



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) 15<sup>th</sup> May 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](http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk) for more opportunities.

### Message from Fr Sebastian



Jesus is due to ascend into heaven. He promised us a place with him in his kingdom if we persevere in our faith and in love with one another. St Paul encourages us to remain faithful in our missions as disciples of Jesus Christ. He reminds us that: *"We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God."* This is our reality of life that we face and experience every day. In other words, our suffering

as Christians is the stepping stone to our victory. We can't comprehend or even understand it without having our eyes fixed on the cross and the Easter dawn. The mission as disciples of Jesus is not easy but can be a life-adventure if we put all our trust and hopes in Jesus. If we do not lose our faith during times of persecutions and hardships, we shall be victorious.

Be courageous in faith and never give up when difficulties come! God is our victory! Have a blessed week!

#### Request from the Diocese - what is being done in the community for refugees.

The Diocese would like to find out what our Catholic community is doing to support refugees here and abroad. The following short questionnaire will enable Bishop Richard and our Central Office teams to build a picture of the wonderful work being undertaken across our community, as well as highlighting possible areas of need:

<https://forms.office.com/r/mEwnrp9bgw>



You can donate online at

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

See [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) for more information about what we are doing in our Diocese and ways to help.

#### Invited Novena: 27 May - 4 June



We are in the middle of our diocesan Mission, Invited Season II but it's not too late to get involved. You can 'binge-watch' the films so far or simply join in when the next episode is released on Monday.

Most importantly we encourage you to join in our diocesan-wide Novena to the Holy Spirit, building from Ascension to Pentecost. To sign up, go

to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/whgsjpng>.

There are parish opportunities on Tuesday evening and Thursday morning, and a diocesan opportunity on Thursday evening. Do participate - details at <https://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/news#invited> inspiration on how to be true followers of Christ.

To find out more about Invited please visit our website [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)

#### Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

On Tuesday 17th May the Church in England and Wales marks a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. We are invited not only to prayer for them, but listen to their voice and learn about what and how the Church is responding to them.

##### A Prayer for Healing & Reconciliation

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
the source of all consolation and hope.  
Be the refuge and guardian of all  
who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing  
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.  
Help us all and make us one with you  
in your love for justice  
as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating  
your praise, both now and forever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*"Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God;  
and he cured those who were in need of healing."*

*cf. Matthew 4: 123*

#### Training for Altar Servers - both existing servers and those interested in serving at mass!

If you have ever thought you would like to serve at mass - here is your opportunity! We are looking for servers of all ages - the only requirement is that you have done your First Holy Communion. Join Fr Seb at 7pm on Friday 20th May in the Canon Foley Room (access via the car park at SJB). If you have any queries - please let Fr Seb know!

#### Gift Aid - make your donation go further!

**Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme - for every £1 you give the Parish can claim 25p.**

Gift Aid is a scheme run by the government that enables charities to increase the value of donations made by reclaiming basic rate tax that has been paid on the gift. At the moment, we can claim 25p per £1 donated, so on a donation of £10, we will actually receive an extra £2.50, **at no cost to the donor.**

##### Great! Can I Gift Aid my donations?

To qualify for Gift Aid, you need to be a UK taxpayer and have paid enough tax to cover the amount of tax reclaimed by all charities on all your donations for each tax year (6th April one year to 5th April the next).

Apart from tax on income from a job or self-employment, other types that are acceptable are:

- Tax deducted at source from savings interest
- Tax on state pension and/or other pensions
- Tax on investment or rental income (incl. tax credits on UK dividends)
- Capital Gains Tax on gains

**Contact the Parish Office for more details or to sign up for the scheme. Thank you, Parish Finance Committee !**

#### Second Collection this Sunday - for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

This second collections can be Gift Aided—and can be given on the Dona contactless machine.

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

If you can please bring fresh milk (1l & 2l), fresh sliced bread, fresh fruit and veg. Thank you!

