



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 14<sup>th</sup> July 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](http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk) for more opportunities.

### Message from Fr Aidan

Last summer the number plates of our car were stolen and attached to another car. As the registered keeper of our car, I became the recipient of a flood of PCN's – Penalty Charge Notices - for parking offences committed by the car with stolen plates. I was very anxious to contest these fines and charges and so spent a considerable amount of time submitting evidence that this was **not** our car.

The second word in Sunday's gospel is "summoned" – Jesus summons the Twelve and sent them out. Summons is a very strong word and my experience, of the PCN summons came to mind. I could not ignore these PCNs, or there will be a fine to pay and with a deadline - there was a keynote of urgency.

Jesus' call to us has an urgency too. We too are sent as disciples; we too have a mission which we cannot ignore. We are summoned to engage in mission today, to form disciples of Jesus Christ, to love others and serve our city. Is there one thing you can do this week to answer the summons?

*Just One Thing* is the title of the radio programme popularised by the broadcaster, Dr Michael Mosley, who died tragically in Greece. Each week he suggested *Just One Thing you could do* to improve your health and wellbeing. Can you take a leaf out of his book and consider what one thing you can do this week to respond to Jesus summons?



### Sea Sunday—Second Collection this weekend

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

### Message from The Adulojus'

Dear St Joseph's Catholic Church, On behalf of my household I sincerely want to appreciate the entire church for the massive show of love towards my family. The farewell lunch, the gifts and the prayers will forever linger in our hearts. We will surely miss St Joseph Catholic Church. *Regards The Adulojus' (Remi, Yemi, William, Fikayo and Alex)*

### Praise and Worship Group - Tuesdays 7-8pm, St Joseph's Meeting Room

Praise and worship Group - Tuesday evenings 7-8pm. 6 Wellington Road - all are welcome. Email Melissa for more information [melissajgreener@gmail.com](mailto:melissajgreener@gmail.com)

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual day for Grandparents and the elderly is "do not cast me off in my old age" and Pope Francis encourages us to take time to reflect on those amongst us who are in this stage of life. The current secular world brings anthropological and cultural challenges, and it encourages us to question the value of the elderly in our communities. As a church we need to publicly challenge these thoughts and be seen to value and appreciate all generations but particularly those with such wisdom to offer.

### The feast day of St Joachim and Anne is celebrated this year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Bishop Richard is offering Mass for the occasion in Arundel on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Both natural and parish families are being encouraged to facilitate bringing their elderly and Grandparents to join us for Mass and tea. Sign up here, or call the Parish Office - [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(20-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

### Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place click here: [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>



The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to join them.

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**

**Changes to LECTIO DIVINA for the Summer:** Wednesday in July (8-9 pm), Lectio will then take a break in August and will return on Wednesday 4th September. [Join online here](#) or see our website

**MIDDAY STILLNESS**, Our last Midday Stillness on **Friday 19th July** - and will return in September.

Join us from 12noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection at SJB

**We now have a Monks in the City website: <https://www.monksinthecity.uk/>  
Still under development but information up to date.**

### Francis DeSouza RIP

Parishioners will be sorry to hear of the death of Francis DeSouza early on the 10th July. His children are arranging for his funeral to take place in Thornton Heath where Francis, his wife and family lived for most of his adult life. May He Rest in Peace.

### Alban Metcalf RIP

Parishioners will be sorry to hear of the death of Alban Metcalf on 1 June. His funeral service is at the North Chapel, Woodvale Crematorium on 26th July at 1pm. May He Rest in Peace.

### Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to have someone to talk to?

Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact Fr Kieron if you would like to speak to one of our team.

### 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](mailto:sg1.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk) & Julia Murray Logue, SJB [sg2.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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. **Our last meet before the Summer holidays is Wednesday 17th July.** 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 & 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 [claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk](mailto: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.

## SCHOOLS

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

As we muster up the energy for the final full week of the school year, there's much to celebrate and reflect upon at St Joseph's School.

