



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

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 28th April 2024

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 for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Kieron

The image given to us in today's Gospel, of the vine and the branches is a good one for us to reflect on as we consider the Pastoral Plan for the Parish and the Diocese. Even good branches, which bear fruit need pruning. The need for pastoral planning is not because there is no good there already; it is because the Church can be even better if we focus on what really matters. We all know that pruning at first appears to be destructive, but the new growth and fruitfulness it brings about more than compensates for that rather ragged look immediately after the pruning. As we face a time of challenge and change in the Local Church, it may feel a little like being pruned; it will not be physically painful but sometimes we will have to let go of old and familiar ways of doing things, so that new growth can flourish.

In all of this, the one thing that we can never prune away is our rootedness to the vine, in other words, our connection with Jesus. Any change we face must be motivated by our willingness to deepen that relationship and to invite others to do the same. Bearing fruit for the Gospel is at the very heart of our call to discipleship. During these Easter days, the Acts of the Apostles reminds us of the connectedness of the early Church; connected to Jesus and to each other. There is much for us to celebrate here, but perhaps, even more to learn.

The Second Collection for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations at St Josephs this Sunday

As we didn't have this collection at St Josephs last week—we will have this collection today.

(The Second Collection at SJB this week is for Aid to the Church in Need)



Reminder! Aid to the Church in Need - 27 - 28 April at SJB

Jerry Lohan will be visiting our parish this weekend on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need and will have some items for sale to raise money for their work. Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN work directly with bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that any aid goes directly to those that it is intended for. Many of these religious risk their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind prayers and support would be greatly appreciated.

MONK TALKS

Join the monks for Evening Prayer at **6pm in the Church**, followed by soup & bread supper at **6.30pm** in the **Fitzherbert Community Hub** with a talk at **7pm**.

7 May - "Planted in the house of the Lord" - Exploring Stability **11 Jun** - 'Growing in the Freedom of Obedience'



Adoration— St Josephs—Friday 3 May

Join us for an evening of Adoration, Reflection, & Music. An opportunity to spend time in God's presence, experience healing, and deepen your encounter with Christ.

The evening begins after the 6pm Mass at St Joseph's, from 6:45-7:45.

Everyone is very welcome! You are free to come for as long or short a time as you would like to. Confessions will be available.

Each Sunday there is also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer at SJB from 4pm to 5pm.

Ecumenical Pilgrimage Walk led by the Bishop of Chichester - Saturday 11 May 1pm-5pm

All are warmly invited to join this ecumenical pilgrimage, walking from Hove to Kemptown, to learn about six unique places of worship and their role in our city's past and present. This walking pilgrimage will be led by the Bishop of Chichester, Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner, who will give a short reflection at each place of worship bringing together our historic urban journey, and our contemporary spiritual journey.

The pilgrimage will begin at the ancient parish church of Hove, St Andrew, and progress along the seafront to Holland Road Baptist church, St Paul's on West Street, the Friends' Meeting House, and Dorset Gardens Methodist church. The walk will conclude at St John the Baptist, with a celebration of ecumenical Vespers and refreshments.

This event includes and celebrates the different traditions of Christianity present in our city. It is open to everyone: Christians and non-Christians; people exploring the meaning of faith or the spirituality of pilgrimage, or those who are fascinated by the history and culture, art and architecture of Brighton and Hove. Whatever your background, you are welcome to come and walk in good company, and see Brighton and Hove from the perspective of a pilgrim.

We meet at 12.30pm at St Andrew's Hove for a 1pm start, and the day concludes with Vespers at 5pm at St John the Baptist. Water, snacks and comfortable shoes are advised, to sustain you on your journey.

This is a free event: please book at Trybooking to indicate your attendance, and help our planning for the day <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DJLS>

Living Faith Theology Conference - Sunday 12 May

Enlivening Faith - Deepening Transformation - Empowering Mission

This year, our Theology Series is exploring **Transformation in Christ**. The Summer conference will be on **"The Trinity: Transforming Relationship"**. Exploring how our communion with God transforms the world.

The speaker will be Rev Dr Martin Poulson SDB, Senior lecturer of Theology at the University of Roehampton. Start Time: 12:45 pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Milton Road.

