



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

The Baptism of the Lord (C) 12th January 2025

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 Gabriel

This Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is one of the three great signs, along with the visit of the wise men and the wedding at Cana, revealing Jesus to be the Son of God that were traditionally celebrated at the epiphany. In today's feast we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus and God's confirming words "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

This should make us reflect on our own baptism and the fact that we are now children of God as well. We are loved by God and nothing can take that away. We are called, however, to live out our Christian discipleship with this great gift in mind in such a way that we don't presume on it but rather are able to hear the words 'with you I am well pleased.'

The other part of the gospel that we should hold in our minds as we live this out is John the Baptist's response to the expectant people who were wondering if he was the Christ. He had the clarity and self-awareness and humility to be able to say "I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." We are called to point to Christ not to ourselves. Yes, we might be doing very good things and proclaiming the gospel well, and receiving people's praise and acknowledgment, however if we become the focus then we obscure Christ rather than highlight him. Our goal is to do all these things for the glory of God.

MONKS
IN THE CITY

Monks in the City - Season 5
See inside for dates and times for our Spring programme



NEWS & EVENTS

Weekly Adoration at St John the Baptist

Bishop Richard has asked all parishes to have weekly Adoration dedicated to prayer for the Diocesan Plan in which each Deanery develops into a moderated parish. Currently there is Adoration each Friday at St Mary Magdalen Church 5.30 to 6.30pm.

There will be Adoration at St John the Baptist Church every Saturday at 5.25pm followed by the 6pm Vigil Mass. You are warmly invited to attend.

Please note: This will replace Adoration with Vespers on Sundays.



Vespers in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 19th January, 4pm Monks in the City at St. John the Baptist church 2 Bristol Rd, Kemptown In this week (18 to 25 January). Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21).

Monks in the City invite you to join them especially this year when we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. During the Vespers service of hymns, psalms, readings and prayers, we will reaffirm the Nicene Creed and Bishop Lindsay Urwin will preach.

Followed by light refreshments

Parish Food Bank—Thank you for your support in 2024!

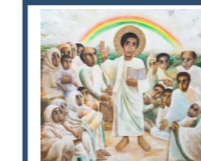
The Parish foodbank is open from the SJB presbytery (front office) from 1030am-1130am on Mondays. We are still asking for donations from parishioners to be brought to Sunday mass: eggs, fresh fruit and veg, general food bank supplies (tins etc), and strong carrier bags. If you would like to donate to the Foodbank Fund you can do this here: [Parish Donations Page](#)



Thank you for all your support & donations, And of course, a massive thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with CAFOD, 18 January, 10.30am-12pm (online)

Join Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission for CBCEW; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa - with music from Catholic band Ooberfuse. [Click here](#) to register for your free place.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Parenting for Faith - starts this week!

A new Parenting For Faith group is meeting online on **Wednesday 15th January, 7.30 - 8.30 pm.** This is monthly gathering for parents, carers, grandparents and godparents. Pour yourself a drink, get comfortable on the sofa, and join us for an hour of sharing, input, discussion and prayer about how we can grow our faith and pass it on to our children. This is the link for the meeting is <https://calendar.app.google/KgYcEhUXtsS8DKx57>



East Brighton
Catholic Parish

Messy Church

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. *Invite your grandparents, friends & neighbours to "come & see"!*

Our next dates for Messy Church are:

St Joseph's Hall from 12.30 - 2 pm on **Sun 19 Jan** and **Sun 9 Feb.** Fitzherbert Community Hub (next to SJB Church) from 12.45 - 2.15 pm on **Sun 26 Jan & Sun 2 Mar**

Contact families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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

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.

Tuesday Evenings Join us online at 7:30 on <https://zoom.us/j/9616167652> ID: 961 6167 6521

Praise and Worship Group NEW DAY! Now meeting Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm. 6 Wellington Rd- all welcome!

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

Monks in the City - Season 5 dates and times

SATURDAY SANCTUARY - Next Date 1 Feb!

1 Feb, 1 Mar, 29 Mar, 5 Apr A morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence. 10.10am - 12.10pm. What can St Benedict's instructions to the Guest master, Infirmarian and Prior teach us? 5 April is a Lent Retreat Day, 10.10am - 4pm.

MONK TALKS

18 Feb, 18 Mar 6pm Evening Prayer, 6.30pm simple supper, 7pm talk.

18 Feb - "Humility" Fr Richard Carter, Associate Vicar of St Martin in the Fields and Leader of the Nazareth Community

18 Mar - "A Spiral Staircase: the ever-deepening journey of conversion" Abbot Mark Barrett, Abbot of Worth

PRAY WITH US

Morning Prayer at 9am: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat

Evening Prayer at 6pm: Mon, Tue, Wed; & 5pm on Sat & Sun

MIDDAY STILLNESS - From 17 Jan to 11 Apr

An hour of music, prayer and reflection

Every Friday, 12 noon to 1pm

SPECIAL VESPERS:

Ecumenical Vespers Sunday 19 January - 4pm

in the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* (18-25 Jan)

Special Vespers for the Solemnity of St Benedict

Friday 21 March - 6pm



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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

As we start the new year, there's a different feeling in our wonderful family school. St. Joseph's is even smaller now, as families have understandably made the difficult decision to move their children to another primary school ahead of the close of the consultation period and the announcements about our school's future.

However, there are benefits to smaller classes! For example, we can fit an entire class on a minibus, creating more opportunities to extend learning beyond the four walls of the classroom.

On Monday, Fr. Gabriel joined us to celebrate the Epiphany. The snow, though beautiful from our vantage point here at Hollingdean, caused chaos for some parents and staff, with many abandoning cars and walking home! Even today, we're still in the grip of the Big Freeze.

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we have created prayers and wish to share this with you:

Bless St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, a vibrant and diverse community where children from many backgrounds come together, united by faith, hope, and love. We acknowledge the worth of each child, each family, and all those who contribute to the life of our school. May our differences strengthen our bond as one family, and may Your guidance lead us toward a future filled with love, kindness, and the values of the Gospel.

Wishing all our parishioners a happy and blessed New Year.

Gill Foan, Headteacher

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 11th January		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Vigil Mass of the Epiphany	Celia McGrath's Intentions
Sunday 12th January		
The Baptism of the Lord		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with First Holy Communion Children & Families	Helena McLaughlan RIP - Anniversary (<i>T Roberts</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	5:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Private Intention
Monday 13th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	John McCumiskey RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 14th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	James - Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Deceased Members (RIP) of Maria del Carmen Cabanas
Wednesday 15th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Sr M Raphael RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Ramon & Evangelina RIP (<i>Maria Del Carmen Cabanas</i>)
Thursday 16th January		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Daniel & Mary Fielding RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Friday 17th January		
St Anthony		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ernie Harper RIP (<i>Maria & Iain</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Helen Carrolan RIP
Saturday 18th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Aldona Cebula RIP (<i>Paul Placzek</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	5:25pm Adoration dedicated to prayer for the Diocesan Plan - <i>new time</i>	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th January		
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Chacko Davesia (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with First Holy Communion Children & Families	Noreen Geelan RIP (<i>Geraldine O'Sullivan</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Keith Holmwood RIP (<i>William Holmwood / Carola Vieira</i>)

Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to have someone to talk to?

Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact Fr Kieron if you would like to speak to one of our team.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Maria Rigby, Moira Hall, 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, Laurie Garlington and Helen Symmons.

Those who have died recently especially Tony Wallace, Diwata Diokno 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.