



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

PART OF THE BRIGHTON & HOVE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Seeking God in Prayer, Growing Together in Faith, Reaching Out in Love.

The Baptism of the Lord (A) 11th January 2026

Psalter week 1

WELCOME

Brighton & Hove Catholic Parish Our New Vision and Mission

Like Zacchaeus in Luke's Gospel, we long to see Jesus more clearly. Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to gain a better view; Jesus saw him and came to his home. Our Vision and Mission statements are meant to help us do the same: to see Christ more clearly, and to welcome Him into our lives. The following statements were prayerfully shaped by representatives from all our parish communities, in a synodal spirit of listening and discernment.

They express who we are and what we are called to live as Catholics across Brighton & Hove.

Vision Statement

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Mission Statement

Seeking God in Prayer

- We centre our lives on Christ, encountering God daily through prayer and Scripture.
- We worship together with joy, drawing strength from the Eucharist to live as missionary disciples.
- We open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, allowing grace to renew, transform, and empower us for mission.

Growing Together in Faith

- We are a welcoming, vibrant, multi-generational Church where all may belong and find a home.
- We learn, share, and grow together as disciples, deepening our understanding of the Gospel and Catholic life.
- We joyfully witness to the life we share in Christ, inviting others into the beauty of faith and the warmth of our community.

Reaching Out in Love

- We are sent to serve — bringing Christ's compassion to those in need, the vulnerable, and the searching.
- We work to transform our city and world through lives of seeking justice, solidarity, and generous action.
- We proclaim the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, and communities — inviting others into the joy of faith and the family of the Church.

These statements reflect the life we share and the call to grow deeper in faith. Last October, parish representatives explored new ways to put this vision into action within each of our unique church communities. We invite you to do the same—so together we can seek God, grow in faith, and reach out in love.

With our prayers and best wishes,

Canon David Parmiter (Moderator), Carly Carden, Arthur Gallagher, Jo Gilbert, Helen Granger-Bevan, Fr Sebastian Kijak, Canon Kieron O'Brien, Craig Walker, & Julia Wingfield - **The Brighton & Hove Parish Leadership Team.**

Monks in the City - Season 8



Monk Talks

Tuesday 20th January - "One Body - One Spirit" an ecumenical journey with Fr Aidan

All are warmly invited to attend this enriching evening of reflection and dialogue.

6pm Evening Prayer | 6:30pm simple supper | 7pm Talk

Ecumenical Vespers

Sunday 25th January at 4pm at St John the Baptist in the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday Sanctuary

Saturday 7th February from 10:45am - 12:45pm

Take time out to reflect and pray with the Monks.



Next Steps for our Diocese

With Bishop Richard appointed by Pope Leo as the next Archbishop of Westminster, it is helpful to understand what happens next for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.

Archbishop Elect Richard is presently the Diocesan Administrator of Arundel & Brighton. The "See" of Arundel & Brighton - the diocesan territory governed by

the bishop - will become "vacant", known in Latin as "Sede Vacante", as soon as +Richard takes canonical possession of the See of Westminster on Saturday 14 February.

At that moment, governance of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton will devolve to the College of Consultors: Canon Jonathan Martin (Lewes), Mgr Tony Barry (Guildford), Fr David Osborne (Bognor Regis), Canon Kieron O'Brien and Canon David Parmiter (Brighton & Hove), and Fr Tony Bridson (Redhill), with the College meeting shortly afterwards to elect a Diocesan Administrator to govern the Diocese until a new Bishop is appointed.

No major decisions or changes can be made by the newly appointed Diocesan Administrator while the See of Arundel and Brighton is vacant, as Church Law forbids him from doing anything which could in any way prejudice the Diocese, or the rights of the new Bishop. During the vacancy of the See, the entire local Church must unite in praying for a new Shepherd. ***Click here to find out more.***

Wyn Wescott RIP Parishioners will be sad to hear of the death of Winifred Wescott (Wyn), aged 97, a long-standing member of St Joseph's Church, who died peacefully last Sunday. Wyn and her late husband Bill were active in parish life for many years. Please keep Wyn and her family in your prayers.

A Roman Feast for a Great Cause - Real Junk Food Project Fundraiser

Join us on Saturday 24 January at 7pm at Fitzherbert Community Hub, Kemptown for a Roman-themed evening in aid of The Real Junk Food Project. Enjoy a generous set menu, candlelight, music, free-flowing *vino e gassosa*, plus a raffle and bar. Tickets £35, with all proceeds supporting this brilliant cause.

Come hungry, come thirsty [Click here to book your place!](#)

Peace Sunday - 18 January 2026

Pope Leo invites us to reflect on **"Peace be with you all: towards an unarmed and disarming peace."**

Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, this calls us to live non-violent, 'disarmed' lives in a world marked by conflict.

Click here for prayers and a message from Pope Leo [Peace Sunday 2026 - Pax Christi England and Wales](#)

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](#).

Parking at SJB

We are fortunate to have some parking available at St John the Baptist's. However the space available is very limited. At a recent inspection by East Sussex Fire and Rescue we were advised that we can only use the marked bays to allow access for emergency vehicles should there be a fire or medical emergency in our adjacent buildings and that Fire Exits have to remain clear at all times.

Of the 7 spaces available on Sundays, 2 are allocated to the clergy which leaves 5 other spaces. These will be allocated to cars users with special needs or with roles in the church services.

We apologise that this was not communicated earlier and for any upset this has caused.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Deep Waters returns: 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 @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 (if Church is closed - please ring the doorbell to the Presbytery)

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

Midday Stillness from Friday 9th January.

Drop in between 12 Noon and 1 pm for a time of music, prayer and reflection with a monk - stay as long as you like.

Lectio Divina every Wednesday 8-9 pm [Join online here](#) or see our website.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Parents & Toddlers We meet at St Joseph's (side door entrance) on alternate Monday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm

Monday 12 January, 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 - Saturday 31st January

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, there is still availability at the 11am - 12:30pm session. Contact Julia for more details / to register.

Proclaim! Monday 2 February from 6:30-9pm at the FCH

Proclaim is a youth group for young people in Years 7-13 in which we build friendships, play games, and create a space for discussion about faith.



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

CONTACT DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 10th January		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Simon & Jackie Keane
Sunday 11th January		
The Baptism of the Lord		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Theresa McLoughlan (Nancy)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Johnny & Danny Glasheen RIP (Miriam)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 12th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Helena McLauchlan RIP (T Roberts)
Tuesday 13th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoff & Barbara Lewis
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Maria Werrell RIP (Foundation)
Wednesday 14th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Teresa McLauchlan
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 15th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Sr M Raphael RIP (Foundation)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Geraghty Family - living and deceased
Friday 16th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Rita Moohan's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Daniel & Mary Fielding RIP (Foundation)
Saturday 17th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Bernard
St John the Baptist	10:00am Adoration for the Diocesan Plan	
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Celia & Joe
Sunday 18th January		
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Peace Day		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Chacko Devasia RIP (Jacob George)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	In Thanksgiving

The greatest gift you can give a loved one - living or deceased - is the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

To request a Mass, please complete a Mass Intention envelope (available in church) or contact the Parish Office. Donations may be made in cash or cheque (red letter box in the Sacristy), via the Dona machine ("Mass Intentions"), or by bank transfer (details from the Parish Office). If you need a specific date, please book early and we will try our best to accommodate.

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 Naomi Friend, Wyn Wescott 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.