



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter (C) 11th May 2025

Psalter week 4

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 Kieron

On this *Good Shepherd Sunday*, Bishop Richard will be presiding at our *Mass for Migrants* which is open to the whole city and beyond.

We know that we will be joined by people from other parts of the Diocese, but of course the whole point is to celebrate the contribution made to the Church and wider society by people from other parts of the world. People arrive in our country for a myriad of different reasons; some are fleeing from war or persecution, others simply want to find a way of supporting their families when there are no opportunities for them in their homeland.

Very often migrants are vulnerable and open to exploitation and can be like the proverbial *lost sheep*. Today we celebrate that there is a *Good Shepherd* and he is alive and well in the Body of the Church, which should always offer a welcome and a safe haven for those who are on the peripheries. We know from our own Parish, how much migrant communities can bring to both our local church and the life of the City. So the benefit is mutual, but sadly, it is not always seen that way. We have a duty to be with the Shepherd in seeking out the lost and looking after the stray and this extends to working for justice in areas such as affordable housing and employment rights. These challenges are very contemporary and yet nothing new. Pope St John Paul II wrote the following in *Laborem Exercens* in 1981:

The most important thing is that the person working away from his native land, whether as a permanent emigrant or seasonal worker, should not be placed at a disadvantage in comparison with the other workers in that society in the matter of working rights. Emigration in search of work must in no way become an opportunity for financial or social exploitation. As regards the work relationship, the same criteria should be applied to immigrant workers as to all other workers in the society concerned. The value of work should be measured by the same standard and not according to the difference in nationality, religion or race.....

Once more the fundamental principle must be repeated: the hierarchy of values and the profound meaning of work itself require that capital should be at the service of labour and not labour at the service of capital. "



Habemus Papam: Pope Leo XIV

The Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton welcomes the election of Pope Leo XIV, the 267th Successor of St Peter and Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church.

Responding to the news, Bishop Richard Moth said: "We give thanks that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Cardinals have elected Pope Leo XIV.

Pope Leo brings to the office of the Holy Father considerable experience as a bishop and pastor including in Chulucanas, so closely associated with our diocese, together with his more recent service as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. His prayer for peace in his first words from the balcony at St Peter's will resonate with Catholics and all people of good will.

This is a significant moment for the Catholic Church and for the world, and we offer our prayers for the Holy Father as he begins his Pontificate."



Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus; Brighton & Hove has taken part in this prayer movement over the last few years. This year **Thy Kingdom Come** takes place between Thursday, 29th May and Sunday, 8th June.

On the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday 7th June, from 6 to 7pm at St Nicholas Church please join us for **Thy Kingdom Come** service, an ecumenical hour of prayer for the City.

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Please see also <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for more details.

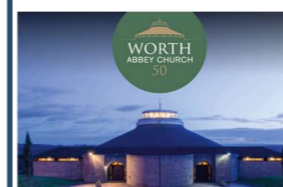
Grandparents' Pilgrimage - Worth Abbey - 11 June 10am - 3.30pm

You are warmly invited to join the Grandparent Parish Groups at our annual day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life.

To register your place go to the Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked. This can be found at W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. For more details contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk M: 07415 306222 We look forward to seeing you there.

Word! - Part 2 - LCSB Teenage Weekend: 23-25 May 2025

A weekend for year 7-11 at Worth Abbey: Sleep over or join for the day: a whistlestop tour through the New Testament, games, walks and great food. [Click here for info & to book!](#)



Worth Abbey 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey Church Saturday 12 July, starting with mass at 11am

You are invited to join this Anniversary of the Consecration which marks five decades of faith, hope, and unity at Worth Abbey.

For more details please visit W: worthabbey.net/latest-news

MONKS IN THE CITY

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 Wed, 8-9 pm
[Join online here](#) or see our website.

MIDDAY STILLNESS – An hour of music, prayer and reflection. Every Friday, 12 noon to 1pm

SATURDAY SANCTUARY - 7 June & 5 July Meet in SJB Church and then in the Fitzherbert Community Hub 10.10am – 12.10pm. Join the Monks in the City for a morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence.

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://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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Proclaim! Monday 12 May from 6:30-9pm at the FCH

Proclaim is a youth group for young people in Years 7-13 in which we build friendships, play games, and create a space for discussion about faith.



Messy Church: Pentecost Sunday 8 June from 12.45 - 2.15 pm at the FCH

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"!*

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 [Click here to Join](#)

Contact Julia: families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk for more about Children & Families Ministry.

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

Last Saturday, we proudly joined lots of other B&H schools in the **Children's Parade**. The atmosphere was brilliant ...lenty of smiles, a few bubbles, and lots of cheering. The crowd really got behind us this year, *"We clapped and cheered for St. Joseph's last year!"* We felt very loved. The theme was **"Things We Cherish"**, and naturally, we said **our school**. The children created some fantastic artwork and carried it through the streets with pride. We might be biased, but they looked absolutely fantastic.

Back at school, we've also been celebrating **VE Day** with music, history, and a good bit of curiosity. The children learned about the end of World War II, sang wartime songs with gusto, and sampled some good old-fashioned ration-style refreshments. Yes- **Spam** made an appearance. Some loved it, some were...less sure, but all were good sports!

Earlier this week, we took the whole of **Key Stage 1 to Washbrooks Farm** for a fantastic day out in the fresh air. The children had the chance to **handle some of the animals**, enjoy a **bumpy and exciting tractor ride**, and take in the sights and smells of real farm life. Everyone behaved beautifully (including the animals!). The rest of the day was **fun, fun, fun**—with climbing frames, the adventure playground, and the giant jumping pillow proving very popular. There were squeals of delight, lots of running around, and plenty of rosy cheeks by the end!

Great news from the Vatican! *Pope Leo XIV has been elected, and our hearts are full of hope. We've been praying for a leader in the spirit of Pope Francis—kind, open-minded, and deeply connected to God—and we're excited to see what this new chapter brings. The white smoke has risen, and so has our hearts!*

Thank you, as always, for being part of our school community.

Every Blessing, Gill Foan, Headteacher

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 10th May		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Timothy Moriarty RIP (<i>Marian</i>)
Sunday 11th May Fourth ' Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with First Holy Communion Children & Families	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Patrick K Charleton RIP & Patrick D Charleton RIP (<i>Simon Charleton</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Migrants Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard	For the Intentions of All Migrants
Monday 12th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Shannon Grewal (<i>Harpal</i>)
Tuesday 13th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Shannon Grewal (<i>Harpal</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Joan Riordan RIP
Wednesday 14th May St Matthias		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Shannon Grewal (<i>Harpal</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Megan Polden-Hughes - for her health (<i>Bern Polden</i>)
Thursday 15th May		
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 16th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Clara Keating RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Roland Tierney RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 17th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Ciss Moran RIP
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Catherine Joyce RIP
Sunday 18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Marian Moriarty
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with First Holy Communion Children & Families	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:

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, Pete Weston and Barbara Donovan. 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.