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



Palm Sunday (C) 13th April 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 for more opportunities.

Holy Week



In the midst of what is for many, just another working week, we are challenged as Christians to live these few days in a manner which will allow Holy Week to live up to its name.

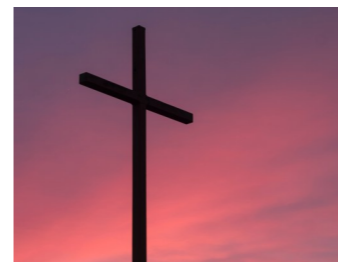
We start with Palm Sunday when the mood of the liturgy changes dramatically from the celebratory atmosphere of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the solemn and thought-provoking reading of the Passion. The hymns of praise and palm-waving give way to the contemplation of suffering and death...but as the events of the week unfold, we gradually discover anew that it is not a death without hope.

What we do from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday: The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday marks the end of Lent and beginning of the most sacred three days of our calendar. The liturgical celebration stretches from Holy Thursday night until very late on Holy Saturday Night like a seamless robe. Effectively all this time constitutes one continuous ritual and we are invited not just to be in church at the appointed times but also to give the in-between times a special quality. Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil can be free of social engagements and even work – if it is possible.

On Good Friday we fast from temporal food and we also fast spiritually from Thursday night until the Vigil, as during this time the sacraments are not celebrated except for emergencies. From the end of the celebration of the Passion on Good Friday, until the lighting of the Easter Fire on Holy Saturday night, we are watchful, but not yet joyful.

A separate flyer with details about the Triduum services is available in the church or on our website.



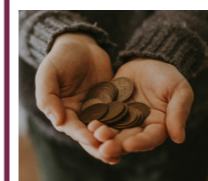
The Paschal Triduum—UPDATED!

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 BOTH CHURCHES.

The Easter Vigil is a celebration for **the whole Parish, at 8.30 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 St John the Baptist, and the usual 11:00am Masses but no Sunday evening Mass.



Holy Week Collections

The Holy Thursday collection is for the Poor, and the Good Friday Collection is for The Holy Places of Palestine.

Easter Offertory

The offertory each week goes to the cost of keeping the parish running. It is only at Christmas and Easter (the Vigil and Easter Sunday) that we directly make an offering to our priests. Catholic Priests in England do not receive a salary, so this offering forms most of their income. The Vigil and Easter Sunday are your chance to make this offering this year. *Thank you from The Parish Finance Committee*

St Joseph's- preparing the sanctuary and church for Easter Saturday 12 April

We need more people to help get the church ready for the Easter services. If you can help, the main cleaning and preparation will be this Saturday from 10am. Further help will be needed next week just before each service: Thursday 17th from 10am, Friday 18th from 10am and Sat 19th from 10am.



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, York Place, 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 Hall.

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 the Thursday group is now on the 2nd and the last Thursdays of each month at 10:15 - in person in the parish meeting room at St Joseph's, and also accessible online.

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 (not on 23 Apr) every Wed, 8-9 pm
[Join online here](#) or see our website.

MIDDAY STILLNESS - Resumes on Friday 2 May
An hour of music, prayer and reflection **Until 11 Apr**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Children's Liturgy—Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

There will be a Children's Liturgy at the Good Friday Passion 3 pm service at St Joseph's church. The children will go out at the start of the service for their own liturgy, with a child-friendly version of the story of Jesus's death and resurrection from our children's Bible, and creating an Easter garden together. The children will return to the church and process behind the cross, returning to their families for the veneration of the cross and for communion.

There will also be a Children's Liturgy of the Word for Easter Sunday at the 11 am mass at St Joseph's church, sharing the joy of the Easter readings with lots of song and praise.



Proclaim Pilgrimage

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.eastbrgithon@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.eastbrighton@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.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 12th April		
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
Monday 14th April	Monday of Holy Week	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Nora Moran RIP
Tuesday 15th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ellen Peacock RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Albert & Edward Clinch RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 16th April	'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	P&M Fenwick Intentions (Chris Payne)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Arundel Cathedral	6:00pm Chrism Mass	
Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday	
St John the Baptist	8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Murphy Family (<i>Jack Murphy</i>)
St Joseph's	8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Trevor Dawes RIP (<i>Rosarii Wright</i>)
Friday 18th April	Good Friday	
St John the Baptist	3:00pm Passion of the Lord	
St Joseph's	3:00pm Passion of the Lord	
Saturday 19th April	Holy Saturday	
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	8:30pm The Solemn Vigil of Easter	People of the Parish
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday	
St John the Baptist	9:00am Mass	Gieger Family (<i>Jack Murphy</i>)
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Toni Wallace RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Margaret Donovan RIP

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:

Moira Hall, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Claire Ashenden, Mary Howes, Ewa Knebloch-Kozlowska, Barbara Garlington, Mary Howes, Phil McGrandles, Gordon Murray, Ian Tinlin, Marie Clare, Sue Bonner, Martin Reynolds, Toni Bonner, Maria Rigby, Chris Pedroza, Shannon Grewal, Janet Alan, Jayveer Grewal, Anthony Price, Frank Dsouza, Michael Warner, José Luis Cabanas, Laurie Garlington, Helen Symmons, Gerald Gracee, 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.