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



Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) 6th April 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

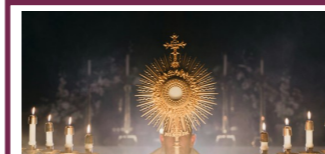
Today our Gospel speaks of the woman caught in the act of adultery. Setting aside the machinations of the scribes and Pharisees to catch Jesus out, we are offered two interconnected thoughts to reflect on. The first is the overwhelming generosity of our God, and the second is our need to recognise our own sinfulness when we become too righteous in condemning others.

God is Love and he has not come to condemn but to redeem humanity. Jesus was the only one who had the right and ability to condemn the woman but he does not. He calls us to reform our lives but he puts aside the just punishment that we might otherwise expect. We really need to grasp this beautiful truth at the heart of our faith, that God will always receive us back no matter what we have done, indeed he will seek us out so that we might be saved. That was what the whole incarnation was about. We are called to imitate this same love in our interactions with others.

We are also called to be aware that we are not God, we are not without sin ourselves. Therefore, we need to see that we do not have the right or ability to condemn others without condemning ourselves at the same time. We need to live out the Lords prayer '...forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.' What we do to others is what we will receive ourselves and I am sure that you all want to receive Gods forgiveness.



Stations of the Cross Join us for the Stations of the Cross at SJB, Friday's at 8pm. During Lent Adoration at SJB will be on Saturday mornings from 10-11am.



Adoration Night - St Joseph's, Friday 11th April

Join us from 6:45 - 7:45pm for an evening of encounter, healing and peace. Confessions available.



Holy Week in our Parish

HOLY WEEK

On Holy Thursday there will be a Mass of the Lord's Supper in both churches at **8.00pm** with the *washing of the feet*. On Good Friday we will have the Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord in both churches at **3.00pm** with an integrated Liturgy of the Word for Children at St Joseph's.

The Easter Vigil is a celebration for *the whole Parish*, at **8.00 pm at St John the Baptist**. Once again this gives us an opportunity for parishioners from all over East Brighton to experience the Vigil together, it also means that we can share our resources to enable a richer celebration of the Liturgy.

There will be an extra Mass on Easter Sunday Morning at 9.00am at BOTH churches, and the usual 11:00am Masses but no Sunday evening Mass.



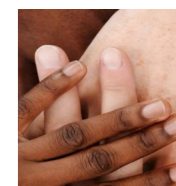
Joint Prayer Night

There is a **Joint prayer night**, on **Wednesday 23rd April** at the start of the summer term, a chance to come together and pray for our city.

It will be at St Peters, starting at 7:30pm - finishing by 9pm. (Doors will be open from 7pm.)

Mass for Migrants: Celebrated by Bishop Richard, 11 May 5.30pm at St Joseph's

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is hosting a special Mass for Migrants on Sunday 11 May at 5:30pm in recognition of the valuable contribution they make to the life and mission of the Catholic Church and wider society. The Mass will celebrate how our diocesan community has been enriched by migration, and the difference that migrants make to wider society. Followed by refreshments at St Josephs



Bishop Richard's Pastoral Letter for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

[Click here](#) to read Bishop Richard's Pastoral Letter for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

You can also watch here: <https://vimeo.com/1069872893> and there are copies at the back of each church.

Oppose Assisted Suicide

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Also, to let you know, Right to Life is distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject.

For more resources on opposing assisted suicide click here: www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Parish Foodbank - Donations Needed - Thank you for your support!

The foodbank is open **Mondays, 10:30-11:30am** at the SJB presbytery (front office). Please bring donations to Sunday Mass: Eggs, fresh fruit & veg, tins, dry goods, strong bags. **Please remember! We can't store refrigerated food—please don't bring anything that needs a fridge!** To donate to the **Foodbank Fund**, [click here](#).

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

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church on the Dona device or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/84005968178>

Praise and Worship Group TUESDAY evenings, 7-8pm. 6 Wellington Rd- all welcome! Contact 07833 614205

Wednesday Evening Perpetual Novena Every Wednesday at 4:00pm at SJB Church

Thursday Morning Group From 10am-12pm for discussion, learning & friendship. <https://zoom.us/j/93447165852>

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



PRAY WITH US

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

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

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

MIDDAY STILLNESS – Every Friday, 12noon - 1pm
An hour of music, prayer and reflection **Until 11 Apr**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Our Proclaim youth group is celebrating the Church's Jubilee of Teenagers and the Canonization of Carlo Acutis on 27th April 2025 with a special pilgrimage from St John the Baptist & St Joseph's churches after the 11 am mass. We are planning to walk as a group from the church to the shrine of Carlo Acutis at St Peter's Church in Hove. We will also be raising money to support two of our youth group members to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in the summer. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, or would like to sponsor our young pilgrims to do the walk, please speak to Julia Wingfield families.eastrbighton@abdiocese.org.uk



Parents' and toddlers' Parish Group A few parents with babies/toddlers have begun getting together regularly **For more info contact Julia by email** families.eastrbighton@abdiocese.org.uk

Parenting For Faith Online Parish Group meets Wednesday 7 - 8 pm for discussions on our faith journey, how to pass on the faith to our children, prayer and mutual support. Join here: <https://meet.google.com/bfk-hzcu-ckj>

Click here for more details about our Children's & Families Ministry
or contact Julia - families.eastrbighton@abdiocese.org.uk

An opportunity for our young parishioners to learn to play music!



On **Wednesday 9th April from 4-6pm**, New Generation Jazz will be offering a free introduction to music for kids at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, to find out more, see: www.newgenerationjazz.co.uk/festivals/rhythm-tree.

If you want your child to have fun and be creative, please register with eddie.myer@googlemail.com.

The sessions are aimed at kids from 8-14 years old. Anyone in this age range who wants to join in will be welcome - no musical abilities are necessary and you don't have to know how to play an instrument.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5th April		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th April		
Fifth Sunday of Lent - Third Scrutiny		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with First Holy Communion Children & families	For Pope Francis
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Peter Ghazal RIP - 1st Anniversary (<i>Jean Ghazal</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Mary Kate & George Henry, Theresa Denyer & Simon RIP (<i>Mary Murray</i>)
Monday 7th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ciss Moran RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am Requiem Mass	Theresa Dempsey RIP
Tuesday 8th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Delia Moran RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Albert & Edward Clinch RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 9th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	John Pollard RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass followed	MM Le Maitre (<i>Foundation</i>)
Thursday 10th April		
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 11th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	For Our Priests
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rev HMM Evans RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:45-7:45pm Adoration and Confessions	
St John the Baptist	8:00pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 12th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Valsamma Sebastian & Paily Mathai (<i>Sinaj Paul</i>)
St John the Baptist	10:00-11:00am Adoration dedicated to prayer for the Diocesan Plan	
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Formation of the new Parish
Sunday 13th April		
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Maureen
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Paul & Jonathan Wright RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Moira Hall, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Marie Clare, Ian Tinlin, Ewa Knebloch-Kozlowska, Barbara Garlington, Mary Howes, Maria Rigby, Phil McGrandles, Gordon Murray, Claire Ashenden, Sue Bonner, Martin Reynolds, Toni Bonner, Chris Pedroza, Shannon Grewal, Janet Alan, Jayveer Grewal, Michael Warner, Anthony Warner and Pete Weston. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently, 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.