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



Christ the King (B) 24th November 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 many ways you can get involved! See our website www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Aidan



The final Sunday of the liturgical year before we enter Advent is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In the Chamonix valley, facing the Mont Blanc massif, there is a 25m tall concrete statue of Christ the King. The statue is in a commanding location, it is a bold and confident statement. And there are other imposing statues of Christ the King around the world – Rio de Janeiro being the most well-known.

This feast, like the statue, is itself a bold and confident statement. It was instituted by Pope Pius 11th in 1925 at time when Europe was still suffering in the aftermath of World War I, Europe was broken and injured and there was a rise of secularism, anti-clericalism, communism and fascism. These "isms" were offering human solutions to society's problems.

We live in just as troubled times. Climate change has brought about receding glaciers, loss of biodiversity, floods, heat waves and droughts. There are two wars on the very doorstep of Europe, a polarised nation in America. And across the globe we see great humanitarian need - famine, refugees, migrants. There is even more reason to re-affirm today that it is Christ's Kingship we serve and in his name we work to heal our broken world.

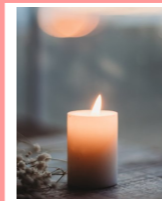
In our own corner of the globe in Brighton we try to live out the truth of God's love and as subjects of the King share his concern for truth and have a part to play in *loving others and serving our city*. Our parish commitment to *CitizensUK* and campaigning, the parish foodbank and the opportunities afforded by the Fitz Hub are some of the ways we can serve our King.



Special Vespers for Christ the King
Sunday 24 Nov at 5:00pm at St John the Baptist
Join us for Special Vespers - a service of Psalms and readings - for Christ the King with the Monks and Abbot Mark. Followed by refreshments in the FCH.



ADVENT



Prepare a Way for the Lord – an Advent retreat Saturday 7th December, 10am to 4pm

Before you get too immersed in preparations for Christmas, we invite you to spend some time in prayer and reflection, preparing to welcome Christ more fully into your lives.

Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided.

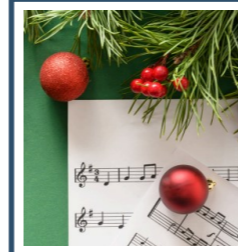
Book your place(s) via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone 07444 802368.

Young adults are invited to "Waiting in Wonder" an Advent retreat at Worth Abbey Friday 6th - Sunday 8th December.

Hear inspiring talks from the monks, have time for discussion and friendship, enjoy space and silence for reflection, pray the psalms with the monastic community, soak in the beauty of the Sussex countryside, and invite God to transform your heart as we begin this beautiful season of Advent. Prayer / talks by the monks / reflection / friendship

Cost: £78 - £156 (unwaged) / £156 (waged)

To book: www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme and for more info: retreats@worth.org.uk / 01342 710318



Sussex Emergency Services Carol Service - 2024 Mon, 2 December 7 - 9pm

Come join us for a heartwarming evening of carols and festive cheer at **St Peter's Church**, York Place, BN1 4GU

The Christian Police and Fire Network are hosting this special event to bring Sussex Emergency Services and friends together to remember the reason for the season.

Mark your calendars and spread the word! [Click here to book](#)

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Christmas Party!

Our Parish Christmas Party is on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at St Joseph's Hall—**more details to follow!**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

An Invitation to Baptism

The next baptism preparation course is starting in December, for parents/carers of babies and younger children, preparing for baptism in February 2025. For more information contact Julia Wingfield on families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk or [click here to fill in the application form](#)



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Messy Church events during Advent

Messy Church is a Christ-centred family event for our community to come together to eat, make friends, get creative in activities that don't involve a screen, and learn more about Jesus in a relaxed, messy environment. Messy Church is the kind of event that you could invite your grandparents, friends and neighbours to "come and see", so do bring a friend!

The next Messy Church is on **Sunday 1st December, 12.30 - 2 pm at St Joseph's Hall**. For the first Sunday of Advent, we will be looking at prophecies about Jesus' birth and the beautiful names of Jesus.

