



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

The Baptism of the Lord (C) 9th January 2022

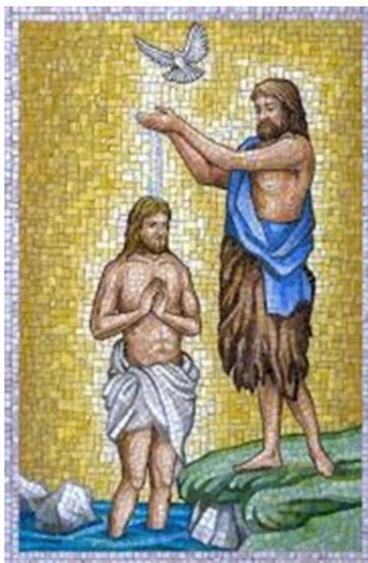
Psalter week 1

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 for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Seb



As we celebrate Jesus' baptism this Sunday, we are reminded of the implications of our own baptism as a sacrament that orients us toward mission and service to others following the model of Jesus. Our Baptism is not only a rite or a Sacrament it is also a responsibility that we need to fulfil and what is the responsibility? The responsibility is to help Jesus spread the faith. Therefore, through baptism we become one with the mission of the church. We have to be gently reminded that we always share in the mission of Jesus by virtue of our baptism. Make an extra effort this week to invest time and energy into your relationship with God and ask for His grace to help you grow closer to Him.

May our Almighty God bless you all. Please do have a blessed week!

Thank you to everyone supporting our Parish Food Bank!

We had lots of thanks from our users for the extra treats over the last few weeks - thanks again to everyone who donates! If you can, please bring fresh milk, fresh fruit and vegetables and sliced bread.

thank you!

The Wednesday Takeaway Community Cafe at SJB Hall - last couple of weeks!

Whilst we wait for construction to start at the end of January, The Real Junk Food Project Brighton's Community Cafe is open Wednesday 12th and 19th January from 12.30 - 14.00 at SJB Hall. Come along and collect a delicious takeaway lunch made from food that would otherwise go to landfill on a "pay as you feel" basis.

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 .

Christmas Collection and Gifts

Fr Kieron and Fr Seb wish to thank all the parishioners who sent in cards and gifts and everyone who contributed to the Christmas Collection.

The collection from all the Christmas masses forms your personal gift to the priests of the Parish. As our priests do not receive a salary, they are dependent on the generosity of parishioners for their personal income. **So far the total is approx £2000 per priest. There is another opportunity to give on the Dona machines this weekend—just select 'Christmas Gift for Priest' Thank you!**

Justice & Peace Assembly—'To a Safer Shore?'

It's not too late to sign up to our annual diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly 'To a Safer Shore?' taking place Saturday 15 January, 9.45am - 2pm online. The Assembly will explore the considerable difficulties and challenges faced by individuals and families who are compelled to leave their homes and seek safety - and longed for sanctuary - in countries that can be considerable distances from their homes.

Speakers include Aidan Cantwell, from the [Jesuit Refugee Service](#) who will explore current legislation in the UK and how best we can respond, Karen Goldsmith, who has first-hand experience of the refugee crisis, having spent time volunteering at a refugee camp in [Chios, Greece](#), Canon Rob Esdaile who will provide insight on [Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti](#) and John Paul de Quay, from the [Ecological Conversion Group](#), who will examine the links between the plight of refugees and climate crisis. [You can find out more and book your free place here.](#)

Confirmation 2022

We start off on 9th January 2022 with the introductory meeting with parents and candidates. The meeting will take place at St John the Baptist's church in Kempton and will begin with Mass at 11am.

We did it!

It's been a very exciting week for the Fitzherbert Community Hub Crowdfunder! On 30 December we hit our £100,000 target, and by the end of New Year's Eve we had even more, finishing on a whopping £121,100.00!

We cannot thank you all enough—it's an amazing achievement and also an overwhelming nod of approval from our Parish and our Community that the hub is a needed and worthwhile project!

Thank you also to M&S Energy Community Fund, Sport England, and our incredible local major donor who alone donated over £50,000 to our Crowdfunder through match funding making sure that we reached our target!

The construction will begin at the end of January—we will have more news in the coming weeks...watch this space!



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

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

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](#).

No Servers meeting in January

There has been a change and our next Servers meeting will be on Fri 18th Feb. Any queries, please let Fr Seb know!

SCHOOLS

St John the Baptist

We have welcomed back our pupils to SJB with KS1 enjoying a stunning start to their new topic this term, 'Once Upon a Time', and reception children going to 'Outer Space!'. We have also launched our House Point reward system across the school with houses named after rivers - Arun, Adur, Cuckmere and Ouse.

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

School Governor Fair:

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?

We are holding a Governor Fair Evening at Newman College (top Gate) on Monday 17th January at 6.30pm for anyone in BRIGHTON & HOVE deanery interested in this ministry.

Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld. Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher. Governing bodies need people with a mixture of skills and experience Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role.

Contact the Parish office for more details.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 8th January		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Mass	Gillian McLoughlin RIP
Sunday 9th January		
The Baptism of the Lord		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Danny McManus RIP
St Josephs	11:00am Mass (click here to watch) with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Graham Stanbridge Intentions (<i>Celia Pires</i>)
Monday 10th January		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Teresa Cooney RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mrs O'Sullivan
Tuesday 11th January		
St John the Baptist	No 10:00am Mass	
St Joseph's	11:00am Requiem Mass	Maggie Lamb RIP
St Josephs	No 6:00pm Mass	
Wednesday 12th January		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Helena McLauchlan RIP Anniversary
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 13th January		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Aimee Lydon RIP
Friday 14th January		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Teresa McLaughlin
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Dinee Cassin RIP
St Joseph's	6:30pm—8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Saturday 15th January		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Paula Sullivan RIP
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Rodolfo N Aquino Jr RIP (<i>Bernard Aquino</i>)
Sunday 16th January		
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Chacko Devasia (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Josephs	11:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Diane Christelle RIP
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, Margaret Lamb, Tony Wallace, Jean Ghazal, Roy Dadswell, Pat Healy, Sarah Moriarty, Fred Pearson, Aileen Bramwell, Phil McGrandles, Gilberta Kunyumbu, Teresa Larrett, Agnes Manyings, Jean Small, Dominik Bobola, Yenna VanHannover and Barbara Van der Zee.

Those who have died recently especially Maggie Lamb 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.