

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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

### Message from Fr Seb

On this forth Sunday of ordinary time, the church reminds us the privilege we have to participate in God's mission by virtue of our baptism in Christ. So, in spite of all the



difficulties associated with this call, love for God and humanity must sustain us in this mission. Life is not always easy for a true prophet, missionary or Christian in general. He faces oppositions, persecutions, rejections, and even threats to his life. We must always remember that our call is a privilege to serve God's people. That is, to proclaim the good news through words, and through our actions among His people. Hence, it is important to

know that a missionary without commitment to the good news, prayer and the people of God, is simply a tourist.

Please do have a good week my friends!

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

This is the last foodbank in SJB hall this weekend as we get ready for Pilbeam to take over the site from Monday.

Last week 83 people were supported by the foodbank. If you can please bring fresh milk and fresh sliced bread.

Please bear with us as we get used to operating the food bank from the back of St John the Baptist. Thank you!

*thank you*

## COMING TO CHURCH

We have received an update from the Diocese and Conference of Bishops in light on the changes to Covid measures that were in place until 27th January.

**The advice is that for the safety of all, the following good practices are strongly recommended:**

- Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church
- We encourage you to wear a face mask especially when singing.
- We will be ensuring our Churches are well ventilated – so please wrap up!
- We will be continuing the cleaning and fogging of the churches after services.

We will be reviewing the other advice received over the coming week.

### Mass with Evening Prayer on Mondays

Every Monday the Worth Benedictine monks in Brighton ("Monks in the City") invite you to join them for Evening Prayer (Vespers), following the evening Mass, 6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's Elm Grove. All are most welcome.

### Sunday Walk (This Sunday! 30<sup>th</sup> Jan) after 11am Mass at St Joseph's.

If you are 18 to 35 and free on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 12.15 to 3pm come along and bring your friends for a social walk, accompanied by the Monks in the City. Please bring a packed lunch + drink, weather-proof clothing and sturdy footwear. For those requiring a shorter walk, we can offer that too.

### Carer required!

We have had two requests for carers—one for an elderly lady, and one for a 16 year old with cerebral palsy. These are paid positions. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### Lenten Reflection for Young Adults (18-35)

Facilitated by the House of Prayer team, this day will provide a time of quiet reflection during this season of renewal. Based on Ignatian spirituality, we will explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm at the House of Prayer East Molesey Cost £25. Email [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for details

### Teresa Larratt RIP

Theresa's funeral will take place at St Mary's Surrenden Road on Wed 2 Feb at 1pm. Bus 5b stops outside the church.

### Fitzherbert Community Hub - Key dates!

We are really excited that the construction phase of our project is starting soon. So much is happening – here are just a few of the important dates over the next few weeks:

- **Sunday 30th January** - last food bank at SJB Hall.
- **Monday 31st January - Construction starts!**
  - \* Kicking off with Pilbeam assisting us with moving the Food Bank to its temporary home.
  - \* Portacabins are going to be installed in the car park for the site office and worker welfare. Unfortunately this means there will not be an space for car parking for the duration of the build.
  - \* Pilbeam will take possession of the hall, courtyard also. As the courtyard is being redeveloped too, the main entrance to the Church will be from the big doors opening onto Bristol Road. There will be a temporary ramp for those who require it.
  - \* **ACCESS to the Presbytery and Parish Office will be from back door through the car park.**
- **Sunday 6th February** – the food bank opens from its new home at 12:30pm with access via the main door opening onto Bristol Road (as everyone is using the same entrance; we are advising the foodbank clients not to arrive early to avoid congestion as parishioners leave mass).
- **August 2022** – the main construction phase of the project will be finished!



We know that some disruption will be inevitable during this work but we are working hard so that this will be kept to a minimum. Please do speak with AnnMarie in the office if you have any comments or concerns.

# YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

## Sunday Lunch

Join other young adults after the 11am Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month to share a meal together. Meet us at the back of church and we will show you where to come. For more info email [admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk)  
For more information about this and other events 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

**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 discussions about the Synodal process this Tuesday . 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 as we continue our discussions about the Synodal process.

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

### Confirmation Group & Proclaim! Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm.

We are joining our Confirmation group and Proclaim! All those in year 8 and above are invited to St John the Baptist for an evening of fun and games. The younger teens will start working towards their confirmation, and the older teens will continue their preparation for Confirmation later this year. Please let the Parish Office know by 3<sup>rd</sup> February if you can make it! Any queries, please speak with Fr Seb.

## SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's

We have experienced a high level of positive covid cases with many children, families and staff currently off, and like many other schools across the city, they too have been gravely affected. As always, there has been a strong sense of community whilst facing this outbreak. I would like to thank in particular, our loyal support-staff who have stepped-up to teach and deliver quality lessons under the guidance of other teachers, who likewise, have gone above and beyond to keep the school open.

We have received notification for a CSI (Catholic School Inspection) which is happening next Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> February). The purpose of inspection is to report to and advise the Bishop on the quality of classroom religious education and the Catholic life of the school. Inspection also provides an opportunity to inform parents and the wider Catholic community on the quality of religious education and the school's effectiveness as a Catholic community. We are confident the inspectors will be pleased with their visit at St Joseph's, with such happy & enthusiastic children, dedicated staff and supportive families.

*Gill Foan, Headteacher*

### St John the Baptist

SJB school still has vacancies for Foundation Governors who would support the school in its vision and mission as a Catholic School, if you feel you have the time to commit to this important role, please see Fr Keiron or Fr Sebastian.

*Tina Davidson, Headteacher*

### Children's Bibles

We have a number of Children's Bibles available for sale from the Parish Office. Contact the office for more details.

# CONTACT DETAILS

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## MASS TIMES

Saturday 29th January		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Mass	Lynda Pike ( <i>Denise Crilly</i> )
Sunday 30th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Josephs	11:00am Mass ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> )	Josephine Thomas (Barnard) ( <i>Celia Webster</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Philip Nortcliff RIP ( <i>Nortcliff Family</i> )
Monday 31st January	<b>St John Bosco</b>	
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	John & Pam McDonnell
Tuesday 1st February		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 2nd February	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 3rd February	<b>St Blaise</b>	
St John the Baptist	11:30am Memorial Mass	Joseph Noonan RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rita Moohan's Intentions
Friday 4th February		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Requiem Mass	Ralph Gahnstrom RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 5th February	<b>St Agatha</b>	
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Maria Pearson RIP ( <i>Fred Pearson</i> )
Sunday 6th February	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Fr Adams
St Josephs	11:00am Mass ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> )	Trevor Dawes RIP ( <i>Miriam &amp; family</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

### Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to have someone to talk to?

Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact your Parish Priest if you would like to speak to one of our team.

### 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, Tony Wallace, Jean Ghazal, Roy Dadswell, Pat Healy, Sarah Moriarty, Fred Pearson, Gilberta Kunyumbu, Agnes Manyingws, Jean Small, Dominik Bobola, and Yenna VanHannover.

Those who have died recently especially Barbara van der Zee, and Ralph Gahnstrom 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.*