



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

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



Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter (B) 21st April 2024

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 Aidan

This Sunday the gospel reading from St John give us a beautiful image of the Lord Jesus – the Good Shepherd. St John suggest to us that the flock's attitude to the Good Shepherd is characterised by two verbs: *to listen* and *to follow*. These are the basic qualities we need to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Firstly, to listen to the Word, broken for us each Sunday and in our personal reading of scripture. Having listened, we can then make the right decisions to guide our actions and to follow our Lord more closely each day.

In 1964, Pope Paul V declared that the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday is to be Vocations Sunday. The English word "vocation" comes from the Latin *vocare* - to call. A vocation is what we are called to. As people of God, we know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He has called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to live as single people, some to the priesthood, some to religious life. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to?

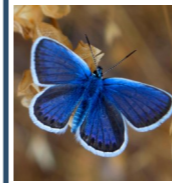
One thing we are all called to is Mission, the Church is for Mission, Mt 28: *Go make disciples.....* This year, in the light of the new Pastoral Plan, the whole Diocese is invited to come together for four weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through raising up of new vocations to all walks of life in the church.

In these four weeks we are invited:

- Pray for the Church
- Pray for the gift of discernment
- Pray for a spirit of sacrifice
- Pray for priestly vocations



Second Collection this weekend for World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Promise of the Father

From Easter to Pentecost. The Diocese has set up a set of 7 sessions called "The Promise of the Father" with outstanding speakers and opportunities for discussion to help us prepare for Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our parish is following this course on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. **Join us in the parish room at St Joseph's or online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96161676521>.**

Brighton CitizensUK Accountability Assembly - Thursday 25 Apr 6 -8pm (arrive 5.45pm)

Brighton Salvation Army , Congress Hall 1-6 Park Crescent Terrace, BN2 3HD (by the Level).

Our Parish is one of around 20 local Faith, charity and educational organisations that form an Alliance that seek to listen to local peoples' concerns and organise campaigns on issues of Social Justice important to them.

The Assembly on Thursday will celebrate recent achievements – like the piloting of free Counselling in Brighton and Hove Schools for those struggling with their mental health. It will call local politicians, Senior Councillors and Health and Social Care providers to account, challenging them on various issues such as Affordable Housing, Mental Health and well-being Service provision.

A group from the parish are taking part – can you come and support this too?

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

Jerry Lohan will be visiting our parish next 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.

>> SATURDAY SANCTUARY >> 10:10 to 12:15 NEXT Saturday 27 April

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 Fitzherbert Community Hub

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**.

7th May – "Planted in the house of the Lord" – Exploring Stability

11th 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.

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

The children of St. Joseph's School have greeted the new term with smiles and sunshine as they don their summer dresses. Our school grounds are adorned with the breath-taking sight of our flowering cherry tree, extending a warm welcome to all who enter. Easter festivities have left an indelible mark, with tales of joyous Easter Egg hunts and families participating in our eco-friendly Brighton Bingo challenge. Our dedicated teachers have coordinated 'stunning starts' to the new term, igniting curiosity and excitement in our children as they delve into new topics and adventures.

Our talented team is eagerly working on the 'Big Build' for the upcoming Children's Parade. As part of our commitment to fostering understanding and respect, this week sees our children embarking on a journey of exploration into another faith - Islam. Through engaging discussions and activities, we aim to highlight the similarities and differences between faiths, church teachings, and cultural celebrations, promoting unity and acceptance within our diverse community.

New families have been notified of their September placements for our reception class - we look forward welcoming them into our St. Joseph's family and to embark on this wonderful journey together. We still have spaces across our school - please arrange a visit! <https://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news>

May the warmth of Spring infuse your hearts with renewed hope and joy.

Many Blessings, Gillian Foan Headteacher

Messy Church—New Life in Jesus! 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 20th April		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Tilly & Mary Patricia's Intentions (<i>Friends at SJB</i>)
Sunday 21st April Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Toni Wallace RIP (<i>Stephen Loska</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Greener Family—intentions
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Prof Peter Ghazal RIP
Tuesday 23rd April St George		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Prof Peter Ghazal RIP
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Wednesday 24th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Prof Peter Ghazal RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	For the Pastoral Plan
Thursday 25th April St Mark		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Prof Peter Ghazal RIP
Friday 26th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Prof Peter Ghazal RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	M Tierney RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 27th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Dominic Kwratkowski RIP (<i>Rose Hedley</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
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 (<i>Alex Williams</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Baby Charles Eze RIP
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-Kozłowska, 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 and Anthony Price.

Those who have died recently, especially 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.