these! More details soon!



thank you!

#### Thank you to everyone supporting our Parish Food Bank!

Please bring fresh milk, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs & sliced bread if you can.

# 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** is taking a break. Keep an eye here for when it returns...!

**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

### New contactless donation system!

Our 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. 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*



## SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's School

School life is always busy but right now especially with the preparations for this special season of Advent as with wonderful Christmas activities and celebrations - creating childhood memories. Of course, it is vital to remember the 'reason' for this season, and since the Advent season is observed by Christians around the world there are many different and creative ways to celebrate - so we have once again encouraged our families to display a 'STAR' in their window to spread the Advent light message across our local community. Please feel free to join in.

May the joy and wonder of Advent - Refresh your spirit and **light** up your life.

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

Gill Foan, Headteacher

### St John the Baptist School

Congratulations to all our sports teams this term, it is lovely to be able to play against, and welcome other schools to SJB again. There have been football matches and cross country competitions and every child has taken part with determination and shown great sportsmanship.

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.

<https://www.stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk> <https://www.stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk/school-information/prospectus>

Tina Davidson, Headteacher.

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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 27th November</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mr NR John RIP ( <i>Jo Jo Antony</i> )
<b>Sunday 28th November</b>		
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Claramma Varghese ( <i>Jacob George</i> )
<b>St Joseph's NEW TIME</b>	<b>11:00 Mass</b> ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> )	Michael Fitzgerald RIP
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 29th November</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	St Margaret Mary RIP ( <i>Lottie</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 30th November</b>		
<b>St Andrew</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Jessie Connell RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Juanita Terry RIP ( <i>Laurie Garlington</i> )
<b>Wednesday 1st December</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	David Marshall RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
<b>Thursday 2nd December</b>		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Conversion for Deysiene & Family
<b>Friday 3rd December</b>		
<b>St Francis Xavier</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Rachael Kenny's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Fenwick Family ( <i>Theresa Creffield</i> )
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
<b>Saturday 4th December</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Pat Healy's Intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Sr Margaret Mary RIP
<b>Sunday 5th December</b>		
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Patricia & Henry Placzek RIP ( <i>Paul Placzek</i> )
<b>St Joseph's NEW TIME!</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b> ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> )	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Mary Catherine Longcob's Intentions

### 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, especially Danny McManus, and Patrick Malarkey 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.*