



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 28th September 2025

Psalter week 2

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

The prophet Amos has very stern words for those who rest on their laurels; those who live in the land of plenty and have no thought about the future. The Gospel, likewise, consists of a long parable about complacency and comfort in this life, with no concern for others; or indeed the other life, which lies ahead. The rich man in the parable reaches the point of no return; he cannot even warn his brothers that they are destined for a similar fate.

These readings are not designed to scare us, but they do have the effect of shifting us out of our comfort zones and changing our perspective. In our increasingly polarised and unequal society there are some loud voices which want to equate happiness simply with the unbridled accumulation of wealth.

Such an attitude recalls the definition of a cynic, quoted by Oscar Wilde, as one who knows the price of everything, but the value of nothing. We live by a different system, whereby a person's value is not measured by their achievements or how much they produce or their net worth, but by their dignity as a son or daughter of God. Once we grasp this, our perspective on the world changes and we realise that relationships are always more powerful than transactions and the most powerful relationship is the personal one we have with Jesus himself.



Brighton & Hove Parish Inauguration – Short Film

Two weeks ago, Bishop Richard Moth celebrated the joyful inauguration of the new Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove at St John the Baptist Church. A short film has now been produced, capturing the celebration and hopes for our parish going forward.

Watch it here : <https://vimeo.com/1121486917?fl=pl&fe=sh>.

More information on the Diocesan website : <https://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

Our in-person Alpha course continues **THIS Tuesday from 7.45 - 9.15pm at 6 Wellington Road.**

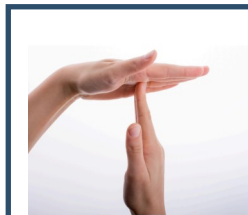
Do you know someone who would be interested in finding out more about Christianity? Have you been asked about your own faith? This is an opportunity for you to encourage someone you know to explore faith and ask questions. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings for refreshments, a film and group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



Adoration at St Joseph's - next Friday 3rd October

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!



MONKS IN THE CITY - SATURDAY SANCTUARY

Join us for some time out on **Saturday 4th October from 10:45am-12:45pm** at the **Fitzherbert Community Hub.**

Take a gentle pause in the middle of a busy city: a morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence.

Antoinette (Toni) Bonner - Rest in Peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Antoinette (Toni) Bonner, a long-time member of our parish community, who died peacefully last week.

Her Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 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

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges.

Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, scan the QR code, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also **text CAFOD to 70560** to donate £10.



Support for Gaza

Sussex Interfaith for Palestine will be staging an event on **Sat 18 Oct** from 7-10pm at **One Church Florence Rd, BN1 6DL.**

Includes a light supper from **Taarof** & a programme of music & 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**

BRIGHTON AND HOVE CHRISTIANS TOGETHER LECTURE 2025

The Legacy of Nicaea Rev Dr Susan Durber

**7.00PM 10 OCTOBER, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
CHAPEL ROYAL, 164, NORTH STREET, BRIGHTON, BN1 1EA**



2025 marks 1700 years since the ground-breaking Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325. Dr Durber reflects on the legacy of the Council and its resonance for faith, unity and mission in today's Church.

Rev Dr Susan Durber is a minister in the United Reformed Church and the World Council of Churches President from Europe. She has served local churches, as Principal of Westminster College in Cambridge, and as Theology Advisor for Christian Aid.



To confirm your attendance at this free event book on [EventBrite Here](#) or use this QR code.

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](#).

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

A warm welcome to any new students joining us this academic year!

We have a vibrant Student/Young Adults group in the parish called Deep Waters that gets together on Wednesday evenings 6:45pm next door in the basement of 6 Wellington Road. We share a meal, listen to a talk, have a time of prayer and then a social with drinks. On Sundays after the 11am Mass we also share lunch, and have some input, usually a personal faith story. This also takes place in 6 Wellington Rd. If you come to the back of church after Mass someone will find you and show you were to come!

For more info you can join our WhatsApp chat - for details email Claire on claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk.

Or follow our Instagram @brightonsussexcatholic. 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

This week year 1 have visited the library and enjoyed reading and choosing books together and year 5 have had great fun experimenting in science. We are really starting to work as a team and showing definite improvements in our boys' and girls' football matches.

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 - this 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 (930am) or afternoon (3pm). 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 27th September		
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	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
Monday 29th September		
Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Norm MacDonald RIP (<i>Laurie Garlington</i>)
Tuesday 30th September		
St Jerome		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Pauline Kennedy RIP - Anniversary (<i>Steve Kennedy</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	People of Gaza
Wednesday 1st October		
St Therese of Lisieux		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mrs Gusquet RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St John the Baptist	12:00pm Mass	Maria Schiavone RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jules le Peltier RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Thursday 2nd October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Charlie Fieldus
St Joseph's	11:00am Requiem Mass	Sheila Eaton RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Susan Gearrity - intentions
Friday 3rd October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Bernard Morgan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Hosie family deceased & living (<i>Chris Payne</i>)
Saturday 4th October		
St Francis of Assisi		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	God's love upon my family - Obiefule
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	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th October		
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time CAFOD Harvest Fast Day		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Ouseph Varghese RIP (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	John Paul Evans RIP (<i>Epi Musonza</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Thanksgiving to mother Mary & Jesus

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, Sheil Eaton 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.