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

Third Sunday of Easter (B) 14th April 2024

Psalter week 3

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

As the Easter Season moves on, the excitement of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus gives way to a time of deeper reflection on the early Christian Community from the Acts of the Apostles and linked to that; a time of preparation for the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Reflecting on the way of life of those early Christians is a good way into considering the call to mission and the Pastoral Plan for our Diocese.

We are not looking at *re-inventing* the Church, but we are very much looking at *Renewing* the Church in the Spirit of that early Apostolic Community. The Pastoral Plan talks about *forging our parishes into Communities of Saints*, using that term in the same way that St Paul refers to the members of early Church communities. This is a call to live out our Baptism in this new apostolic age when we can no longer take for granted the backdrop of Christian culture that many of us, of a certain age, grew up with.

This call to mission involves nothing less than a re-examination of what the Church is really for and what our lives on this earth are really about.

We cannot do this effectively without the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives - so why not prepare for Pentecost by participating in *The Promise of the Father*, an online and in-person resource for the coming few weeks? Details in this newsletter!

Thy Kingdom Come - Friday 17th 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.



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. In our parish we are following this course on Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

There is both an in person opportunity - in the parish room at St Joseph's, and online one on <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96161676521>.

So do join us on the 16th for the first session.



Eucharistic Adoration at St John the Baptist

Bishop Richard, in developing his Pastoral Plan, has asked every parish community in the Diocese to provide times of Eucharistic Adoration so that we can all join in prayer for all that lies ahead. These times of prayer will bring graces and blessings to us all. Each Sunday there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer at **St John the Baptist from 4pm to 5pm.**

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/h4bozjok> or contact the Parish Office

Parish Food Bank - have you any spare carrier bags?

The Parish foodbank is open from the SJB presbytery (front office) from 11am-12pm. We are still asking for donations from parishioners to be brought to Sunday mass: eggs, fresh fruit and veg, general food bank supplies (tins etc) **and strong carrier bags urgently needed** if you have some to spare! Thank you!



The Fitz Café—new opening hours

Monday—Friday 11:00am—2:30pm / Saturday 12:30pm-2:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder! IT Drop in sessions from 11:00am - 12:30 on Thursdays

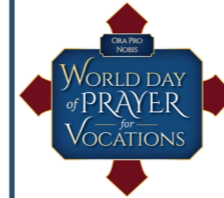
There is a weekly drop in session at The Fitz - drop in for advice and help with any IT issues you may have!

Gift Aid

If you currently regularly donate using an envelope please collect your new set for the next tax year from back of the churches— the envelope number may have changed again! Please use these new envelopes and recycle unused envelopes from previous years.

Please remember if you pay any tax you really should sign up to Gift Aid. It's minimal effort and means the parish can claim 25% from the UK Government, so for every £4 you give we can claim £1! It doesn't cost you anything - nor is this information used for any other purpose. *Thank you from The Parish Finance Committee*

Second Collection next weekend for World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Next Sunday the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Parish Safeguarding for the Young or Vulnerable

If you have concerns for someone you know or need advice or help yourself, please call the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Angela McGrory in confidence on 01293651148 or email one of the Parish Safeguarding Rep's: Linda Evans, St Josephs sg1.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk & Julia Murray Logue, SJB sg2.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

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

>> SATURDAY SANCTUARY >> 10:10 to 12:15 on 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'

Proclaim!

Proclaim is a youth group for young people in Years 7-13 in which we build friendships, play games, and create a space for discussion about faith. It is a group where each individual and God's purpose for their life matters. Whether you feel confident in your faith, or struggle with church teachings, you are welcome! Next meeting Wed 17 April from 6.30 - 8 pm, at the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

For more details contact Julia Wingfield on families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk



Messy Church—New Life in Jesus! Sunday 28th 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!.

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 13th April		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Tom Ryan
Sunday 14th April Third Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Eileen & Margaret Bradley (<i>Friends at SJB</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	George Henry & Mary Kate & Teresa Denyer RIP (<i>Mary Murray</i>)
Monday 15th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Sarah Larkin
Tuesday 16th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ellen Peacock RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Phil & Maryanne health & welfare (<i>Christine Payne</i>)
Wednesday 17th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Roel Panagdato RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Maurice Dion Fielding RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Thursday 18th April		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 19th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Hilary RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am Funeral Mass	Raymond Mason RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	MM Le Maitre RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 20th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Eileen Stewart's Intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
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 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, Roy Dadswell, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Claire Ashenden, Ewa Knebloch-Kozłowska, Tommy Maher, Barbara Garlington, Mary Howes, Phil McGrandles, Gordon Murray, Ian Tinlin. Marie Clare, Sue Bonner, Martin Reynolds, Toni Bonner, Chris Pedroza, Shannon Grewal, Josephine Thomas, Bernard Bannister, Janet Alan, Rosemary Reilly, Peter Grogan, Maura Hier and Fr Foley.

Those who have died recently, especially Ray Mason 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.