



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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

### Message from Fr Seb

The miracle of turning water into wine is an inauguration of God's presence in the world. In the last supper, we know that Jesus turned wine into His own blood. The "hour" that Jesus mentioned refers to His glorification through His passion, death and resurrection. The miracle performed by Jesus shows us that the only way for us to understand the identity of Jesus is to view it through the cross.



Jesus performs miracle even if it is not yet the proper time. At a time when we are lacking of something, He comes to the rescue. He does not want us to be put to shame as He did for the bride and groom at the wedding of Cana.

The presence of Jesus in our life is like a wedding: there is love, joy and merriment.

Have a blessed week my friends!

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

Your donations are as important as ever! We do an order for tinned and packet food, so if you are able to bring anything we really appreciate fresh sliced bread and fresh milk. Also, please see inside for an important update about our food bank.

*thank you!*

## COMING TO CHURCH

**We would like to remind everyone that masks must be kept on the entire time you are in Church—even when singing. Please note, unless exempt, we require you wear a mask and not just a face covering. If you do not have a mask you will be given one.**

Here is the updated advice from B&HCC: **Actions we should all take to keep ourselves and others safe:**

- Get your COVID vaccines, your booster and your flu jab as soon as you are able to – [book online](#) or call 119 to make an appointment. New appointments are being added every day, please keep checking. Keep dedicated walk-in sessions for those who need it.
- Take lateral flow tests before you meet others or go to crowded or enclosed places and report your results – [order test packs online](#), or collect from Jubilee Library, Hove Town Hall, or many pharmacies
- Stay at home if you feel unwell to reduce the risk of passing on any illnesses to others
- Reduce your close contacts – the fewer people you meet the safer you will be, so prioritise who you see
- Meet outside where possible, or let fresh air in
- Wear a face covering in all crowded or enclosed spaces. Face coverings are required by law in [most indoor public places and on public transport](#). You should also wear them in busy outside areas.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser regularly and cover coughs and sneezes
- Use the NHS COVID-19 app

**We will be ensuring our Churches are well ventilated – so please wrap up!! And as per the council advice, we would recommend that you take a lateral flow test before coming to mass.**

**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 .**

#### Journeying together: Communion, Participation and Mission.

The Pope has launched a 2 year "synodal" process in advance of a synod in 2023. All Catholics through their parishes and diocese are invited to consider key questions about communion, participation, and mission.

You can learn more and discuss the issues are through online meetings on Thursday at 10am, and Tuesday at 7:30pm see zoom links More info including a video introduction by the bishop, is on the diocese website at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod> and there is an online form for individual responses by [clicking here](#).

#### Another milestone in the Fitzherbert Community Hub - Construction starts 31 January 2022

We are pleased and excited to let you all know that construction will start on the Fitzherbert Community Hub on Monday 31st January!



Pilbeam Construction - a local construction company with an excellent track record for delivering challenging projects on time and within budget, will be taking over the SJB Hall, Courtyard and part of the car park (there will be portacabins in the car park for the site offices and welfare). We are working with Pilbeam to ensure there is as little disruption as possible.

If you have any queries about the project, please contact AnnMarie in the Parish Office, she is also the administrator for the project and is happy to answer any questions you may have!

#### Important Foodbank Update

The food bank which operates with Parish volunteers after the 11.00 Mass on Sundays continues to serve about 50 people each week. Clearly there is still a real need for this foodbank. As you will have seen above, the work on the refurbishment of the hall will start on Monday, 31 January and we don't want to discontinue the food service, so we were faced with a dilemma. Having looked at all other possibilities, there is no space anywhere else, so we are sectioning off a small part of the back of the church on a temporary basis, so that we can continue during the works. This means removing three benches from the back of the church for the duration and erecting a temporary partition. On current numbers, there will still be plenty of space for everyone and it will not interfere with the celebration of Mass.

The partition will be built in the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January (mass will continue as usual that week), and the foodbank will start from this temporary location on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February. This will inevitably cause some slight inconvenience, but the alternative is literally, to watch people go hungry. *It is also when we put our faith into action.* Thank you for your understanding.

# 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

**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** very 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

### Mass with Evening Prayer on Mondays

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, and Mondays thereafter, 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.

### Children's Bibles

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

## SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's

A belated Happy, Healthy New Year to you All!

I would just like to say on behalf of all of us St Joseph's Catholic Primary School , I wish you and your families a happy new year, filled with the gifts of hope and peace. It has been a positive start to the Spring term, albeit with some fairly wintry weather! The children have settled in quickly and teachers are busy planning exciting additions to the curriculum along with our outside learning project.

A reminder that if you know someone looking for a school placement for September (age 4+) the closing date for applications 15th January 2022.

Please look at our school website for up-to-date news about life in your parish primary school.

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

Gill Foan, Headteacher

### Future Governors' Fair

Monday 17th January 2022, 6.30-7.30pm, Newman College (top gate), The Upper Drive, Hove

Have you ever considered serving your local parish community by becoming a School Governor? It's an incredibly fulfilling role, having an impact on future generations as you give back, but how can you know whether it's right for you?

The Diocese will be leading a short, informal event for anyone in the city who is interested in finding out more about governance. Come and join us for a short talk and the opportunity to meet and speak to current governors and priests from across the Deanery of Brighton & Hove, over a glass of wine/soft drink. That way you can find out what it really involves and whether it might be something you'd be interested in, now or in future months or years.

Feel free to turn up and find out more.

# CONTACT DETAILS

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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 15th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Mass	Rodolfo N Aquino Jr RIP ( <i>Bernard Aquino</i> )
<b>Sunday 16th January</b>		
<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Chacko Devasia ( <i>Jacob George</i> )
St Josephs	11:00am Mass ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> )	Diane Christelle RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 17th January</b>		
<b>St Antony</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Teresa Pires RIP & Leao Pires Int ( <i>Celia Pires</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Daniel & Mary Fielding RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
<b>Tuesday 18th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Charlotte Greenwood RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Marco Lutchmayah ( <i>Ronny Lutchmayah</i> )
<b>Wednesday 19th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Joan Jennings ( <i>H Symmons</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
<b>Thursday 20th January</b>		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Kathleen McEvoy RIP
<b>Friday 21st January</b>		
<b>St Agnes</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Helen Potts RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
<b>Saturday 22nd January</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Teresa Larratt's intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Margaret Reynolds Intentions ( <i>Martin Reynolds</i> )
<b>Sunday 23rd January</b>		
<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Sylvia Maduro RIP ( <i>Simon &amp; Jackie Keane</i> )
St Josephs	11:00am Mass ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> )	Ivor Holmes RIP ( <i>Paul Placzek</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, Teresa Larrett, Agnes Manyingws, Jean Small, Dominik Bobola, Yenna VanHannover and Barbara Van der Zee.

Those who have died recently especially Aileen Bramwell 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.