



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

**Fourth Sunday in Advent (A) 21st December 2025 &
The Holy Family (A) 28th December 2025**

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.

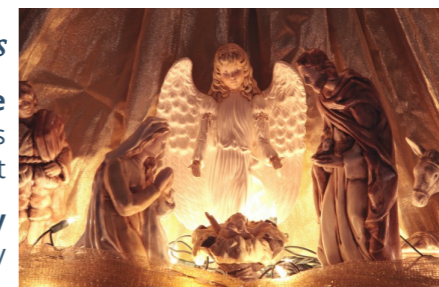


CHRISTMAS MASSES

St Joseph's

Christmas Eve
6:00pm Family Mass
10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night

Christmas Day
11:00am Mass of Christmas Day



St John the Baptist

Christmas Eve
10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night


Christmas Day
9:00am Mass of Christmas Day
11:00am Mass of Christmas

Christmas Eve Family Mass, with carols and a crib, at **6.00pm on Christmas Eve** at **St Joseph's Church**.
Children are invited to dress as angels or shepherds.



Our Priests at Christmas

You may be aware that Christmas and Easter are the only times when the offertory collection goes directly to our priests. At all other times of the year, offertory donations are used to meet the everyday costs of parish life - heating our churches, maintaining buildings, and covering essential office and household expenses. A priest's personal income comes solely from the offerings given at Christmas, Easter, and at special services such as weddings and funerals. We therefore invite you to show your appreciation for our priests and their ministry through your generosity at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you would prefer to donate by bank transfer, please include "Christmas" or "Priests" in the payment reference. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and our priests.



Crib Collection—the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local disadvantaged families facing severe hardship due to the cost-of-living crisis. Through their A&B Crisis Fund, CCS is providing immediate practical support to families in need. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Crisis Fund to support local families in need – in the past, our parish has requested assistance for several families and have received support each time. **You can donate at the Crib, the contactless or www.cathchild.org.uk/crib**

Christmas Day lunch for students and young Adults.

Are you around on Christmas Day? Join us for a festive lunch 1pm at the Fitzherbert hub! Meet us at the back of St Joseph's church after 11am Mass and we will walk there together. Bring some food to share and (optional!) a song or dance from your country.





International Lunch, Sun 28 Dec at St John the Baptist after the 11am Mass.

All are very Welcome. This will be an opportunity to say farewell to Br Anthony and Fr Gabriel as they return to Worth Abbey. Please bring some food to share if you can.

Adoration, Reflection & Music - Friday 9th January 2026

St Josephs - Friday 9th January - 6:45-7:45. Everyone is very welcome!

The Parish Office Christmas Hours

The Parish Office is open on Mon 22 & Tue 23 December until 1pm and then closes until Fri 2 January. We would like to thank everyone for their support, and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas! AnnMarie, Maryanne, & Jackie

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Sunday 11th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

On this day we celebrate the newest members of our church communities and invite all those who have been baptised over the past year to join us for mass at **11 am** in both St Joseph's church and St John the Baptist church. There will be a gathering for coffee, tea and cake afterwards.



We warmly congratulate Bishop Richard on his appointment as Archbishop of Westminster and hold him in our prayers.

[Please click here for the press statement.](#)

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Deep Waters is taking a break over Christmas, returning 11th January for Sunday lunch, and 14th January for our Wednesday night session.

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.

Praise and Worship Group will take a break for Christmas and will resume on 7th January


Tuesday Evenings Join us online at 7:30 on <https://zoom.us/j/9616167652> ID: 961 6167 6521

Wednesday Evening Perpetual Novena Every Wednesday at 5:30pm at SJB Church

Thursday Morning Group From 10am-12pm for discussion, learning & friendship. <https://zoom.us/j/92452001507>

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



We take this opportunity to send our greetings to all members of the parish and to thank you sincerely for your friendship and support.

We also say farewell to Fr Gabriel and Br Anthony, and look forward to welcoming Fr Patrick and Fr Peter to the parish in 2026.

We wish you all a joyful and peaceful celebration of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lord.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 20th December		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st December	Fourth Sunday of Advent ‘O Oriens’	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Joseph Joseph RIP <i>(Sheena Anthony)</i>
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass	Trevor Dawes RIP <i>(Miriam)</i>
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Lee Wright RIP <i>(Miriam)</i>
Monday 22nd December	‘O Rex Gentium’	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ann Cranny RIP
Tuesday 23rd December	‘O Emmanuel’	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Antin Cikalo & Francis D'Souza RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Genelli Dela Vina RIP - on her birthday <i>(Katrina)</i>
Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Eve	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Murphy Family RIP <i>(Jack Murphy)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Family Mass	Jim & Margaret O'Brien RIP
St John the Baptist	10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night	John Moran
St Joseph's	10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night	People of the Parish
Thursday 25th December	The Nativity of the Lord	
St John the Baptist	9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass of Christmas Day	Micheline <i>(Libby & Maria)</i>
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass of Christmas Day	Mary Howes intentions <i>(The Fenwick Family)</i>

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Friday 26th December	St Stephen	
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Saturday 27th December	St John	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Mary Boyd's Intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th December	The Holy Family	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Deceased Priests RIP <i>(Kathy U)</i>
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass	Lee Wright RIP <i>(Miriam)</i>
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Deceased members of the Kiernan & Galvin Families <i>(John Kiernan)</i>
Monday 29th December	St Thomas Becket	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mariyamme Joseph RIP <i>(Sheena Antony)</i>
Tuesday 30th December		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Charlotte Greenwood RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Patrick Barrelt RIP <i>(Paul Kestell)</i>
Wednesday 31st December		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Felix RIP <i>(Tess)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Susan Gearrity's Intentions
Thursday 1st January	Mary, Mother of God	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	In thanksgiving <i>(Herb)</i>
St Joseph's	12:00pm Mass	People of the Parish
Friday 2nd January	Ss Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Isaac Cooper RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rev JP Prendergast RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
Saturday 3rd January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Batelic Family <i>(Jack Murphy)</i>
St Joseph's	11:00am - 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	McCann Family - living and deceased
Sunday 4th January	Second Sunday of Christmastide	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Sr Claire's Intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Alison Childs - intentions <i>(Ian Tinlin)</i>
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Chris & Dave Payne - Intentions

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

Those who have died recently especially Chris Pedroza, and Naomi Friend, 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.