First and foremost, parents have received their child's School Reports, and we're thrilled to announce that our end of KS2 SATs results have improved by 12% compared to last year! This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and pupils. We had the pleasure of welcoming our new Reception Class (EYFS) starters and their families for a Teddy Bears picnic. This event provided an excellent opportunity for the children to meet the EYFS staff team and get acquainted with their new classroom environment. Our Year 6 pupils and I participated in the Cardinal Newman School Festival, where we ran a Lucky Dip stall alongside other Catholic Primary Feeder Schools. It was a delightful experience for the pupils and a wonderful way to engage with the wider community.

We are incredibly proud to have received the Our City, Our World Bronze Award, recognising our commitment to integrating sustainability and climate change into all aspects of school life. This award underscores our dedication to Catholic Social Teaching, emphasising the importance of being kind to our planet and caring for God's creation.

Our Year 6 class delivered a heart-warming adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland" as their end-of-year production. The performances, filled with passion, talent, and energy, were first presented to the rest of the school and then to family members, marking a celebratory end to their journey at St Joseph's. We successfully held both KS1 and KS2 Sports Days, with The Green winning in KS1 and The Blue taking the trophy in KS2. Additionally, Year 5 pupils were invited to Patcham High School to watch their annual production of "We Will Rock You," a musical extravaganza that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As we approach the end of the school year, we reflect on the achievements, experiences, and joyful moments that have defined our time together. Here's to a strong finish and a restful summer ahead!

**Many Blessings, Gillian Foan Headteacher**

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

Last week was our very busy Health and Fitness week, the children enjoyed an array of sports including tag rugby, ultimate frisbee, street dance, yoga and more. Every morning started with whole school aerobics in the field with parents enjoying this too. KS2 children had an Olympic themed sports day, KS1 was rained off but we will try again this Friday! Running alongside this the children enjoyed learning about health foods and all had their food technology units of work which included designing and making healthy snacks, sandwiches and drinks.

This week we welcomed our new reception class of September 2024 for stay and play sessions; part of their transition to SJB school, to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom. Finally this week reception and KS1 children have enjoyed a Beach trip, despite the gloomy weather, an exciting ride on the Volks railway, visit to the pier and Pavilion before an ice-cream and picnic at the Peter Pan playground.

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](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistschoolbrighton/?g=5) or [www.facebook.com/SJBCatholicPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/SJBCatholicPrimarySchool)

**Tina Davidson, Headteacher**

**Messy Church—Bible Seasides! Sunday 21 July 12:30pm - 2:00pm**

Our next Messy Church is Sunday 21st July. 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!



# CONTACT DETAILS

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## MASS TIMES

Saturday 13th July		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Vigil Mass of Ss Peter & Paul	John O'Grady RIP ( <i>Hartnett Family</i> )
Sunday 14th July		
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Sea Sunday</i>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am with Children's Liturgy	Joan Fitzgerald ( <i>J Mashera</i> )
St Joseph's	11:00am with Children's Liturgy	Amelia Mascarenhas RIP ( <i>Celia Pires</i> )
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 15th July		
St Bonaventure		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoffrey Early
Tuesday 16th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Zita's Intention ( <i>Margaret</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Laura & John Morris RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
Wednesday 17th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Deceased members of the Lester family ( <i>Margaret</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Diane Christelle RIP
Thursday 18th July		
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 19th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Giacomo Filippo Vola & Maria Magdalena Rodriguez RIP ( <i>Velissa</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Kamaljit Bairwal - anniversary ( <i>Rosie Bairwal</i> )
Saturday 20th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Francis DeSouza RIP ( <i>Celia Pires</i> )
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st July		
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	James Jeffery Snr RIP ( <i>The Jeffery Family</i> )
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Thanksgiving for 10th Birthday ( <i>Chidera Igwe</i> )
St John the Baptist		
4:00pm Adoration and Evening Prayer		
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Baby Charles Eze RIP

**Sunday Mass at the Royal Sussex Hospital.**

Fr Celestine will celebrate Sunday mass at 2pm in The Sanctuary, Level 6, in the Louisa Martindale Building.

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

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, Maura Hier, Jayveer Grewal, Peter Powell, Molly Sullivan, Anthony Price, Frank Dsouza, Margaret Kesburn

Those who have died recently especially **Rosemary Reilly, Francis DeSouza, and Alban Metcalf** 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.