



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (A) 26th November 2023

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 for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Kieron

On this Feast of Christ the King we will hear a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard introducing the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese for the development of our mission over the coming years. He reminds us of the Great Commission at the end of Mathew's Gospel:

Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This is the call given to each of us through our baptism and together, following that call, we become the Church on mission, embodying, albeit in an incomplete way, the virtues of the Kingdom which we hear about in the Preface for today's Mass:

A Kingdom of Truth and Life, a Kingdom of holiness and Grace, a Kingdom of Love, Justice and peace.

As the Pastoral Plan unfolds over the coming two years it will impact on how we experience and participate in Church at a local level, with the need for greater collaboration within and between communities and a more creative use of our gifts for the building up of the Kingdom.

There is a more immediate and direct impact for me personally as I have been asked by the Bishop to take a leading role in the whole process as Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Planning. So I ask for your understanding and prayers as I begin to navigate all that this involves. Inevitably it will mean that I have less time available for Parish work, so I am very grateful to Frs Aidan and Gabriel and Bro Anthony for agreeing to increase their commitment to pastoral work to free me up to serve the wider Diocese. This will mean that I will effectively be away from Parish work for up to three days a week, although this should not on the whole, affect the celebration of Mass.

We won't know exactly what this looks like until work on the implementation of the plan gains momentum, but for the meantime please pray that the Leadership Team and the Monastic Community will continue to help us to flourish as a Parish and to adapt to the changes yet to come.

Adoration, Reflection, Music and our Advent Reconciliation service
St Josephs - Friday 8th December - 6:45-7:45. Everyone is very welcome!

The Diocesan Invited Mission returns in Advent 2023

offering a programme for small groups, online conversations and individual engagement. The material will discuss 'Incarnation' as we reflect on the Sunday readings and the Christmas message.

The resources are designed to be accessible to **everyone** no matter where they are in their faith journey, so we look forward welcoming **you** because in the Kingdom of God, we are all **Invited!**

Starting this week you can join in the following ways:

In Person: Tuesday's from 28th Nov to 19th Dec at St Joseph's 6.45- 8.15pm (sacristy meeting room),

Online: Thursday's from 30 Nov-21Dec from 10:00am - 12:00pm <https://zoom.us/j/92452001507>

Tuesday's from 5 Dec to 19 Dec from 7.30- 9.00pm <https://zoom.us/j/9616167652>

You can also join the diocesan evening sessions on Thursday evenings—see www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited



Invited
ADVENT 2023

Midday Stillness - Friday 1st December - 12-1pm - SJB

Led by Fr Luke Jolly, the previous Abbot of Worth, and who first sent the Monks to Brighton

Monk Talks

Monk Talks on 12th December will now be given by Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB, *Finding the Language of Grace* (the title of his recent book). Join us from 7.30pm to 9pm in the in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

The Annual Interfaith Service, 3pm Sunday 26 Nov at Hove Methodist Church Portland Rd

Please join us for this special service, with contributions from people of many faiths within our City, we have a chance to hear some beautiful words and share some special songs and music, This year we celebrate the very special spirit of our City. It is a perfect moment to honour our City. The IFCG warmly welcomes everyone, and hope that this sacred service helps us all to continue to flourish merrily 'between the downs and the sea'. See you there!

Can you spare a couple of hours on a Monday?

We need more help with our foodbank - if you have some time on a Monday to help out please contact AnnMarie in the Parish Office.

If you can - please bring fresh veg, fruit & sliced bread and any other foodbank essentials (please bring to Sunday mass). Thank you!

Frank Mansbridge RIP

Parishioners will have been sad to learn of the death of Frank Mansbridge. His Requiem Mass is at 11:00am on Monday 4th December at St Josephs. May He Rest in Peace.

Live Music at the Fitzherbert Community Centre

Join us on Sunday for our first event! Some tickets still available on the door!

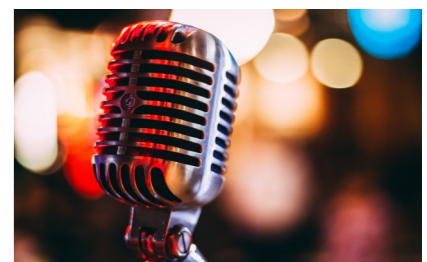
At last, there will be musical Sunday afternoons at 'The Fitz' bringing a bit of fun and joy—all starting at 3pm, with lovely tea & cakes provided in the break between the two sessions.

Sunday 26th Nov the EJI Little Big Band popular jazz and a bit of pop & rock.

Sunday 3rd Dec, the Jazz Jamboree Orchestra will be playing similar music.

Sunday 17th Dec the Brighton Male Voice Choir will be singing.

Please book your space clicking on the above links (if you don't have access to the internet you can contact the Parish Office) Payment for the ticket due on the day by cash or card!



Join us for our Annual Parish Christmas Party!
Tuesday 19th December - 7:30pm at St Josephs Hall.
[Click here to RSVP](#), or contact the Parish office



YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

A very warm welcome to any new students joining us this week!

Deep Waters is our Students and Young Adults group, and we meet on Wednesdays 6:45pm at the basement of 6 Wellington Road (next to St Joseph's church) for food, talk, prayer and social.

