



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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



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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 Gabriel



This Sunday we celebrate All Saints. The day when the Church acknowledges and honours all those known and unknown members of the Church, who through the ages have strived to imitate Christ in their lives, living a life of virtue and giving us varied examples to follow. For we are also called to strive to live in a similar manner.

It is not just the few that are called to be saints, we all are. When Pope Benedict XVI visited the UK he said "It is not often that a Pope...has the opportunity to speak to the students of all the Catholic schools of England, Wales and Scotland...And since I have the chance now, there is something I very much want to say to you. I hope that among those of you listening to me today there are some of the future saints of the twenty-first century. What God wants most of all for each one of you is that you should become holy. He loves you much more than you could ever begin to imagine, and he wants the very best for you. And by far the best thing for you is to grow in holiness."

So not even age is a limitation to becoming a saint. Pray and ask God to lead you into the path of holiness, and who knows you could be a saint too.



EXPLORING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - God and the 'Secular World'



On **Sunday 9th November**, Charles Wookey, founder of the charity *A Blueprint for Better Business* will be giving a conference afternoon at the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

"A Blueprint for Better Business" is an independent charity that acts as a catalyst for change in business. Blueprint uses the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to help businesses realise their true long term potential: to serve society, respect people, rediscover their purpose and thereby earn a fair and sustainable return for investors.

Prior to Blueprint, Charles worked as a senior research officer at the Institute for Fiscal Studies and as a Clerk at the House of Commons where he was Clerk to the Trade and Industry select committee. He went on to become assistant general secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, where he was principal advisor to the Bishops on domestic public policy issues.

Catholic Social Teaching is a rich resource offering a framework for building a just and compassionate society. Our goal is to empower our communities with an inspiring, practical vision of Christian life and action in the world. Join us at the Fitzherbert Community Hub at SJB. Starts with a shared lunch 12:45 (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share) and concludes 4:15pm. No booking necessary, donation only, tea/coffee & cake provided.

Adoration at St Joseph's - next Friday 7th November

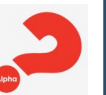
Join us for an evening of Adoration, reflection, and live music - an opportunity to spend time in God's presence, experience healing, and deepen your encounter with Christ Everyone is welcome!

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! For your diary - Adoration and the Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Friday 12th December.

ALPHA ONLINE - Continuing this Thursday at 7:30pm.

Alpha is an open space to explore faith through film, conversation, and community.

Why not invite a friend? For more information and to join contact alpha@eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk.



Imperial College Chamber Choir - SJB - Saturday 8th November. Not to be missed!



On Saturday 8th November at 3 – 4pm Join us as we host the Imperial College Chamber Choir for an afternoon Concert of Sacred music at St John the Baptists Church, Kemptown, BN2 1AP. It will feature works by Britten, Pärt, and Howells. Entry is free with no tickets. Donations will help support the Choir and to develop young local musicians.



St Joseph's Hall Redevelopment – The Brighton Mission Hub Begins

On Monday 27 November, the site was formally handed over to our construction partners, Sunninghill, who will lead the build from start to finish. Demolition of the old hall is expected to begin in mid-November (we'll confirm the exact date as soon as we have it). This marks the moment where years of vision, planning and prayer finally become something real and visible on site.

The purpose of the Brighton Mission Hub is simple but bold: to bring together parish life, mission, student chaplaincy and community outreach in one place. The new three-storey building will:

- ♦ replace and improve what the church hall previously offered, with better facilities and full accessibility
- ♦ create space for formation, leadership and development for people across the city
- ♦ welcome a new, thriving university chaplaincy right into the heart of parish life
- ♦ provide a base for missionary outreach, especially focused on tackling poverty and serving those most in need

We know how much St Joseph's Hall has meant to people over the years, and this next chapter builds on everything that has gone before - creating a space that grows our parish community, helps us reach out beyond our walls, and supports formation and mission for years to come.

Thank you for your patience, encouragement and prayers as the work begins. We will continue to keep everyone updated as the project progresses.

A very exciting new chapter is now underway.

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 where 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 and Divine Mercy Chaplet 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 info see <https://cateniansprovince18.org.uk>



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

Important Updates from the Monks in the City

- Regrettably the ***Saturday Sanctuary*** on 1st November has been cancelled. This is to allow the monks to attend the funeral of Fr Kevin Taggart, a much-loved member of the community who died last week in his 95th year. He had been a priest for 70 years and a monk for 75. There will still be Confessions and Adoration after the 9:30 Mass until 11am.

- Fr Aidan will be away from Brighton for the month of November, having an extended break to prepare for the community changes. Br Anthony & Fr Gabriel will be returning to Worth at the end of December while Fr Peter & Fr Patrick will be joining Fr Aidan in early January. Fr Peter & Fr Patrick will be spending some time with us over the next 10 days.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Parents & Toddlers We meet at St Joseph's (side door entrance) on alternate Monday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm. The next date is Monday 3rd November, join us for fellowship, tea and coffee, play-time and an opportunity for adoration with or without children in the church. All welcome. Email Julia to join the WhatsApp group.



Family of Faith - Next Date: **Saturday 29th November**

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. The programme is suitable for all families with children of primary-school age.

Also suitable for families who are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion & 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, the morning & afternoon sessions are now full! We have an added another session at 11am –12:30pm Contact Julia for more details / to register.



YOUTH ALPHA A course for secondary school age kids, every Monday at 6.30 - 7.30pm until 15 Dec at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. Suitable for any young person who wishes to grow in their faith journey, or prepare for Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Contact Julia at families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk for details on any of the above

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 1st November		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd November	All Saints	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Elizabeth & Simon Agbro RIP (<i>Rita</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Clare O'Sullivan RIP (<i>Paul O'Sullivan</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Holy Souls
Monday 3rd November	All Souls	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	James O'Brien RIP
Tuesday 4th November	St Charles Borromeo	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Winifred Jeffery RIP (James Jeffery
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Tierney Family RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 5th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	James & Violet Glover RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 6th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jim Price - 90th Birthday tomorrow!
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mladen Fridl RIP - 2nd Anniversary
Friday 7th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	John Urbanoviez RIP (<i>Kathy</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
St Joseph's	6:45pm - 7:45pm Adoration, Praise and Music	
Saturday 8th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Jean & Ron Crossan RIP (<i>Jackie</i>)
St John the Baptist	10:00am Adoration for the Diocesan Plan	
St Joseph's	11:00am - 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls
Sunday 9th November	Consecration of the Lateran Basilica - Remembrance Day	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	NJ Joseph RIP (<i>Sheena Antony</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Holy Souls

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:

Moir 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, Ann Peyton, and Ian Brockwell. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently especially James O'Brien, and Peter Dilloway, 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.