



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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



**First Sunday in Advent (C) 1<sup>st</sup> December 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](http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk) for more opportunities.

### Message from Fr Kieron



As winter arrives and another turbulent year, nationally and internationally, draws to a close, the beginning of Advent marks a new start for the Church. We begin this Season with a New Lectionary, so the readings at Mass will sound a little different.

With a different translation of the text, we need to pay particular attention to what we are reading and hearing, but then, Advent is always a time when the scriptures speak to us powerfully about the mystery of God. As well as being a good antidote to the commercial mayhem which is about to be unleashed, this season provides us with a time of reflection, not just about the first coming of the Saviour, but also, his second coming. In fact the first weeks of Advent concentrate on being prepared to meet the Lord again.

As we get closer to Christmas, the focus moves on to the historical coming of Christ, so that we can be better prepared for the Feast itself. Throughout Advent we are invited to listen more deeply to God's Word; to press the *reset* button on our lives and to celebrate Reconciliation.

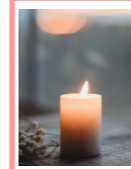
This Season does not have the penitential flavour of Lent, but it does mark a change of emphasis. We can all look forward to Christmas in some way, but in Advent we prepare for much more; we look forward in hope to the triumph of eternal glory, which starts with the birth of a child.

### Parish Christmas Party!

Our Parish Christmas Party is on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at St Joseph's Hall  
**Please bring a plate of finger food to share (savoury if possible) and your dancing shoes.... DJ David Miller will bring the music!**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## ADVENT



### Prepare a Way for the Lord – an Advent retreat Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 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 via [brightonmonks@worth.org.uk](mailto:brightonmonks@worth.org.uk) or phone 07444 802368.

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

Hear inspiring talks from the monks, have time for discussion and friendship, enjoy space & 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](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme) and for more info: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) / 01342 710318



### Eucharistic Healing Service - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3 - 4.15pm - All Welcome

**St Mary Magdalen, Upper North Street, BN1 3FH** (parking available on school playground off Spring Street) A time of prayer, reflection & music. Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves.

### Adoration, Reflection, Music and our Advent Reconciliation service

St Josephs - Friday 13th December - 6:45-7:45. Everyone is very welcome!

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

*St Joseph's*

**Christmas Eve**

6:00pm Family Mass  
10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night

**Christmas Day**

11:00am Mass of Christmas Day



*St John the Baptist*

**Christmas Eve**

10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night

**Christmas Day**

9:00am Mass of Christmas Day  
11:00am Mass of Christmas Day

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES



East Brighton Catholic Parish

### 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! **Messy Church is THIS Sunday 1 Dec, 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](mailto:families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk).**

### Christmas Eve Family Mass with carols and a crib.

The children are invited to dress up as angels or shepherds.  
6pm on 24th December at St Joseph's church.



### Coming in 2025.....

We will have a celebration mass for all those baptised this year on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday 12th January. We also have a Parenting for Faith Group starting on 15th January. More info to come....

# 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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


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





**Carolling for a cause! Make A Child Happy This Christmas Project.**  
**Join us at the Fitzherbert Community Hub on Sun 15 Dec 12 - 2pm**

We aim to bring joy to children from underprivileged communities in one community in the Philippines. For the past 14 years, this project has been a beacon of hope and happiness during the holiday season, bringing together children and volunteers for a meaningful celebration of Christmas. Featuring the Hearts & Voices Band. You can also donate using the QR code!



## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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

We were so proud of our choir, who sang beautifully during Sunday's Feast of Christ the King. Their rendition of *Christus Vincit* during Holy Communion was truly moving. At the conclusion of the Mass, the congregation rewarded them with a rapturous round of applause! As a special treat the next day, the children were invited to help Mrs. Foan prepare a Christmas pudding during assembly, embracing the Victorian traditions of Stir-up Sunday, which coincides with the feast of Christ the King. Using 13 ingredients, symbolising Jesus and the apostles, they stirred, mixed, and even tasted their creation. Most agreed it was absolutely delicious!

**Year 4's Visit to Brighton Museum** As part of their History theme, "Roman Rule," Year 4 embarked on a fascinating visit to Brighton Museum. The children explored life in Roman Brighton, investigated the death of a local Roman-era woman, and learned about life before Roman rule. Highlights included examining Roman artefacts up close, bringing history to life in an exciting way.

**Year 3 and the Stone Age Farm Visit** Year 3 took a step back in time with their visit to a local farm, complementing their studies of the Stone Age. The children learned about the significance of farming as a primary food source during that era and gained hands-on experience, including how to raise chickens. Surrounded by nature and farm animals, the day was both educational and enjoyable.

**Looking Ahead: Consultation Meeting** In these uncertain times, we are striving to keep everything as normal as possible for our children, even as we face the concerns surrounding the proposed closure of our beloved school. We ask for your prayers and support as we walk this path together. Please join us for a special **Consultation Meeting** with the diocese on **Thursday, 5th December, at 6pm** in our school hall.

Let us come together in unity, guided by faith, as we seek God's will for our school community. To book your attendance, visit <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/wvagg2g> as soon as possible.

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support during this challenging time.

Every Blessing, *Gill Foan*, Headteacher

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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 30th November</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Margaret Guy
<b>Sunday 1st December</b>		
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>		
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> )
<b>Monday 2nd December</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Helena Spencer RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
<b>Tuesday 3rd December</b>		
<b>St Francis Xavier</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Barbara Lewis
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Kitty ( <i>Anna</i> )
<b>Wednesday 4th December</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Sr MC Heatherington RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Private Intentions
<b>Thursday 5th December</b>		
St Joseph's	No Mass	
<b>Friday 6th December</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Anna Roselli RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Arthur Henry Magennis RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
<b>Saturday 7th December</b>		
<b>St Ambrose</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Charles & my deceased family RIP ( <i>J Murphy</i> )
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mr & Mrs Joseph & Josephine Okafor RIP ( <i>Sr Rose Okafor</i> )
<b>Sunday 8th December</b>		
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
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	David Patrick O'Sullivan RIP ( <i>Paul O'Sullivan</i> )
<b>St John the Baptist</b>	5:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	John Murray RIP ( <i>M Murray</i> )



**MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS**

Can anyone in with a red box please bring it in and leave in the sacristy by 8 December so Brian (St Joseph's) and Willanie (SJB) can bank the money. If gift aided put name in the box and take an empty box. Thank you.

### 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, José Luis Cabanas and Laurie Garlington.

Those who have died recently especially 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.