



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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



Third Sunday of Easter (C) 4th May 2025

Psalter week 3

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 Aidan

"Servant of the servants of God" is title used by the Pope which emphasizes the Pope's role as a servant of all Christians and a humble leader. This title was first used by Pope St. Gregory the Great (depicted in the stained-glass window above the old pulpit at St John the Baptist's church) and has been used by popes ever since.

In the monastery at Worth, we sometimes have informal meals which are self-service at a hot plate. I remember one such occasion when a young monk as well as helping himself, helped an elderly monk to his meal. The older monk thanked the younger monk who quipped: *"Don't mention it, servant of the servants of God"* To which the older monk replied *"Not yet Fr X, not yet!"*

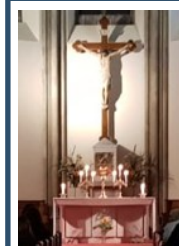
The Conclave to elect a successor to Pope Francis begins next Wednesday. Who will succeed him?

From the very first days of his papacy Francis gave witness to the Pope as a humble servant, washing the feet of 12 prisoners on Maundy Thursday rather than 12 Cardinals.

This Sunday, our Mass liturgy will focus on this aspect of our Discipleship Pathway, the fourth Step **"Serve"**. In the parish there are opportunities to serve through Welcome and Hospitality ministry, supporting the liturgy through music and as readers, family and children's ministry and assisting with other tasks such as church cleaning.

The parish care group is an opportunity to **"Serve"** and **"Go out"**, as is volunteering at the foodbank and Fitz Hub and campaigning for justice with *CitizensUK*

The Church is a "community for others." As its members, as far as our time and commitments allow, we put ourselves at the service of others. Pope Francis put a high priority on service to others and gave us his example and especially his care for society's rejected and needy.

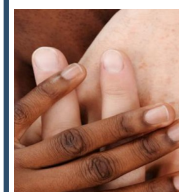


Adoration at St Joseph's, 9 May, 6 June & 4 July

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!

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.



THY KINGDOM COME
AN HOUR OF ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR OUR CITY

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.

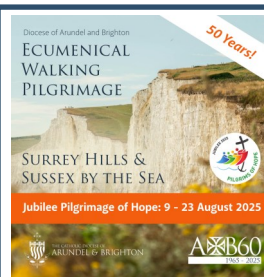
On the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday 7th June, from 6 to 7pm at St Nicholas Church please join us for **Thy Kingdom Come** service, an ecumenical hour of prayer for the City.

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.



Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope"

The Pilgrimage takes place from the 9 - 23 August. Walking across the Surrey Hills and along the Sussex coast, this year's route will visit every deanery in the Diocese, together with churches of many denominations, with pilgrims welcome to join the group for a day, a few days, or the whole 2 weeks.

To find out more and book your place [click here](#) and visit the Pilgrims Live website.

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

Reminder! Photography at St Joseph - this Sunday, 4th May.

We will be having some pictures taken for the new Parish website at the 11am Mass at St Josephs on Sunday, 4th May. We will let you know when he is coming to SJB!

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 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

Join the Monks in the City for a morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence. Meet in SJB Church and then in the Fitzherbert Community Hub 10.10am - 12.10pm.

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. More info in next week's newsletter.

For more details contact Julia Wingfield on families.eastbrighton@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>



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"!*

See more about our Children's & Families Ministry here or email Julia - families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

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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

| Saturday 3rd May | | |
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| St John the Baptist | 6:00pm First Mass of Sunday | Joe Feely RIP (<i>Feely & King families</i>) |
| Sunday 4th May | | |
| Third Sunday of Easter | | |
| St John the Baptist | 11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy | Mary Head (<i>Eileen & friends</i>) |
| St Joseph's | 11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy | Pope Francis RIP |
| St Joseph's | 5:30pm Mass | People of the Parish |
| Monday 5th May | | |
| St John the Baptist | 9:30am Mass | Dennis Creffield RIP (<i>Tess</i>) |
| Tuesday 6th May | | |
| St John the Baptist | 9:30am Mass | Private Intention (<i>Chris Payne</i>) |
| St Joseph's | No Mass | |
| Wednesday 7th May | | |
| St John the Baptist | 9:30am Mass | Mary Page (<i>Foundation</i>) |
| St Joseph's | 6:00pm Mass | Colin Hilton RIP - 1st Anniversary (<i>Celia Webster</i>) |
| Thursday 8th May | | |
| St Joseph's | 6:00pm Mass | Saldanha Family - living & deceased (<i>Chris Payne</i>) |
| Friday 9th May | | |
| St John the Baptist | 9:30am Mass | Owen & Margaret Sheridan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>) |
| St Joseph's | 6:00pm Mass | Roland Tierney RIP (<i>Foundation</i>) |
| Saturday 10th May | | |
| St John the Baptist | 9:30am Mass followed by Confessions | Susan Gearrity |
| St John the Baptist | 10:00-11:00am Adoration dedicated to prayer for the Diocesan Plan | |
| St Joseph's | 11:00am - 1145am Confessions | |
| 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 |

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.