



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

PART OF THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BRIGHTON & HOVE

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 21st September 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

This year the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This gathering of Bishops began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. The creed begins with a profound proclamation, "I believe..." This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* 2025.

At the heart of it all, the Christian must be a believer, to be able to say, "I believe," someone who converses with God. If this is not the case, then all our activities are futile. The most important thing we can do for ourselves and for each other is, first of all, to be a believer. Through this we let God come into the world. And if God is not at work, our work will never be enough; when people sense that someone is there who believes, who lives with God and from God, hope becomes a reality in their lives.

Through the faith of the Christian, doors open up all around for people: it is really possible to believe, even today. All human believing is a believing-with, and for this reason the one who believes before us is so important. Where were we inspired to believe? Who handed on to us the gift of the faith? This year, we celebrate the faith and belief of the Bishops at Nicaea. They handed on to us a way in which we can proclaim the truth of who God is and who we are as the people of God.

As the gospel of St John reminds us, "Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." (John 6.29). To do the work of God is to believe.



The fruits of the Pastoral Plan in Brighton & Hove

Last Sunday, Bishop Richard Moth celebrated Mass at St John the Baptist, to mark the joyful inauguration of the new Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove. Bringing together 11 church communities, this new parish is a hopeful step forward in our diocesan Pastoral Plan *The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission*, encouraging us to grow in faith, work more closely together, and share the Good News with our city. Find out more at www.abdiocese.org.uk.

Annual Mass Count – Starting this weekend, we will be taking our annual Mass count over the next four weeks. This helps the Diocese with planning and supporting parish life – thank you for your understanding.



ALPHA - STARTING THIS WEEK!

Our in-person Alpha course starts **THIS Tuesday 23rd September 7.45 - 9.15pm at 6 Wellington Road.**

Do you know someone who would be interested in finding out more about Christianity? Have you been asked about your own faith? This is an opportunity for you to encourage someone you know to explore faith and ask questions. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings for refreshments, a film and group discussion. Why not invite a couple of people and perhaps come along with them to the first evening.

A celebration of vocation to the Permanent Diaconate at our diocesan Shrine



Last Friday at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, Bishop Richard admitted Cyril Dyke, from our parish community, together with Antony Hudson and John O'Brien, to candidacy for the diaconate. Please keep them, and all those in formation for the diaconate and priesthood, in your prayers.

To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate [click here](#), and to see photos from the celebration by Harry Robertson [click here](#).

MONKS
IN THE CITY

SATURDAY SANCTUARY

Join us on Saturday 4th October from 10:45 to 12:45 at the Fitzherbert Community Hub for a morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence.

Church Music Day. Cardinal Newman School

On Sat 27 Sep, join fellow musicians and singers to share ideas and explore • Music in the liturgy & the role of music ministers • Helping congregations sing • Singing Psalms & available resources. [More info & Sign up here](#)

11am St Joseph's Music Group

We would like to invite new singers/musicians to join the music group at the 11am Mass. Interested? Contact Mary at ebpmusicteam@gmail.com to learn more and come along for a trial.

Brighton&Hove Christians Together Lecture: The Legacy of Nicaea - Rev Dr Susan Durber

On **Friday 10th October at 7pm**, Rev. Dr Susan Durber will deliver a lecture titled "The Legacy of Nicaea" at the **Chapel Royal, 164 North Street, Brighton, BN1 1EP** marking the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. This historic council, held in 325 AD, was a foundational moment in Christian history, shaping core doctrines, the Creed and the unity of the early Church. Dr Durber, a theologian, URD minister and a chair of the World Council of Churches and speaker, will explore its enduring significance and relevance for today's Church and world. All are welcome to attend what promises to be a thought-provoking and enriching evening.



Middle East peace call to prayer on Sun 21 Sep.

Congregations across the country are invited to join a call to prayer and public witness for peace in the Holy Land on Sun21 September. Spend a minute in silent prayer— Join the [#FastforGaza](#) action.

[Click here for more information from Churches Together in England](#) and from the

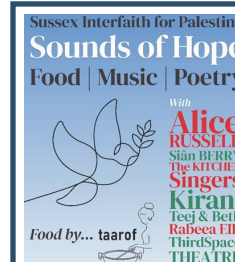
World Council of Churches here: www.oikoumene.org/events/WWPPI-2025

A Prayer for the Holy Land for 21 September

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls.

