



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

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

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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 Gabriel

This Sunday marks the 7<sup>th</sup> World day of the poor with the theme **"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor"** (Tob 4:7). In his message Pope Francis does not pull any punches and it is a challenge to us all:

"Tobit, in his time of trial, discovers his own poverty, which enables him to recognize others who are poor...His advice to Tobias thus becomes his true testament: **"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor"** (4:7). **In a word, whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus...**Regardless of the colour of their skin, their social standing, the place from which they came, if I myself am poor,

I can recognize my brothers or sisters in need of my help. We are called to acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being.

We are living in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard...The poor become a film clip that can affect us for a moment, yet when we encounter them in flesh and blood on our streets, we are annoyed and look the other way. Haste, by now the daily companion of our lives, prevents us from stopping to help care for others. The parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. **It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.**

Find the full message on the Vatican website:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html> [or click here](#)

**There is a second collection this weekend for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund**

### 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!**



**Invited**  
ADVENT 2023

**We will be joining the programme on Tuesday evening (in person and online) and Thursday morning (online) starting on Tuesday 27th November, or you can join the diocesan evening sessions on Thursday evenings.**

More details to follow.....



### Join us for the next SATURDAY SANCTUARY 10:15—12:15 on 25 November

A time to press the Pause Button! Why not take 2 hours out, to slow down and join the Monks for a time of connection, reflection and prayer! Starting in the FCH

### Monk Talks - Breaking News

Monk Talks on 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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!



### 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](mailto:cosullivan@wellspringbrighton.org.uk)

### Live Music at the Fitzherbert Community Centre - Tickets available now!



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 will be playing mainly popular jazz and a bit of pop and 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!**

### CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

*Save the Date!* **Parish Christmas Party - Tuesday 19th December!**  
**Invitation to follow!**

# 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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton) or email Claire on [claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk).

## GROUPS / MEETINGS

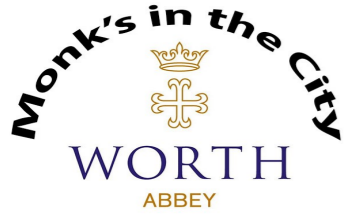
**Mothers Prayers** - We are a group of mothers meeting on Monday's at 5pm on zoom. For info contact the parish office.

**Tuesday Evenings** 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 Morning Group** From 10am-12pm for discussion, learning & friendship. <https://zoom.us/j/92452001507>

**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  
 No **Lectio Divina on Wednesday 22nd Nov**  
**Midday Stillness:** 12pm—1pm every Fri @ SJB  
**Adoration & Benediction:** 8pm Fri followed by Compline at 9pm @ SJB

## SCHOOLS

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

We held a special service of **Remembrance**, each class wrote a prayer on a white peace-poppy and the school fell silent for two minutes. On Monday we launched **Anti-Bullying Week**, the children (and staff) wore odd socks to help understand and celebrate that it is good to be different. We took a brave squad of **Cross-Country runners** from Years 5 and 6 to a sunny, but very windy Waterhall! We were very proud of all of our competitors - there were over 350 children in each race! Every one of our children completed the course - a great achievement indeed.

We held two successful **Open Days**, as the new potential parents walked around the school; they were overwhelmed with the polite, friendly & happy children. If you know of a family new to the parish, please tell them about our school.

Many Blessings Gillian Foan Headteacher

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

This week is national Anti-Bullying week, for us it started on the Monday with the whole school united against bullying, shown by the wearing of odd socks!

Bigfoot Productions delivered an exciting whole school assembly and each Key Stage 2 class had an hour Anti-Bullying workshop. RHSE lessons this week have looked at what bullying is and how 'banter' can become bullying if the person receiving it does not like it and it is repetitive. Each child uses the five fingers on their hand to name five trusted adults they can talk to if they have concerns. SJB School Council have a 'Children in Need' day planned for Friday where children are paying to break the school rules by not wearing uniform; having crazy hair, painted nails or having a tattoo!! We hope they raise a lot of money for the charity, well done the school council!

If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 please attend one of our Open Days:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2pm or Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm

We do have a few spaces available in different classes so if you are interested please contact the school to arrange a visit: [admin@stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk) or telephone 01273 607924

**Tina Davidson, Headteacher**

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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 18th November</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Juan Jose Fraj RIP—2nd Anniversary ( <i>Maria Simons</i> )
<b>Sunday 19th November</b>		
<b>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Day of the Poor</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth & Simon Agbro RIP ( <i>Ruth</i> )
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Gill Chamberlayne RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 20th November</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mgr Canon Johnston ( <i>Foundation</i> )
<b>Tuesday 21st November</b>		
<b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Rhoda Nkemdeme RIP ( <i>Juliet Nkemdeme</i> )
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 22nd November</b>		
<b>St Cecilia</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Deceased Urbanoviez family RIP ( <i>Kathy</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Kamaljit Bairwal RIP
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Diane Christelle RIP ( <i>Maguy</i> )
<b>Friday 24th November</b>		
<b>St Andrew Dung-Lac</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Bernard McDevitt RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Arthur Henry Magennis RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St John the Baptist	8:00pm Adoration & Benediction followed by Compline at 9:00pm	
<b>Saturday 25th November</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Peace & Thanksgiving for my family ( <i>Judy Hanley</i> )
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Barbara Sambucci RIP ( <i>JA Sambucci</i> )
<b>Sunday 26th November</b>		
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - Youth Sunday</b>		
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

### 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.