



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter (C) 8th May 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 for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Kieron

Even in nature, sheep are good listeners. Lambs recognise the call of their mothers and can navigate the herd to find their own; sheep learn to respond to the directions of a skilful shepherd who can lead them to good pastures or to the safety of a pen.

So the analogy of the Gospel is not lost on us; Jesus defines those who follow him as those who listen to his voice. There is no doubt that listening to the Good Shepherd will lead us to the safety of eternal life, but it will also lead us into the more risky business of becoming a disciple. The disciple listens not just to the call to safety, but also to the call to evangelise; that is to share the good news and the joy that being close to Christ brings. With the weather getting warmer, springtime is certainly in the air and Eastertide is the springtime of the Church. A time to listen to the Shepherd with fresh ears and to respond with renewed joy and faith.

Messy Church launch—THIS SUNDAY!

Messy Church is coming to the parish THIS Sunday 8th May! This is a creative and fun session for families, suitable for people of all ages. The theme of our first session is "Bread of Life" so be ready to roll up your sleeves for some kneading. We will meet in St Joseph's Hall from 9.45 - 10.45 am followed by 11 am mass at St Joseph's Church with a children's liturgy. All welcome!



You can donate online at

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

See www.abdiocese.org.uk for more information about what we are doing in our Diocese and ways to help.

National Mental Health Awareness Week (9-15th May).

The theme of the week is loneliness. During this week we are all especially invited to connect with someone who may be feeling a bit isolated (for whatever reason). Why not also have a look at the 10 minute training session on the possible effects of social isolation on wellbeing via: <https://www.zerosuicidealliance.com/training>

You will find one or two poems written for this week in the creativity and faith section of the website. A prayer we might all offer this week goes as follows:

Loving Father, give us eyes to see our lives more as You do. Your word tells us that you care for us and protect us, as a Shepherd watches over his whole flock. During this week for mental health awareness inspire us all afresh, to be more alert to each other's needs, especially those who may feel lonely or isolated in any way. Help us to reach out, welcome and include everyone, and in so doing, to learn how to create real community. Make us all aware of our need for You and for one another and more able to rest in your peace. Amen.

Last Chance! Poetry Please! A creative opportunity

The theme of this year's National Mental Health Awareness Week May 9 - 15th that we plan to mark in the Parish is Loneliness. To help us all to reflect on this very human experience, and consider how we might better reach out and connect with those around us, you are warmly invited to write a poem on the broad topic of '**Overcoming Loneliness**'. If you wish you can also submit art work including photography on its own, or to illustrate a poem. A selection of items submitted will be displayed or shared digitally on the Parish website (with or without your name by agreement). You can be any age to take part. Why not have a go? Please submit your offerings to Br Anthony at: brightonmonks@worth.org.uk ideally by Friday May 6th but no later than Monday 9th May.

The sign of peace at mass

Through covid we have got used to a non-contact sign of peace, acknowledging people around us in all directions. This in many ways has been more of a sign of community than shaking hands with people you probably already know. Now there is no prohibition on contact in the sign of peace, but please be aware that many people are still concerned and would not want to shake hands. We would encourage everyone still to acknowledge everyone around them, and only to shake hands with family and friends.

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 from the Parish Finance Committee !

Second Collection this Sunday - Education of Future Priests

Second Collection next Sunday—for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

Both these second collections can be Gift Aided—and can be given on the Dona contactless machine also—just select the fund you want to give to.

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!

Friday evening Adoration at St Josephs

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

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 For more information about this and other events 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

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

UPDATED! 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 Benedictine 'Monks in the City'. LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/9232797736> ID: 923 2797 7736

Invited: Season II - Growing in Faith

The Diocese is giving everyone the opportunity to participate in the next set of weekly faith video inputs & discussions. A new video is launched every Monday, with the idea that, having watched it, you join an online group to discuss it. 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. For more information, please visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's

Lots of outdoor learning this week and an amazing visit from Reptylers - Yr2 & Yr4 were given lots of opportunities to handle and learn more about the different animals that came in including a bearded dragon, a blue-tongued slink lizard, a crested gecko, a scorpion, a crystal royal python and a guinea pig.

WE are so excited about the Children's Parade - we are/were number 51 - colourful version of a stained-glass window with our strapline - Faith, Hope & Love! Our new music teacher is preparing the children for our May procession and the crowning of Mary.

We have a vacancy for a Fulltime Office Admin- see <https://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/information/vacancies> Gill Foan, Headteacher <https://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news>

St John the Baptist

Year 4 had a fabulous visit and afternoon tea with the author Vashti Hardy at the Dome this week as part of a 'Meet the Author' project the school is involved in. It has also been full steam ahead in preparation for the return of the Children's Parade on Saturday. SJB theme is conservation of habitats for bees & wild flowers. Look out for no 26- a giant beehive! 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 the website link here <https://www.stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

Don't forget if you would like to support the Diocese & school by becoming a Foundation Governor, we will be holding an information evening at SJB School, Whitehawk Hill, BN2 0AH on Wednesday 11th May at 6:30pm. All very welcome.

Tina Davidson, Headteacher

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 7th May		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Mass	Alisha Fernandes Good Health & Intentions
Sunday 8th May	Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Josephs	11:00am Mass (click here to watch) with Children's Liturgy	John Walsh RIP (<i>his family</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	John Galvin RIP (<i>Susan Dore</i>)
Monday 9th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Mary Page (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Peace in Ukraine
Tuesday 10th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Teresa McLoughlin
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Diane Christelle RIP (<i>Ruth Mouvogny</i>)
Wednesday 11th May		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 12th May		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	M Tierney RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Friday 13th May		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	People of Ukraine
St Joseph's	No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 14th May	St Matthias	
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 15th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Christine Ryan RIP
St Josephs	11:00am Mass (click here to watch) 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>)

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, Dominik Bobola, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Claire Ashenden, Bern Polden and Mary McCarthy (*widow of Paddy McCarthy*).

Those who have died recently 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.