We will begin with lunch: please bring a dish to share or a packed lunch. The conference includes a Tea/Cake break, and will finish at 4:15pm.

Suggested Donation: £10 - £20 (waged), £5 (unwaged). No booking necessary.



Thy Kingdom Come - Friday 17 May 7:30-8:30pm at St Joseph's

The days between Ascension (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May) – are a time to

"Light up the World in Prayer". As part of this season we have invited congregations of all Christian churches in Brighton to an hour of prayer at St Joseph's.

This is an opportunity for the Body of Christ across the City of Brighton & Hove to unite in prayer for our city and its needs and to pray that the light of Christ will shine on our city.

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.

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.



The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to join them.
PRAY WITH US
 Join the monks for Prayer in **St John the Baptist's Church:**
Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - **9am**
Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - **6pm**
LECTIO DIVINA every Wednesday, 8-9 pm [Join online here](#) or see our website
MIDDAY STILLNESS Every Friday, 12noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection at SJB

SCHOOLS

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

Our school has been buzzing with creativity and activity again this week! Exploring topics like "Down in the Garden" and "Growing to Love...Tomatoes" sparked a lot of curiosity and excitement among the children. Sowing tomato seeds is a wonderful hands-on activity teaching them valuable lessons about growth and patience.....and hopefully we are nurturing potential gardeners for the future! Our Faith council have been constructing a pop-up prayer space, which is a beautiful way to provide a peaceful and reflective environment for children. Incorporating lights, candles (battery-powered for safety), and mindfulness colouring and thought bubbles will helping to create a serene atmosphere; encouraging meditation and self-expression. I am thankful for our staff's enthusiasm in helping with the children's parade preparations as we continue to create our BIG build; and the anticipation too is *building*, as the parade date approaches!

Many Blessings, Gillian Foan Headteacher

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

This week has seen all hands on deck as we prepare for the amazing Children's Parade on Saturday May 4th. Look out for us at number 4 in the parade depicting a colourful, enchanted forest.

All 90 children from the reception class to year 2 visited the wonderful Arundel castle on Friday as part of their history learning. They were able to climb the towers, see the bailey and even try on some armour, fun and learning by all.

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

Tina Davidson, Headteacher

Messy Church—New Life in Jesus! TODAY! Sunday 28 April 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Our next Messy Church is Sunday 28th March. This is a creative and fun session for families, suitable for people of all ages. We meet after mass at St Joseph's Hall at 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm and we provide lunch. We look forward to seeing you there!.



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MASS TIMES

Saturday 27th April		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Fr Foley's intentions
Sunday 28th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Peter Williams, Mary Ashford, & Teresa da Silva RIP (Alex Williams)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with First Holy Communion Children	Baby Charles Eze RIP
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Prof Peter Ghazal RIP
Tuesday 30th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Celia & Joe
St Joseph's	6:30pm Mass	Garret & Shona's intentions
Wednesday 1st May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Marie Johns & Bridget Whelan RIP (Marie Johns)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 2nd May	St Athanasius	
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 3rd May	St Philip & St James	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Tommy Moran RIP
St Joseph's	6:45pm-7:45pm Adoration, Reflection & Music	
Saturday 4th May	The English Martyrs	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Fr Aidan's Intentions
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Viv Edney RIP (Fenwick family)
Sunday 5th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Christopher Blackburn RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Diane Christelle RIP (Maguy)
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration and Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Please let the Parish Office know if you know of anyone who needs to be added to this list, or taken off. (Also, if we remove anyone who should remain on this list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you)

Maria Rigby, Moira Hall, Tony Wallace, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Claire Ashenden, Ewa Knebloch-Kozlowska, Barbara Garlington, Mary Howes, Phil McGrandles, Gordon Murray, Ian Tinlin, Marie Clare, Sue Bonner, Martin Reynolds, Toni Bonner, Chris Pedroza, Shannon Grewal, Josephine Thomas, Janet Alan Bernard Bannister, Rosemary Reilly, Peter Grogan, Maura Hier, Fr Foley, Jayveer Grewal, Peter Powell, Molly Sullivan Anthony Price, and Colin Hilton.

Those who have died recently, especially Viv Edney, Roy Dadswell and Prof Peter Ghazal 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.