



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 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent (A) 1st March 2026

Psalter week 2

WELCOME

Pastoral Plan Update from Fr Kieron

The high number of catechumens and candidates celebrating the Rite of Election on Saturday was a sure sign that the Local Church of Arundel and Brighton is flourishing, as we enter the *Sede Vacante* period of prayerful waiting for a new bishop.

During this time, the Pastoral Plan is not put on hold, but rather, we should redouble our efforts and prayers to transform our parishes into the *Communities of saints* mentioned in the founding vision for the Plan. Although no more of our new parishes can be officially set up until we have a new pastor for the Diocese, there is much that we can and should, still do. The three new parishes of Brighton & Hove, Guildford and Weybridge will continue along the path of renewal and planning for mission through a focus on prayer and formation. The remaining eight deaneries, already at various stages along this pathway, will also continue with their preparations for the structural changes which will be necessary to serve the mission.

Ongoing support and resourcing from the Central team in the Diocese will always be available to moderators and their teams as they look to the future. Although we would not want to present a new bishop with a *fait accompli* about the future of the Diocese, we can hopefully present him with a gift; a gift which looks like parishes and communities which are flourishing and committed to renewal and mission, with clergy and lay people in shared leadership and collaboration.

All of us united by the call of our Baptism.

Fr Kieron



Stations of the Cross

St Joseph's - Friday evenings Mass 6pm | Vespers 6:30pm | Stations of the Cross at 7pm

St John the Baptist - Friday evenings Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm (*new time*)



Giving Sunday - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up or reviewed their giving following Giving Sunday. Your generosity and commitment to our parish community are deeply appreciated.

If you have completed a form or signed up recently, we will be in touch soon - and if you haven't heard from us yet, please don't worry, we are working through everything and will contact you shortly.

If you would still like to sign up or find out more, parishioners will again be available at the back of church after Mass this Sunday to help answer any questions. You can also visit: www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/support-us

Thank you again for the many ways you support the life and mission of our parish.



Lent Retreat Day with the Monks Saturday 7th March

10:45am to 4pm at St John the Baptist,

An opportunity to deepen your spiritual preparation this Lent, to affirm your need for God's grace and renewal as we approach the commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life.

Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided.

Book your place (s) via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone 07444 802368.

MONK TALK with Fr Patrick OSB Exploring the Spiritual Inheritance of St Patrick

Tuesday 17th March, 6pm to 8:15pm An evening of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence. Join us for Evening Prayer at 6pm, followed by a simple supper at 6:30pm with the talk at 7pm. Concluding with the Office of Compline at 8:15 for those who can stay.



1st Vespers for the Solemnity of St Benedict

Friday 20th March at 6pm We invite you to a celebration of the Passing of St Benedict Friday 20th March, 6pm at SJB (followed by light refreshments at the FCH)

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



PRAY, FAST & DONATE with CAFOD this LENT

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table.

Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10 - or scan the QR code



Come and talk to us at one of our cake sales after the 11am masses. Second Collection - Sunday 8th March

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6 March

Everyone is warmly invited to this year's World Day of Prayer service, prepared by the women of Nigeria, on **Friday 6 March at 10.30am** at the **Salvation Army Citadel, Conway Street & Sackville Road, Hove**. This ecumenical service brings Christians together in prayer and fellowship, reflecting on this year's theme: *"I will give you rest, come."* All are welcome.

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!

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!

Young adults' Easter retreat at Worth Abbey! Maundy Thursday 2nd April - Easter Sunday 5th April.



(Plus optional walking pilgrimage from Brighton, leaving Palm Sunday.)

Come and celebrate together the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the greatest Feast of the year and climax of our faith. Talks from monks / space for personal reflection / group discussion / social time / beautiful liturgy. Retreat cost: £200 (£100 places available) For any queries or to book your place visit: www.worthabbey.org/our-retreats and click on the 'young adults' tab.

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 Please note, no Morning or evening prayer on 3 or 4 March

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 | 01273 607924

We hope all the children have had a good first week back and are ready for the term ahead as we journey through Lent together.

Many Blessings, *Carly Carden, Headteacher*

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Parents & Toddlers We meet at St Joseph's (side door entrance) on alternate Monday mornings from 10am to 12pm **Monday 2 March**, 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 21 March A monthly parish group for families with primary-school-aged children to grow in faith together, exploring the Mass, prayer and Catholic teaching using *YouCat for Kids*. Suitable for families preparing for the sacraments. Held at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. For information, 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

CONTACT DETAILS

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Parish Office (Mon, Wed & Fri, 9:30 -13:00)

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 28 February		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Nora Moran RIP
Sunday 1st March		
Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Holy Souls
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Francis Stevenson RIP (<i>Carmel Stevenson</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 2nd March		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Julian Becquart RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 3rd March		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Paddy McDonnell—get well
Wednesday 4th March		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 5th March		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoff Lewis
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Helen McEvoy RIP
Friday 6th March		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	R & MA Mills & Relatives RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Kathleen Holohan RIP
Saturday 7th March		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Delia Moran RIP
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	John McHale RIP
Sunday 8th March		
Third Sunday of Lent		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Thanksgiving to Mother Mary & Jesus (<i>Dr Lishoy Rodrigues</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Mary Kate & George Henry RIP (<i>Mary Murray</i>)

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

Those who have died recently, especially Michael Sheppard & Simon Kingham, 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.