# 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

**Sunday Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Join us at SJB from 14.00 to 15.00 on Sundays.

**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

**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** . 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 from 10am-12pm** For those who wish to meet in person; we are meeting in The Parish Room in the Presbytery, where we will link with the Zoom meeting. Entry at the Presbytery Door, 6 Wellington Road. We will be discussing Invited—see details below LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/92452001507> ID: 924 5200 1507

**Padre Pio Group** Join us at 6:30pm, 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

## Friday evening Adoration at St Josephs

There will not be Adoration at St Joseph's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May or 3 Jun.

# SCHOOLS

## St Joseph's

This week was KS2 (Yr6) SAT's week. The children came in to school bright and early for a class breakfast and a quick revision session before sitting their tests each morning. We are so proud of them all and thank their teacher Mrs Gilbert and all the other adults in preparing them so wisely.

At St Joseph's School we are proud of our diversity and the vast number of languages spoken by our families. Recently, we have welcomed one child from Hong Kong, one from Egypt and two children from Ukraine. At St Joseph's, every half term, we celebrate the languages besides English which are spoken at home by some of our pupils and we try to learn a few useful phrases and words and to say a few general greetings in the chosen language. The child/children who speak the chosen language will help their classmates learn the correct pronunciation and will share picture books written in their home language as well as in English. The languages of this half term are: Year 1 - Cantonese Year 2 - Ukrainian Year 3 - Portuguese Year 4 - Ukrainian Year 5 - Portuguese Year 6 - Kinyarwanda

Thank you to the FOSJ's and their recent successful fundraising events, the children have been given new scooters to enhance their lunchtime provision and help them keep busy and active during lunch breaks. We really appreciate the work and dedication that the FOSJ's team put in to improving our children's experiences here at St Joseph's

Gill Foan, Headteacher <https://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news>

## St John the Baptist

The children's Parade was a great success with our meadow of flowers and bees giving a colourful ray of hope for the conservation of wild insects especially bees.

Year 4 have taken part in a Tri-golf tournament and we congratulate our year 6 children on completing their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) with courage and determination. Every child did their very best!

We still have a few spaces available for the reception class this September, so if you want to arrange a visit or look at our school prospectus, please use this link: <https://www.stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

Don't forget if you would like to support the Diocese and school by becoming a Foundation Governor Please speak to Father Kieron or Father Sebastian.

Tina Davidson, Headteacher

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# MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 14th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 15th May</b>		
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Christine Ryan RIP
St Josephs	11:00am Mass ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> ) First Holy Communion children & Maya's Baptism	Bridie Dolan RIP ( <i>Maureen Reilly</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Patrick K Charleton RIP & Patrick D Charleton RIP ( <i>Simon Charleton</i> )
<b>Monday 16th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Peace in Ukraine
<b>Tuesday 17th May</b>		
<b>Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Canon Rymer RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Kevin Whyte RIP ( <i>Fenwick family</i> )
<b>Wednesday 18th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Delia Moran RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Diane Christelle RIP ( <i>Asna Mouvogny</i> )
<b>Thursday 19th May</b>		
St Joseph's	11:00am Requiem Mass	Mary McCarthy RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Sr Mary Peter's Intentions ( <i>Margaret Lester</i> )
<b>Friday 20th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Anna Jones RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Peace of Ukraine
St Joseph's	No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Saturday 21st May</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	Teresa Pires RIP
<b>Sunday 22nd May</b>		
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Josephs	11:00am Mass ( <a href="#">click here to watch</a> ) with Children's Liturgy	Mau Navarro RIP—anniversary ( <i>Navarro family</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Diane Christelle RIP ( <i>Asna Mouvogny</i> )

## 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, Maria Rigby, Frank & Irma Mansbridge, Patsy Regan, Ray Mason, Patrick Sweeney, Moira Hall, Tony Wallace, Jean Ghazal, Roy Dadswell, Pat Healy, Sarah Moriarty, Gilberta Kunyumbu, Agnes Manyings, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Claire Ashenden, and Bern Polden.

Those who have died recently especially Mary McCarthy 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.