



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.

Second Sunday in OT (A) 18th January 2026

Psalter week 2

WELCOME

Message from Fr Aidan

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 One Body One Spirit



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18th to 25th January. This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with our national and international sisters and brothers in Christ, and to pray together in Brighton as disciple of Jesus Christ from different traditions.

The theme, prayers and readings this year have been prepared by the Armenian churches and based on Ephesians 4 vs 1-13 and the words *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."* (Eph 4:4). This year's theme reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere.

There are two ways in which you can participate:

Ecumenical Vespers with *Monks in the City*, Sunday 26th January, 4pm, St. John the Baptist's a service of hymns, psalms, readings and prayers. Steve Horne, elder at Emmanuel church and leader of the Oasis church, will give a homily

Secondly, pray each day on the theme of the day:

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| 18 th – Our call to unity – Eph 4:1 | 19 th – Bearing with one another in love – Eph 2 |
| 20 th – The bond of peace – Eph 4:3 | 21 st – Called to one hope – Eph 4:4 |
| 22 nd – One faith, one baptism – Eph 4:5 | 23 rd – One God over all – Eph 4:6 |
| 24 th – Christ's gift – Eph 4:7 | 25 th – Growing into Christ – Eph 4:11-13 |

For more information download the full material here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WPCU-2026-English-Pamphlet.pdf>

Here are some suggestions of practical ways of living our faith and Christian unity: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>

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.

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](#)

Adoration Nights

The dates for the Adoration nights this term are Friday 13th February, and Friday 27th March (not 25th March as was mistakenly printed on some of the flyers). The March event will also serve as the parish Lent Reconciliation Service. 6:45 - 7:45pm in St Joseph's Church.

Adult Baptism. Confirmation and Reception into the Church

In the week beginning January 26th we will be starting our courses towards these sacraments. If this might interest you, please contact us through the parish office.

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

Join us on Saturday 24 January at 7pm at Fitzherbert Community Hub, Kempton 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!](#)

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](#).

Emergency Appeal – Clothes, Toys & Essentials for Refugee Women and Children

On 23 December, a fire forced refugee women and families including a newborn baby to be evacuated from a hotel in Brighton. They were brought to Fitzherbert Community Hub for safety before being moved on to a hotel in Croydon, leaving without their belongings. Thank you to those parishioners who so generously gave money and clothes when the families first arrived.

The families are seeking asylum and are living on extremely limited government support - around £8 per person per week while housed in hotel accommodation. As you can imagine this does not cover clothing, baby items, toys or other everyday essentials. Some women are pregnant, two babies were born shortly after the move, and many primary-school-aged children are currently not in school.

The families are also living with ongoing uncertainty, not knowing whether they will return to Brighton or where they may be sent next.

We urgently need donations of: Women's clothes (all sizes) Children's clothes (all ages) Baby items (nappies, wipes, blankets, baby clothing) Games, toys and books for children.

Drop-off: Parish Office, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.00am–1.00pm
If these times do not suit, please contact AnnMarie in the Parish Office.

Financial donations are also very welcome via the parish website or the Dona machine in church.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion for families who are having to start again with nothing.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

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 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.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH
 We are very excited to have achieved the Gold Healthy Choice Breakfast club award as well as the Music Mark in recognition of ambition and quality in music at SJB. Our music lead, Mrs Woodcock, is a lead teacher for all of the schools in Sussex and is doing a great job helping others reach our high standard. This week we have participated in the indoor athletics meet at BACA and our team had a great time scoring points and achieving new personal bests.
Many Blessings, Carly Carden, Headteacher

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Parents & Toddlers We meet at St Joseph's (side door entrance) on alternate Monday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm
Monday 26 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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Parish Office (Mon, Wed & Fri, 9:30 -13:00)

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 17th January		
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 (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Dorothy Gartier RIP (<i>Michael Vanner</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 19th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	John McCummiskey RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 20th January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mary Gieger & Family (<i>Jack Murphy</i>)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Wednesday 21st January		
St Agnes		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Catherine Joyce RIP
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 22nd January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Holy Souls RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 23rd January		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Deceased parishioners of St John the Baptist
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Doris Jackson RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 24th January		
St Francis de Sales		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Billy Murphy & Family (<i>Jack Murphy</i>)
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	In Thanksgiving
Sunday 25th January		
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Fr Gabriel's Intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Bridie Dolan RIP - 4th Anniversary (<i>Tracey McGuire & family</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

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 Wyn Wescott, Dorothy Gartier, 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.