Messy Church Christmas! St John the Baptist church! We are excited to announce our first Messy Church event in the Fitzherbert Community Hub on Sunday 22nd December at 12.45 pm.

Youth Alpha

Our youth group Proclaim is running a Youth Alpha course for young people aged 12-17 continues at **6.30 - 8 pm on the 2 December** at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. This course is ideal for any young person who is considering preparing for 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, or if you have any other queries about the Children & Family Ministry email Julia families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk.**

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 Rd - 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.

Catenians - a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For more information see www.sussexcatenians.org




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, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am
Vespers (Evening Prayer): Wed - 6pm; Sat, Sun - 5pm. **Special Vespers for Christ the King - Sun 24 Nov**

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

SATURDAY SANCTUARY 7 December - Advent Day of Reflection for fellowship, reflection, prayer & silence

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



Oppose Assisted Suicide - ACT NOW



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the bishops urge Catholics and those who share our belief in the dignity and value of every human life, to contact their local MP to make their opposition known, asking him or her to oppose or not support the Bill.

The Bishops' are also calling on Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

In Bishop Richard's Pastoral Letter last week, he asked us to come together in Prayer on Friday and so we will have an hour of Adoration after the 9:30am Mass at SJB and for 30 mins after the 6:30pm Mass at St Joseph's.

[CLICK HERE find out more about by reading the Bishops' Conference Statement and you will find more resources and a link to contact your MP now.](#)

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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

Remembrance Day We had a beautiful Remembrance Day service where we gathered together to remember those who sacrificed their lives. The children stood quietly, listening to the gentle notes of Mrs Pelling on the clarinet as she played *The Last Post*. Each class laid a handmade poppy wreath around a central memorial and Fr Gabriel and then year 6 children, led us in prayer. We ended with a minute's silence, remembering and paying respects to the courage and sacrifices of the past and present.

Anti-Bullying Week We spent last week learning all about bullying and how we can 'choose respect'. We started with National Odd Socks Day where we celebrated all of our unique differences.

Sports We took 26 year 4, 5 and 6 children to the cross-country championships at Waterhall last Wednesday. It was a beautiful day where children competed against all of the Brighton and Hove schools in a gruelling 2km race. We were so proud of all of our runners who ran brilliantly and most still had a smile on their face when they finished!

Many Blessings, Carly Carden, Headteacher

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 23rd November		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Juan Jose Fraj (<i>Maria Simons</i>)
Sunday 24th November		
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Claramma Varghese (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	5:00pm Special Vespers for Christ the King followed by refreshments (more info inside)	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Skimantas Janilionis RIP (<i>Rosie Bairwal</i>)
Monday 25th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Fred & Rita Gomez RIP (<i>Fenwick Family</i>)
Tuesday 26th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	All Saints & Angels (<i>Juanita Fernandes</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rhoda Nkemdeme RIP (<i>Juliet Nkemdeme</i>)
Wednesday 27th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Barbara Sambucci RIP (<i>JA Sambucci</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Deceased family of Maria DC Cabanas - RIP
Thursday 28th November		
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 29th November		
Both masses are followed by Adoration - see inside for more details		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Adoration	Deceased and Bereaved of St John the Baptist
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass followed by Adoration	Deceased and Bereaved of St Joseph's
Saturday 30th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Chinamma Antony RIP (<i>Jojo & family</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Margaret Guy
Sunday 1st December		
First Sunday of Advent		
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	Deceased family of Maria Del Carmen Cabanas - RIP
St John the Baptist	5:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Nick Fenwick -Intentions (<i>Chris Payne</i>)

Mass for the Deceased and Bereaved Parishioners of our Parish

The masses at each Church on Friday 29th November will be for the Deceased and Bereaved Parishioners. Masses are at 9:30am at SJB and 6:00pm at St Joseph's (tea & coffee after the 6pm Mass). May they Rest in Peace.

Second Collection this weekend for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

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

Those who have died recently Shereen Reid, 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.*