



# 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 Epiphany of the Lord (C) 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

## 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



The journey of the Magi, or wise men, not only gives us the first Epiphany of Jesus as Saviour of all nations, but we can learn from the journey itself in three ways. Firstly, the wise men followed a star, they had a vision and they stuck with it; secondly they came bearing gifts and thirdly, they returned by a different route - they were willing to change their plans.

As we begin 2025, an important year for our Local Church, we need to be united around our vision for what our Parish and our Diocese can be like. We should not be afraid to dream big and if our dreams seem too ambitious, we should remember that the vision of the star gave the wise men their direction of travel; they never really intended to actually reach the star. Our sense of vision is about holding God's Kingdom front and centre and seeing where that leads us.

We should also be aware of the gifts we all bring to this venture, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but the call to discipleship that we received through our Baptism. The wise men brought their gifts to the Christ Child, we offer ours for the Mission of the Church.

Also, like the wise men, sometimes we too need to be ready to change our plans so that God's will can be done and his Kingdom can be served. The wise men show us that being willing to change can be a good thing - for them it was a life - saver !

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Adoration night, Friday 10th January, 6:45 - 7:45pm (after 6pm mass.)**



Join us for an evening of Adoration, reflection, and live music - an opportunity to spend time in God's presence, experience healing, and deepen your encounter with Christ

Everyone is welcome! You are free to come for as long or as short time as you would like to. Confessions are available. We hope you can join us!

### 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.

**From Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January each week there will be Adoration at St John the Baptist Church 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.*



### Crib Collection—the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local disadvantaged families facing severe hardship due to the cost-of-living crisis. Through their A&B Crisis Fund, CCS is providing immediate practical support to families in need. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Crisis Fund to support local families in need - in the past, our parish has requested assistance for several families this year and have received support each time. **You can donate at the Crib, the contactless or [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)**



### 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.**



### Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee - something which happens every 25 years - with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The Jubilee will offer people across our global family of faith an important opportunity to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. In order for everyone to share in the celebration of the Holy Year, the following diocesan churches have been designated as special places of pilgrimage, where Holy Year Indulgences may be gained.

**Arundel Cathedral Arundel      Worth Abbey, Crawley      St Joseph's, Guildford**

### CCRS - South - beginning Tuesday 14 January 2025 at CNCS

The CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) will be run at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.45pm. Each module (5 sessions) will be delivered over a term and the course will complete in 2 academic years. There is a £20 registration fee which enables us to register you with the national administrator of this course. Additionally, £30 is charged for each of the 8 modules. This may be paid by the student, or they may be sponsored by their school/parish. Teachers, TAs, Catechists and anyone wishing to develop their understanding of the Faith are welcome. Register your place here <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### 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](mailto:sg1.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk) & Julia Murray Logue, SJB [sg2.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](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** will take a break for Christmas and will resume on 7th January


**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): Mon to Wed - 6pm; Sat & Sun - 5pm.

LECTIO DIVINA **resumes this week** and is every Wednesday, 8-9 pm Join online here or see our website.

MIDDAY STILLNESS **resumes Fri 17 Jan**, then every Friday for an hour of music, prayer & reflection in SJB from 12-1pm.



## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Children's liturgies will return at the 11 am mass this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January, the Feast of the Epiphany.



### Sunday 12th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

On this day we celebrate the newest members of our church communities and invite all those who have been baptised over the past year to join us for mass at **11 am** in both St Joseph's church and St John the Baptist church. There will be a gathering for coffee, tea & cake afterwards.



### Parenting for Faith

A new Parenting For Faith group is meeting online on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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>



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### 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](mailto:families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

# CONTACT DETAILS

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All enquiries about Baptism, First Holy Communion, Messy Church etc

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**Parish Office** (Mon, Wed & Fri, 9:30 - 13:00)

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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 4th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Vigil Mass of the Epiphany	Oola & Norma Osborne RIP
<b>Sunday 5th January</b>		
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Mariyamma Joseph RIP ( <i>Sheena Antony</i> )
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Derrick Martin Oswald RIP
St John the Baptist	5:00pm Adoration with Evening Prayer	
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 6th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Maura Reynolds—Intentions ( <i>Martin Reynolds</i> )
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Charles Morgan RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 8th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Pastoral Plan of the Diocese
St Joseph's	No Mass	
<b>Thursday 9th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	No Mass	
<b>Friday 10th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Helen Symmons
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Brendan Wynn RIP
St Joseph's	6:45 - 7:45pm Adoration, Reflection and Music.	
<b>Saturday 11th January</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Bridget McNeal ( <i>Martin</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	Celia McGrath's Intentions
<b>Sunday 12th January</b>		
<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>		
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 Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Private Intention

### 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.*