



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

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



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 25th August 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

We are here today because we have made a choice. For many of us, the original choice was made for us when we were infants, but at some point we have owned it with an adult faith. Others have come to their own faith decision later in life, but either way, past choices have to be kept alive by new commitment. We are still confronted with the same basic choice as were the people of Israel at Shechem and the disciples after the Bread of Life discourse: Do we follow the one true God or choose some other way? Joshua and Peter both offered strong leadership and we look for the same today, but ultimately, it is down to us, we have the freedom to continue to make that choice; because a choice without freedom is no choice at all.

When we celebrate the Liturgy together, we embrace that choice once more with renewed commitment. This is the commitment to *taste and see that the Lord is good* and to bring his goodness into our lives and everyday choices. Occasionally, this may lead to great acts of courage and heroism, but it is more likely to be lived out in being faithful to the Lord in the daily struggles of life, where there are so many competing attractions and temptations. In any case, this high calling—our choice of God and God's choice of us means acting with integrity.

In other words, *doing the right thing, even when nobody is looking.*

A big Thank You!

Just wanted to say thank you for letting us use the Fitz for our fundraising event - and for all the support! We have raised £296.61 (cash and online donations) and there are some who gave directly in the JustGiving page but I couldn't see the individual amounts so it's probably a bit more than that. We are very grateful for the welcome and generosity of the people there! You can find out more about this cause, and donate, visit www.justgiving.com/team/mudrunformadagascar24

Mud Run for Madagascar



EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



Animal Blessing Service at Arundel Cathedral, Saturday 5 October at 2.30pm

Pets, animals and people are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral for our popular annual Animal Blessing Service. There is no need to book - tea will be available at the Cathedral Centre after the service.



Catholic Singles - Games Night with a Difference! Sat 5 October 7.30-11pm in Crawley

The Diocese is hosting a singles event for young adults (20-40 somethings) where you can meet like-minded people, chat and mingle over food, and play some giant games as a way to break the ice!
E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more details.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 50th Anniversary Book

Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage marks its 50th Anniversary this year with the launch of a special commemorative book. Over the book's c.130 pages, tales of faith, hope, love in action, journey and vocation are told with hundreds of photos to illustrate them, evoking memories from every decade of the pilgrimage.



Copies cost £20 plus postage and can be pre-ordered here: forms.office.com/e/fRQkZmDp9D

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection

Saturday 31 August, 1 pm to 4.30 pm at Arundel Cathedral

The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. There is no need to book - all are welcome, to find out more please call Millie M: 07957594646.

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>

Grandparents' Formation Day

Wednesday 6 November 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Come along for a day with Becky Sedgewick, author of the inspiring 'Grandparenting for Faith' book. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. To book your place please use the attached link [Grandparents' Formation Day \(06-Nov-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.

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

Keep an eye on our socials over the Summer
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.

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 will take a break in August and returns on Wed 4th September.

MIDDAY STILLNESS, will take a break and return in September.

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

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

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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.**



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 or being added to a whatsapp chat about meetups, please drop Claire an email at cosullivan@wellspringbrighton.org.uk



Summer break for the Fitz Café!

The Fitz Café will be closed from 26 - 30 August and will then be back to normal hours from 2 Sep.

Parish Food Bank

The Parish foodbank is open from the SJB presbytery (front office) from 1030am-1130am on Mondays—including the Bank Holiday Monday. 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 if you have some to spare! Thanks!

CONTACT DETAILS

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Parish Office (Mon, Wed & Fri, 9:30 -13:00)

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 24th August		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Celia & Joe McGrath's Intentions
Sunday 25th August		
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Assis & Francis De Souza RIP (<i>Pires family</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Joseph Davenport RIP
Monday 26th August		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Edward Keegan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 27th August		
St Monica		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Requiem Mass	Dermot Whelan RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Slawek's private intentions
Wednesday 28th August		
St Augustine		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Pastoral Plan of the Diocese
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 29th August		
The Passion of St John the Baptist		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 30th August		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Dad, and brothers Brian and John (<i>Libby</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Philomena Franco RIP (<i>Maria Booth</i>)
Saturday 31st August		
St Aidan		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Helen Symmons - Intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am - 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mitch O'Grady RIP (<i>Maria & friends</i>)
Sunday 1st September		
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Assis De Souza RIP (<i>C Pires</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration and Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Rosemary Reilly RIP

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, and Mark Warner.

Those who have died recently especially Jeremiah Dermot Whelan, Christopher McDonnell 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.