We also meet for Sunday lunch following the 11am St Joseph's Mass - you are warmly invited to join us. Look out for other young adults at the coffee after Mass and we can show you where to come.

We look forward to meeting you! For more info you can join our facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton or email Claire on claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk.


Christmas lunch for students and young adults
If you are in Brighton over Christmas join other students and young adults for a celebratory lunch after the 11am St Joseph's Mass, in the parish hall on Milton Road. Bring along a dish to share and enjoy friendship and food from all over the world! For more info contact Jo at jgilbert@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

GROUPS / MEETINGS

Mothers Prayers - We are a group of mothers meeting on Monday's at 5pm on zoom. For info contact the parish office.

Wednesday Evening Perpetual Novena Every Wednesday at 5:30pm at SJB Church

Padre Pio Group Join us at 6:30pm, Thursday evenings at St Joseph's for Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Lauds (Morning Prayer): 9.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat @ SJB before Mass.
Vespers (Evening Prayer): 6pm @ SJB every Mon, Tues, Wed and 6:30pm @SJ on Fri
Lectio Divina (Prayerful reading of Scripture) - returns this Wednesday, 28 November
 8pm Wed @ Online <https://zoom.us/j/9232797736>
Midday Stillness: 12pm- 1pm every Fri @ SJB **NOTE: 8 Dec will be the last before the new year**
Adoration & Benediction: 8pm Fri followed by Compline at 9pm @ SJB
NOTE: Adoration is at SJB on Fri 1 Dec—Adoration will be at St Josephs on 8 Dec.

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Davey Dr, Brighton BN1 7BF

The previous few weeks have been mega busy at school, this week, is complete opposite! However, the corridors are echoing the early signs of Nativity preparations!

We have hosted two Parents Consultation evenings this week, sharing attainment, friendships and attitudes to learning along with targets for home-learning too.

Many Blessings *Gillian Foan Headteacher*

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH

Our ECO Council have been working hard this term looking at sustainable travel around our school. They gave a very informative assembly this week and ever child will be thinking of a small step they can make to either walk, scoot, cycle or take a bus to or from school. The assembly was followed by exciting workshops for each KS2 class run by 'Sustrans' looking at the benefits of healthy mind and body from walking, scooting or cycling to school. There will be a whole week next week of Walk, Scoot, Cycle or Park and Stride to school! KS2 classes also had science activities about air quality around our school and in the city of Brighton and Hove. Year 3 also started their Road Safety learning provided by Brighton and Hove travel team which will be vital to walk to school safely next week and in the future.

Our girl's football team enjoyed a friendly match against Carden Primary School. It is lovely to see the girls proudly representing the school and enjoying the team building that sports encourage.

Please have a look at our school website: <https://www.stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk/> If you have a child starting school in September 2024 please contact the school to arrange a visit: admin@stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk or 01273 607924

Tina Davidson, Headteacher

Baby & Toddler meet up!

A few parents with babies/toddlers have begun getting together regularly, usually on a Monday afternoon, in a local park or St Joseph's Hall. If you would be interested in joining us/being added to a whatsapp chat about meetups, please drop Claire an email at cosullivan@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 25th November		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Barbara Sambucci RIP (<i>JA Sambucci</i>)
Sunday 26th November		
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - Youth Sunday		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Claramma Varghese RIP (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Deceased family & friends of the Fenwick Family
Monday 27th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Helena Spencer RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 28th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Deceased Parishioners of St Joseph's and SJB
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Deceased family & friends of Rosie Bairwal
Wednesday 29th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Joyce Randle (<i>Friends from SJB</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Saldanha families - living & deceased (<i>Chris Payne</i>)
Thursday 30th November		
St Andrew		
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 1st December		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Sr MC Hetherington RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mrs Bernie Conway—get well
St John the Baptist	8:00pm Adoration & Benediction followed by Compline at 9:00pm	
Saturday 2nd December		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	AJ Distilleries - for growth & success
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd December		
First Sunday of Advent		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Josephine Okafor RIP (<i>Sr Rose</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Lorraine Tinlin RIP (<i>Ian Tinlin</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Norah O'Dwyer RIP (<i>Graham Bowler</i>)

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 Fr Kieron if you would like to speak to one of our team.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Leao Pires, Jose Cabanas, Dermot O'Hara, Ian Brockwell, Maria Rigby, Ray Mason, Moira Hall, Tony Wallace, Roy Dadswell, Agnes Manyingwa, Gilberta Kunyumbu, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Claire Ashenden, Bern Polden, Ewa Knebloch-Kozlowska, Tommy Maher, Barbara Garlington, Mary Howes, Phil McGrandles, Gordon Murray, Jean Ghazal, Ian Tinlin, Marie Clare, Sue Bonner, Baby Avyanna Murapa, Martin Reynolds, Toni Bonner, Chris Pedroza, Svein Waage, Kathleen (Kathy) Groves, Helen Symmons and Shannon Grewal.
Those who have died recently, especially Frank Mansbridge and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.
To be added to the sick list contact the Parish Office. Please contact Fr Kieron if you are going into hospital.