



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 29th September 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 Br Anthony

As Catholics we believe Christ is manifest to the world in and through the Church. Our readings this Sunday however remind us not to impose limits on how and through whom God can act. In the first reading the spirit of prophesy is given to Eldad and Medad, who had not been present when some of the spirit given to Moses was shared with the other elders, and in the Gospel a man not known to the followers of Christ uses the name of Jesus to cast out devils.

There is a lesson perhaps here for us - to notice, welcome and celebrate how God acts through our many Christian brothers and sisters in this City and beyond, as well as in people of other faiths and non, who seek the truth and are working for the common good. Our parish is very blessed to participate in initiatives such as with Citizens UK and Christian Action Brighton in which we collaborate with others who share such a vision.

Saturday Sanctuary

5th October from 10.10am to 12.10pm.

Take a short break and join the monks next Saturday morning in the Fitz at SJB for some Benedictine insights for daily living and to enjoy a little time to meet others, to pray in silence and to reflect.



Reminder! International Lunch this Sunday at St Joseph's Hall

All parishioners and friends are invited our lunch this Sunday! 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. We hope to see you!

NEWS & EVENTS



Adoration, Reflection, & Music at St Joseph's

Next Friday, 4th October 6:45pm-7:45 pm

Join us for an evening of Adoration, Reflection, & Music—an opportunity to spend time in God's presence, experience healing, and deepen your encounter with Christ.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest - Friday 4 October

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Second Collection is Sunday, 6th Oct - By Dona, envelope, or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

50th Anniversary of the Abbey Church of Our Lady, Help of Christians, at Worth

The Abbot and Community of Worth Abbey invite you to join us for Mass in celebration of our Patronal Feast Day, Our Lady Help of Christians, at **11.00am on Saturday 12th October.** Mass will be followed by a reception.

The Mass on 12th October begins a year of celebration for the **50th anniversary of the Abbey Church of Our Lady Help of Christians at Worth.** *RSVP by Wednesday 9th October 2024 to Kelly O'Hara kohara@worth.org.uk*



Come & help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Lourdes Pilgrimage

Saturday 26th October 2024 from 2.00pm to 3.45pm at Worth Abbey

This is an opportunity to raise your voice to sing some Lourdes favourites alongside other Pilgrims from across the 50 years. There will be raffle, refreshments and sales stalls. Entry is free - donations to the Pilgrimage welcome on the day. For more details and to let us know you are coming along, click here [Lourdes Pilgrimage Anniversary Big Sing](#) or contact the Parish Office.

Update from the Mud Run for Madagascar: We did ToughMudder and survived!

The experience was incredible. We have now raised just over £12k. You can see videos [here](#) and [here](#) and our [team photo - before the run!](#)

There is still a chance for people to donate if you would like to. The JustGiving page will remain open until the first week of October - : [JustGiving - Mud Run for Madagascar 2024](#)

Thank you for your support and prayers! Many children in Madagascar will benefit from all this work.

The Catholic Parish in Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven

Behold the inheritance of the Lord are children: the reward, the fruit of the womb'

Psalms 127: 3

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales continues to be seriously concerned about the implications of the current two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families.

The bishops have consistently argued that the policy has been undermining the financial security of families with three or more children. Such families often have no choice but to make claims for Universal Credit as a result of common, but unpredictable, life events, such as job loss or the onset of disability.

The majority of families affected by the two-child policy are working families. In challenging times, the cap can prompt families to make difficult decisions about having new pregnancies rather than rightly valuing every new life as sacred and a blessing.

Bishop Richard Moth said: "I hope that Catholics in England and Wales will take this matter seriously, will pray for a just outcome of this review and will contact their Member of Parliament to make their feelings known."

This is a matter of principle backed by Catholic Social Teaching - see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cst-two-child-cap/>

Annual Mass Count The Annual headcount began last weekend and continues for the next three weekends - so you can expect to see someone walking around during mass ... counting!

The Parish Office is closed on Monday as staff attend a day in the Diocesan Offices for admin teams. We are back to our usual Opening Hours on Wednesday from 930am—1pm. Thanks!

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

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!

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.

SATURDAY SANCTUARY - 5th October A morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer & silence 10:10am-12:10pm.

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



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](#)

For more information about First Holy Communion, Proclaim, Messy Church or any queries about the Family & Children's Ministry contact Julia Wingfield at families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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

It has been a busy and exciting week at SJB. We have had OFSTED for two days which was a positive experience, with the children, staff and parents proudly showing off our wonderful school.

We have also had lots of trips with Y3 going to do a mummification workshop, year 4 having a Stone Age workshop (both at Brighton Museum) and years 5 and 6 visiting Jubilee library.

We have put up our gold flag for achieving the gold status eco-award (only school in the country who received this!).
Carly Carden, Headteacher

September 2025 - School Open Days!

St Josephs: Monday 14th October 2024 with tours at 9.30 a.m. 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Call the School Office on 01273 556607 to book. Please call the office if you can't make this and we can arrange another time to visit!

St John the Baptist: Tuesday 5th November at 2:00pm and **Thursday 14th November at 6:00pm**. Contact the School Office on 01273 607924 for more information.

Year 7 - Cardinal Newman Catholic School - Thursday 24th October Daytime Tours at 9:15, 11:15 & 12:15 (book online) **and Open Evening 4-6.30pm** - see www.cncs.co.uk for more information

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 28th September		
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	4:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 30th September	St Jerome	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Pauline Kennedy RIP (<i>Steve Kennedy</i>)
Tuesday 1st October	St Thérèse of Lisieux	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Requiem Mass	Mary (Molly) Sullivan RIP
St Joseph's	1:30pm Requiem Mass	Ian Burton RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Wednesday 2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Moya Ashurst RIP (<i>Graham Vincent</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Alan Ray Judowin RIP
Thursday 3rd October		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Hosie Family - Living & Deceased (<i>Chris Payne</i>)
Friday 4th October	St Francis of Assisi - Harvest Fast Day	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mrs Gasquet RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rev F Edwards & AC Edwards RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:45—7:45pm Adoration Reflection & Music	
Saturday 5th October	St Faustina Kowalska	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Kathleen (<i>J Murphy</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Winifred Green RIP (<i>From all the family</i>)
Sunday 6th October	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Doris - Intentions & Thanksgiving
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	5:00pm Adoration and Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Pat Brady RIP

Sr Pius Brady RIP

Parishioners will be sad to hear of the death of Sr Pius, who died peacefully on 17th September. Sr Pius came to Brighton in 1995 and volunteered for many years at St Anne's Day Centre and in the Parish Soup Kitchen. 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-Kozłowska, 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 Sr Pius, Molly Sullivan, and Ian Burton, 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.*