



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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 26th October 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

This weekend I will be in Rome for the Jubilee of Synodal Teams at the Vatican, with the group who are responsible for the Pastoral Plan in the Diocese. This is the latest event in the Synodal Process which was started by Pope Francis at the end of 2021.

"Synodality" is a clunky word but what it describes is quite simple.

It is a way of walking together and listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit, so that we can discern the way forward for the Church and make decisions which are mission-focussed and life-giving. The principles of deep listening and discernment have *underpinned* the planning process for the Diocese in recent years. We are now learning how to use "conversations in the Spirit" as an essential tool in forming the vision and plotting the way ahead for the new Parish of Brighton & Hove. Last week we had the latest of a number of meetings which have drawn together key members from each of our communities. We hope that these conversations will now broaden to involve a greater number of our parishioners, but already there is a growing sense of unity and purpose among our parish and school communities.

Please pray for the meeting in Rome and for its local expression as we follow Bishop Richard's aspiration for us to become *Communities of Saints*.



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.

Monk Talks Tuesday 28th October - "The enclosed monastic life"



Sister Walburga, a nun from St Mildred's Priory, Minster Abbey will give the second talk in a series exploring different ways of living out Benedictine spirituality. Following her conversion to Catholicism she took part in a discernment programme at Worth Abbey before spending a year in the Wellspring community in Brighton from where she entered Minster Abbey. We are very pleased to welcome her back to Brighton and to hear the story of her vocation and of life in an enclosed community.

All are warmly invited to attend this enriching evening of reflection and dialogue.
6pm Evening Prayer | 6:30pm simple supper | 7pm Talk

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.



Taste & See - Friday, 31 October from 7 - 10 pm, St Mary Magdalen's Church.

An evening of powerful praise and worship. Adoration, prayer ministry and encounter with the Living God. On this halloween night we gather to shine the light of Jesus & declare his victory over darkness through an evening of adoration, praise, worship and prayer ministry

A date for the Diary. 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.



Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

Altar Serving at St Joseph's

We are looking to recruit Altar Servers for the 11am Mass at St Joseph's. Altar Servers are integral to helping us to enter well into the mysteries of the Mass and help bring beauty and dignity to our liturgy. Altar Servers can be adults, students or children, our only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion. However, for children, we are currently only recruiting those in year 7 or above. If you are interested in serving, please email the parish office or speak with Will or Charles after Mass one Sunday.

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 @brightonsussexatholic. 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 and 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.

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 Takes a break this week for half term! 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 25th October		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Wan Family
Sunday 26th October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	George Varghese RIP (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	June Grace RIP (<i>Gerald Grace</i>)
Monday 27th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Minnie Fitzroy RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 28th October	Ss Simon and Jude	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Holy Souls
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Wednesday 29th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mary Little RIP (<i>Paul Placzek</i>)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 30th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	James O'Brien RIP
St John the Baptist	3:00pm Requiem Mass	Andre Henriot RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	John Evans RIP (<i>Mary Evans</i>)
Friday 31st October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	For our clergy
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mabel Henrietta Munns RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 1st November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Eileen Stewart's Intentions
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	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

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

Those who have died recently especially Andre Henriot, James O'Brien and Fr Kevin OSB, 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.