



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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 22nd September 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

Personal ambition can be a good thing; reaching our God-given potential is always something to be encouraged, however, we see from the Gospel that even the disciples of Jesus allowed ambition to slip into competition and arrogance. They even argued about who among them would be the greatest. Jesus was quick to put them right. Clearly there was a disconnect between his predictions of his own passion and the self-centredness of his own followers. This was all part of their learning experience; what, we might call these days, their "formation". They would learn that first and foremost, they were called to humble service and that this involves a radical welcome to everyone, especially those referred to as *little children*, though this does not have to be a reference to size or age, but rather anyone who is needy and vulnerable.

In our shared vocation to discipleship, there is no space for competition between each other, but ample room for collaboration for mission. When we share the same dreams and visions for our Church, we will be ambitious only for the higher gifts; the gifts which serve the Kingdom. The Letter of St James puts it this way :

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony and wicked things of every kind the wisdom that comes from above ... makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.

Monks Talks Praying with Lectio.

Tuesday 24 September—The Fitz Hub, St John the Baptist Church.

Tuesday evening the first of our autumn series of Monk Talks on prayer explores **Lectio Divina** a way of listening more deeply to God and growing in spiritual maturity as he speaks to us personally in scripture. Whether you are new to this form of prayer or very familiar with it, join us to learn more.

The evening begins with a light bread & soup supper from 6.30pm, followed by the talk 7-8pm, with time for questions and a short Lectio exercise. Optional Night Prayer 8 to 8.15pm

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation



During September we are taking applications from families who wish to prepare their children for the sacraments of First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation.

Children should be in Year 3 or older. The programme is intended to support parents and carers to develop the skills to raise children in the faith and to nurture a relationship with God within the family. The preparation consists of attendance at Sunday mass with special children's liturgies, and family sessions which take place once a month on Saturday mornings at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. At least one parent or carer needs to attend with their child. [Please click here to fill in the application form](#)

Youth Alpha Our youth group Proclaim is running a Youth Alpha course for young people aged 12 to 17 starting on Monday 14th October, 6.30 - 8 pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. This course is ideal for any young person who is considering preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation, who has questions about faith, or who would just like to build friendships and have open conversations with other young people in the parish. We start with a shared meal and games, then watch a video and participate in small group discussions.



All are welcome and can bring a friend! To join up, email Julia families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk.



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Messy Church - We are very happy to announce the return of Messy Church to St Joseph's Hall! Messy Church is a Christ-centred monthly event in which families and individuals in the parish eat lunch together, take part in creative activities, and learn about Jesus in a messier, more relaxed environment. The activities are aimed at children of primary-school age, but all ages are welcome. Messy Church takes place on the first Sunday of each month from 12.30 - 2 pm. The next Messy Church date is Sunday 6th October. Hope to see you there!

For more information about these or any queries about the Family & Children's Ministry contact Julia Wingfield at families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk.

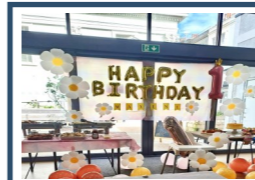
NEWS & EVENTS

International Lunch - Sun 29th Sep after 11.00 Mass in St Joseph's Hall, Milton Road.

All parishioners and friends are invited to our next Sunday lunch. We will serve coffee in the hall after Mass and then you are invited to stay on for lunch. [Please bring a dish to share.](#) This is a chance to extend our social time after Mass and find out what is happening in our community. Put the date in your diary we hope to see you!

A new Parish Care Group - Caring for those usually unable to get to Church.

Do you know of any Catholics in Brighton who are living at home, in a care home, or in sheltered accommodation who are no longer able to get to our church? If so, please contact the parish office and we will arrange to visit them. Our parish has Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and a new Care Group who will be able to visit, support and help connect people to the Church. A5 flyers are available at the back of each Church.



Have your next event at the Fitzherbert Community Hub

The FCH is available to parishioners for hire for your next party or event! We have special rates for parishioners - contact AnnMarie for more details and to check availability.

SJB Cleaning: Can you help? If so, come to a meeting on Sat 28 Sep at 1030

If you have already expressed an interest or would like to help keep our church beautiful, please come to a meeting at SJB on 28 Sep at 1030am. As they say: '*many hands make light work*'! Thank you!

