



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.

Fifth Sunday in OT (A) 8th February 2026

Psalter week 1

WELCOME

Message from Fr Peter

Mission Council

I have been in the parish just over a month now and have really enjoyed getting to know people, and have felt really welcomed into the community. One of the interesting and exciting developments is that from last year East Brighton Parish became part of the moderated parish of Brighton and Hove. Last Thursday evening I attended an event called the 'Mission Council', which I really had no idea of what to expect. It was a 2 hour meeting of representatives from all the old parishes which make up the new moderated parish, and as you might expect the theme was – Mission. All the different communities represented sat on different tables and we were asked to reflect on what our story was as parish, and our experience of growing the community. After lots of sharing, each community fed back and we all heard what was going on in other parishes what was interesting about it was not necessarily hearing what the plans were, but what was the experience like – and what were our hopes and fears. The result was a feeling of great collaboration and friendship with the parish as a whole, and that we were all about the same thing, but each community because of its different history / buildings / personnel and experience it was unfolding and happening many different ways with different themes and priorities. The last exercise we did, and were encouraged to take back to our communities was to sit in pairs and tell each other what motivated us in our Christian faith and life, this was a very powerful exercise and was very interesting and affirming. As we left at the end of the evening, I felt that we are really taking what it means to be a moderated parish seriously and what a fascinating, challenging and rewarding experience it will be for all of us in the future.

Second Collection today for the Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Fund

Lourdes is a place of renewal and deepening faith. Thanks to the generosity of parishes across the Diocese, last year's Lourdes collection raised over **£60,000**, helping to support Assisted Pilgrims and those who care for them. Your support enables many people to take part who otherwise could not make the journey.



PRAYING THE DIVINE OFFICE with the Monks

NEW TIME of 4:45pm on Saturday and Sunday

Prayer of the Church with psalms, scripture readings and intercessions.

Monk Talks Tuesday 17th February - "A Benedictine approach to Lent" with Fr Peter

Fr Peter will share his insights and those of St Benedict as we enter this holy season.

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



Lent Retreat Day Saturday 7th March.

Monks in the City invite you to a Day Retreat introducing Benedictine insights for Lent, to be held at St. John the Baptist and the FCH. Time: 10.45 – 4pm. Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Contact monksinthecity@worth.org.uk or 07444 802368 to book your place.



Adoration, Reflection & Music - NEXT Friday 13th February 2026

Join us at St Josephs from 6:45-7:45. Everyone is very welcome!

Our next date is Friday 27th March for Adoration and Lent Reconciliation Service

Reclaiming Humanity: Attention & Love in a Fragmented World

An afternoon Exploring Catholic Social Teaching with **Fr Toby Lees OP**

Sunday 22 March · 1:30-4:15pm · Fitzherbert Community Hub

Fr Toby Lees OP — Dominican priest, moral theologian, and Priest Director of Radio Maria England — will explore how forces in our culture fight for our attention, weakening our capacity to love; how fragmentation affects our humanity, and how we can stay grounded through contemplation, communion, and generosity.

All are welcome to join early for a shared lunch at 12:45pm (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share).

No booking required. Donation only. Tea, coffee, & cake provided. For more info joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk

Altar Servers—St Joseph's

We are looking for people to join the altar serving team at St Joseph's. Serving at the altar involves helping the priest during Mass and helping the celebration of Mass to be as beautiful and reverent as possible. We're looking for people of all ages (as long as they have made their First Holy Communion) to serve at the 11am Mass at St Joseph's. If you're interested email the parish office or speak to Charles or Will after Mass. We will be running training for new servers during February to please get in touch as soon as possible to be invited to the training.



The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

Please support our East Brighton Parish fundraiser, The Big Lent Walk! All money goes directly to CAFOD. How about joining in with the Big Walk, either by yourself or by meeting parishioners for a Sunday stroll after church? Any money you give will help to create access to clean water for those in need. Click here for details: <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/east-brighton-parish>

Our New Parish Hub - Help us tell the story of the redevelopment!

We'd love you to help us tell the story of our new Parish Hub. If you've already taken photos or videos of the site, or if you notice moments of change as the build progresses and are able to capture them, please do share them with us. Together, these images will help record the journey of the Hub as it takes shape. You can send these to projects.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

Shared photos may be used in parish communications (ie newsletters, the website or displays). Thank you !

Parish Foodbank - We need used egg boxes please!

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](#). Thanks!

Emergency Appeal – Thank You & Ongoing Collection Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously to our emergency appeal. Donations can still be dropped off at the Parish Office on Mon, Wed & Fri, 9am –1pm. Financial donations can also be made via the parish website or Dona machine in church. Thank you!

Parish Safeguarding for the Young or Vulnerable

If you have concerns for someone you know or need advice or help yourself, please call the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Angela McGrory in confidence on 01293651148 or email one of the Parish Safeguarding Rep's: Linda Evans, St Josephs sg1.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk & Julia Murray Logue, SJB sg2.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

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 @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 (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 & NEW TIME 4:45pm on Saturday & Sunday

Midday Stillness Drop in between 12 - 1 pm for a time of music, prayer and reflection with a monk.

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

It's been a wet week which has meant lots of muddy fun for the children going into Forest School!

Year 2 gave us a wonderful assembly all about space and the solar system . We learned about each of the planets and what makes them unique through drama, song and narration.

Many Blessings, Carly Carden, Headteacher

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Baptism Preparation

The next course for parents and carers who wish to prepare for the baptism of their baby or toddler is starting on 15th February. We will be preparing for baptism in April or May. Contact Julia for more information

Parents & Toddlers We meet at St Joseph's (side door entrance) on alternate Monday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm **Monday 16 February**, 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 28 February

Family of Faith is a parish group for families who wish to grow together in their faith. Parents and children learn about the Mass, prayer, the liturgical year and the teachings of the Catholic Church, using YouCat for Kids, covering the full catechism over a three-year cycle. The programme is suitable for families with primary-school-aged children, including those preparing for Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, as well as families preparing for Confirmation in the future. Sessions are one Saturday a month at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. For info, contact Julia.



Proclaim! Monday 2 March 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.

Messy Church - St Josephs Church 12.45 - 2.15 pm Sunday 8 March

Messy Church is a Christ-centred family event for our community to come together to eat, make friends, get creative in activities that don't involve a screen, and learn more about Jesus in a relaxed, messy environment. Invite your grandparents, friends & neighbours to "come & see"!



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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 7th February		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 8th February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Friends & family of Eilish McGinley RIP (Michael O'Donnell)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Grace & Jinwoo Kim
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	In thanksgiving to Carlo Acutis
Monday 9th February		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mercer
Tuesday 10th February	St Scholastica	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Maria
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Audrey Evelyn Rue RIP (Foundation)
Wednesday 11th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Canon J Newton RIP (Foundation)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	McCann family
Thursday 12th February		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Janet Palmer RIP
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 13th February		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Deceased Parishioner of SJB
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 14th February	Ss Cyril and Methodius	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Guillermo Sainz (Carmen C)
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	Marion Moriarty
Sunday 15th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Alex & Isabel Rodrigues RIP (Dr Lishoy Rodrigues)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Marguerite Siri RIP & Diane Christelle RIP (Maguy)
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, 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.