By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever. Amen



Support for Gaza

Sussex Interfaith for Palestine will be staging an event on **Saturday 18th October** from 7:00 -10:00pm at the **One Church Florence Road, BN1 6DL.**

The evening will include a light supper from [Taarof](#) and a programme of music and poetry readings from a range of local talent.

Tickets are £12 and all money raised on the evening will be donated to [Amos Trust's](#) work in Gaza and the West Bank. [Buy tickets here](#)

Second Collection this weekend for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday)
Next Weekend there is a Second Collection for the CAFOD Harvest Appeal

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

We have a large, vibrant Student/Young Adults group in the Parish called Deep Waters. Deep Waters returns on Wed 10th Sep, and Sunday Lunch on 7th Sep. Both are next door to St Joseph's in 6 Wellington Road. 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 meets 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: Monday - Saturday
Evening Prayer at 6pm: Monday - Thursday & 5pm on Saturday & Sunday

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

Monks in the City – Season 7: Full details are now available on our website - www.monksinthecity.uk and we'll be sharing more in the newsletter over the coming weeks.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH

We have had a busy week with reception children starting full-time (and looking so smart in their new uniforms), year 2 visiting the library, our girls' and boys' football team had their first match this week (and played very well) and Bailey, our school dog, spent time with different groups of children.

Many Blessings, *Carly Carden, Headteacher*

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Parents & Toddlers We meet at St Joseph's (side door entrance) on alternate Monday mornings from 8th September, 10 am to 12 pm for fellowship, tea and coffee, play-time and an opportunity for adoration with or without children in the church. All welcome. To join the WhatsApp group, email Julia on families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk.



Family of Faith starts on Saturday 27th September

What is Family of Faith? Family of Faith is a parish group for families who wish to grow in their faith. Children and their parents will learn about the mass, how to pray, the liturgical calendar of the Church, and the teachings of the Catholic faith in the YouCat (youth catechism) for Kids, covering the entire catechism over a three-year cycle.

Who is it for? The programme is suitable for all families with children of primary-school age. It is also suitable for families who are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation, as well as those who have already received these sacraments and are preparing for Confirmation in the future.

Meetings take place on Saturdays once a month at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, with a choice of morning (9.30 am) or afternoon (3 pm) starting times. Contact Julia: families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk for more details and to register.



YOUTH ALPHA On Monday 29 September the new 2025 course starts for young people of secondary school age, every Monday at 6.30 - 7.30 pm until 15 December at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. This is suitable for any young person who wishes to grow in their faith journey, or who wishes to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Email Julia for more details!



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MASS TIMES

Saturday 20th September		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	For the success of the new Parish
Sunday 21st September	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Evangelii Gaudium Day	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Cyril Dike—intentions
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Isabella & Alex Rodrigues RIP (<i>Lishoy Rodrigues</i>)
Monday 22nd September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jayver Grewal - Intentions (<i>Harpel</i>)
Tuesday 23rd September	St Pius of Pietrelcina - Padre Pio	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jayver Grewal - Intentions (<i>Harpel</i>)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Wednesday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jayver Grewal - Intentions (<i>Harpel</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jim McCann - get well
Thursday 25th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Holy Souls
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Thanksgiving (<i>Lishoy Rodrigues</i>)
Friday 26th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Fr Aidan's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rene Gordon RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 27th September	St Vincent de Paul	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Private Intention (<i>Chris Payne</i>)
St John the Baptist	10:00am Adoration for the Diocesan Plan	
St Joseph's	11:00-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Giuseppe Tomassone RIP
Sunday 28th September	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Manuel Garcia RIP (<i>Maria Cabanas</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Robert Capie RIP (<i>Natasha & Juanita</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Antoinette (Toni) Bonner, a long-time member of our parish community, who died peacefully this week. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 24 October at 10.30am at St John the Baptist Church. We remember Toni and her family in our prayers at this time. May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Moirra 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, Maria Rigby, Chris Pedroza, Shannon Grewal, Janet Alan, Jayveer Grewal, Anthony Price, Pete Weston, Gerald Grace, Michael Warner, José Luis Cabanas, Laurie Garlington, Helen Symmons, Anthony Warner, Barbara Donovan, Maureen Croake and Ann Peyton. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently especially Toni Bonner, Stephen Loska, Maria Schivone , 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.