Annual Mass Count

The Annual headcount begins **this** weekend - so you can expect to see someone walking around during mass ... counting! We have to count mass attendance at all Sunday masses for four weekends starting this weekend.

St Joseph's Rotas New rotas for Eucharist Minister & Readers for St Joseph's masses are on the notice board.

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.

For more info you can join our whatsapp chat - for details email Claire on claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk.

We look forward to meeting you!

New Student Ministry Intern

The Parish Leadership are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Intern to work alongside the Student & Young Adult Ministry Team, serving young people across the city and beyond. Sebastian (Seb) Juliussen is a recent convert to Catholicism, with a background in psychotherapy. He brings into the role a wide range of skills, from music to mental health, cooking to retreat leading. He is exploring Chaplaincy as a career path, and will be mentored over the course of the year to support him to grow in pastoral ministry.



The internship was made possible by small grants from charities and a few generous benefactors, to whom we are very grateful. Seb looks forward to meeting many of you soon and serving our student and YA community.

GROUPS / MEETINGS

Mothers Prayers We are a group of mothers meeting on Monday's at 5pm on zoom. For info contact the parish office.

Praise and Worship Group Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm. 6 Wellington Road - all are welcome.

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 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; Sat, Sun - 5pm

LECTIO DIVINA every Wednesday, 8-9 pm [Join online here](#) or see our website.

MONKS TALKS Starting this Tuesday—see the front page for more info.

MIDDAY STILLNESS Every Friday An hour of music, prayer and reflection in SJB from 12 - 1pm.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School *Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH*

We are excited to invite you to celebrate **Grandparents Day** with us on **Friday, 27th September**. It's a fantastic opportunity for **our senior community members** to experience a day in the life of our school—without needing to enrol in any classes (we promise!). There's plenty of free roadside parking available, and we're conveniently located on the No. 50 bus route. Here's what we have planned for the day (come to one or come to all!):

9:15 am: Start your day with the **Welcome Mass** alongside the children and Fr. Kieron, featuring some heavenly singing from our children. **Coffee** will be served afterwards—because no one should attempt the day without it.

10:30 am: Witness **teaching and learning in action** during classroom visits. Don't worry, no homework required.

2:00 pm: If you prefer a bit of fun, join us for a special **Grandparents' session** where classes will host a lively activity. Warning: you may be roped into some craft projects!

2:30 pm: Finally, indulge in our **cake sale and afternoon tea**—purely for charity, of course! Proceeds will support the **Macmillan charity**, so you can eat guilt-free.

We hope you can join us for this wonderful day! To help us keep track of numbers (and make sure we have enough cake), please call the office on 01273 556607, leave your name, and let us know your expected arrival time

We can't wait to welcome you—see you there (and save us a slice of cake)!

Every blessing, Gill Foan, Headteacher

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 21st September		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Colette Worne RIP (<i>Libby & Maria</i>)
Sunday 22nd September Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Ouseph Joseph RIP (<i>Sheena Antony</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Robert Capie RIP (<i>Natasha & Juanita Capie</i>)
St John the Baptist	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Michael McGann RIP
Monday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina 'Padre Pio'		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	For divine healing & restoration of health (<i>Ennkay</i>)
Tuesday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Celia McGrath—get well
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jules Le Peltier RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 25th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mgr Canon Johnston RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 26th September		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rene Gordon RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Friday 27th September St Vincent de Paul		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Maryanne Fenwick's Intentions (<i>Chris Payne</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Breda Clements RIP
Saturday 28th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Assis & Francis de Souza RIP (<i>Pires family</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mrs Mary Porinchu RIP (<i>Jojo, Princy & family</i>)
Sunday 29th September Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Colette Worne RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Diane Cristelle RIP (<i>Maguy</i>)
St John the Baptist 5:00pm Adoration and Evening Prayer		
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Molly Sullivan RIP

SJB Parishioners will be sad to hear of the death of Mary (Molly) Sullivan, who died on 29th August. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 1st October at 10am at St John the Baptist Church. May She Rest in Peace

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, Jayveer Grewal, Peter Powell, Anthony Price, Frank Dsouza, Michael Warner and José Luis Cabanas.

Those who have died recently especially Molly Sullivan, and Mary Porinchu, 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.*