



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) 5th May 2024

Psalter week 2

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 Gabriel

This Sunday is the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. It reminds us, in this season of Eastertide as we listen to the Acts of the Apostles, of the Churches that first heard and passed on the Gospel. These churches nowadays are often oppressed and persecuted, and struggle to survive and pass on the faith to their children, in the lands where Christianity was born and first spread. The Eastern Christians are direct descendants of the Early Christians, and there are more than 25 million living in the Middle East and surrounding regions. They were the origins of the monastic tradition, the early Church Fathers and our link to the first teachings of the apostles. We are invited to pray with and for them and so stand in solidarity and communion with them:

Heavenly Father, we pray today for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine. By your heavenly grace, strengthen the faith and hope of Eastern Christians. May they be blessed with peace and prosperity in their countries. May we be inspired by their devotion and witness to the Gospel, by their love and compassion for all in their communities, and by their courage, their endurance and self-sacrifice. Through their charity, tolerance and friendship, bring peace and reconciliation to those troubled lands, where Christianity was born and first spread. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Richard has asked that we have a Special Second Collection this weekend for CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal.

Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.



MONKS MONK TALKS - This Tuesday at 7pm

Join the monks for Evening Prayer at 6pm in the Church, followed by soup & bread supper at IN THE CITY 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'



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.

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. 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.

Moving for Wellbeing! Join our Parish Mental Health Awareness Week event with BTTC!

Sat 18th May from 2-4pm for Table Tennis & Circus Skills at the FCH! More details to follow!



Parish Pentecost Lunch Sunday 19th May in St Joseph's Hall after 11.00 Mass.

Everyone is welcome for coffee after Mass and then to stay on for lunch to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. There will be three adult Baptisms and a Confirmation at the 11.00 Mass so we have lots to celebrate! **Please bring a dish to share and/or something to drink.**

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.

**MONKS
IN THE CITY**

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

Exciting times are upon us as we embrace the spirit of May with enthusiasm and joy! Our latest investment, the Maypole, has brought laughter and delight to our school. The children are mastering the art of Maypole dancing during their PE sessions. It's been a delight to watch them twirl and weave without getting tangled up (well, most of the time!). Our preparations for the Children's Parade this Saturday are in full swing. With the finishing touches done, we're all set to proudly march as number 35 in the parade - give us a wave and a cheer if you spot us!

We're deeply grateful to one of our families who have lovingly prepared our outdoor shrine/statue of Mary. This heartfelt gesture ensures that our annual Procession of Crowning Mary will be a beautiful and meaningful tribute to the Mother of God. Our Pop-up Prayer Space is now open, providing a serene sanctuary for quiet reflection and personal prayers. It's heart-warming to see our children utilising this space.

Many Blessings, Gillian Foan Headteacher

*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



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 15 April from 6.30 - 8 pm, at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. For more details contact Julia Wingfield on families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 4th May		
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 (<i>Maguy</i>)
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 6th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Shannon & Jayveer Grewal's Intention (<i>Harpal</i>)
Tuesday 7th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Shannon & Jayveer Grewal's Intention (<i>Harpal</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Roland Tierney RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 8th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Shannon & Jayveer Grewal's Intention (<i>Harpal</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Saldanha family, living and deceased (<i>Christine Payne</i>)
Thursday 9th May	The Ascension of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	For the Pastoral Plan of the Diocese
Friday 10th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Owen & Margaret Sheridan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Michael Coyne RIP
Saturday 11th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Teresa Pires RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Our 2nd Wedding Anniversary (<i>Alex Williams</i>)
Sunday 12th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Patrick K Charleton RIP & Patrick D Chareton RIP (<i>Simon Charleton</i>)
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration and Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Robert Capie RIP—2nd Anniversary (<i>Juanita & Natasha</i>)

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.

Second Collection Next Sunday for World Communications Sunday