



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

**First Sunday of Advent (B) 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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 Br Anthony

I think it was Henri Nouwen who said that infants are born with clenched fists and our life consists of learning to open out our hands to receive and to give. This strikes me as quite a helpful image to keep in mind this Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our world and into our lives this Christmas.

The responsorial psalm on this first Sunday of Advent states, *'God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.'* The Psalmist's, 'bring us back', in its Hebrew form means, 'turn us in another direction'. It is a plea to God to send his grace and strength to enable us to live and think differently with new purpose. Such conversion does not come easily. It requires us to make choices and act, to make time to pray and reflect, to stay awake and be attentive to how God may speak to us through both his Word and Sacraments and in the everyday ordinary encounters of our lives.

Now is the time we often ask others, what are you doing for Christmas? We could also ask ourselves if Jesus was coming to stay at my house for Christmas, how would I want to prepare for his coming this Advent?



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### 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 until 19th Dec at St Joseph's 6.45- 8.15pm (sacristy meeting room),

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

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

You can also join the diocesan evening sessions on Thursday evenings—see [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)

### The St Joseph's African Catholic Community Meet & Greet

Join our meet and greet event on the 10th of December 2023 at St Joseph's Church after 11am Mass.

### Monk Talks - 12 December with Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB

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

### Live Music at the Fitzherbert Community Centre

#### The Jazz Jamboree Orchestra this weekend!

#### Some tickets still available on the door!

Last Sunday the EJI Little Big Band played at the Fitz—it was a great success! Join us this Sunday starting at 3pm, with lovely tea & cakes provided in the break between the two sessions.



[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.

**Please bring a plate of finger food to share - savoury if possible!**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

*This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, Sunday morning masses will be as usual.*

#### St John the Baptist

##### Christmas Eve

10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night

##### Christmas Day

9:00am Mass of Christmas Day

11:00am Mass of Christmas Day

#### St Joseph's

##### Christmas Eve

6:00pm Family Mass

10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night

##### Christmas Day

11:00am Mass of Christmas Day



# 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 [clairesullivan@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:clairesullivan@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](mailto: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.

**SJB Book Shop** Open Saturday and Sunday after Mass—selling a selection of Christmas cards, books & lots more.

## St John the Baptist's Servers Practice

Friday 15th December at 7pm- For all current servers at SJB and those who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to join the serving team.

# SCHOOLS

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

Last Friday, students from Cardinal Newman delivered another 'Open the Book' assembly to our children. They reenacted the story of the Good Samaritan making it come alive and interactive. Some of our Faith Councillors collected greenery from our outdoor environment and made an Advent Wreath for our hall worship table.

On Thursday we hosted a free drama taster workshop led by ThirdSpace Theatre Company and on Friday Messy Church (Julia) visited to our school and delivered a successful taster session for our families at school.

**Many Blessings, Gillian Foan Headteacher**

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

This week was Walk and Wheel to School Week. Children walked, came on bikes or scooters or parked a little away from school and walked the final stretch. Most classes earned extra playtime for their great efforts, no mean feat as we are at the top of a steep hill! We had a very important visit on Monday, a senior member of the local authority education team, he was impressed with the engagement, learning and behaviour of the children. He also said that you could tell the distinctive nature of SJB as a Catholic school from the moment you entered. This was lovely to hear and is thanks to the team of dedicated staff at SJB!

Please have a look at our school website: <https://www.stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk/> or follow us on twitter or facebook <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistschoolbrighton/?g=5> <https://www.facebook.com/SJBCatholicPrimarySchool>

If you have a child starting school in September 2024 please contact the school to arrange a visit: call 01273 607924 or email [admin@stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

**Tina Davidson, Headteacher**

# CONTACT DETAILS

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# MASS TIMES

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| <b>Saturday 2nd December</b>  |   |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 6:00pm First Mass of Sunday   | People of the Parish                                       |
| <b>Sunday 3rd December</b>    | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>   |  |
| 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> )                 |
| <b>Monday 4th December</b>    |   |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 9:30am Mass   | Catriona Meghan Halpin RIP ( <i>Graham Bowler</i> )        |
| St Josephs                    | 11:00am Requiem Mass  | Frank Mansbridge RIP                                       |
| <b>Tuesday 5th December</b>   |   |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 9:30am Mass   | Anna Roselli RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )                     |
| St Josephs                    | 6:00pm Mass   | Health and Wellbeing of Shannon & family ( <i>Harpal</i> ) |
| <b>Wednesday 6th December</b> |   |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 9:30am Mass   | Brian Bonner RIP—Anniversary ( <i>Toni Bonner</i> )        |
| St Joseph's                   | 6:00pm Mass   | Health and Wellbeing of Shannon & family ( <i>Harpal</i> ) |
| <b>Thursday 7th December</b>  | <b>St Ambrose</b>   |  |
| St Joseph's                   | 6:00pm Mass   | Health and Wellbeing of Shannon & family ( <i>Harpal</i> ) |
| <b>Friday 8th December</b>    | <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                           |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 9:30am Mass   | Sr Caroline Odoka RIP ( <i>Sr Rose</i> )                   |
| St Joseph's                   | 6:00pm Mass   | Sr Margaret Mary Connell RIP                               |
| <b>St Joseph's</b>            | <b>6:45 - 7:30 Adoration, Reflection, Music and our Advent Reconciliation service</b> |  |
| <b>Saturday 9th December</b>  |   |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 9:30am Mass followed by Confessions   | Holy Souls   |
| St Joseph's                   | 11:00am-11:45am Confessions   |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 6:00pm First Mass of Sunday   | Nancy Howard-Price ( <i>Margaret Lester</i> )              |
| <b>Sunday 10th December</b>   | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>  |  |
| St John the Baptist           | 11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy  | Toni Bonner's Intentions                                   |
| St Joseph's                   | 11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy  | Mladen Fridl RIP ( <i>Julia Wingfield</i> )                |
| St Joseph's                   | 5:30pm Mass   | Sr Mary Connell RIP  |

## 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.

## 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.