



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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

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## WELCOME

### Message from Fr Patrick

#### Mystagogy

We continue to support those who were Baptised, Received, and Confirmed at Easter. Like a newborn child who needs care and guidance, those newly reborn into the life of the Church also need ongoing support as they grow in faith and become part of our Parish community.

This period is known as Mystagogy, the final stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It follows the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and focuses on deepening the understanding of these sacraments through lived experience. The word comes from the Greek *mystagogos*, meaning "to lead into the mysteries."

Rather than classroom teaching, mystagogy is a "liturgical catechesis." It begins from participation in the Church's worship and life. Traditionally lasting through the Easter season until Pentecost, it invites the newly initiated to reflect on the Gospel, share in the Eucharist, and grow through prayer and acts of charity.

This is not only for the newly initiated. Mystagogy reminds all of us that faith is a lifelong journey into the mystery of Christ. The Second Vatican Council restored this ancient practice, recognising that Christian formation is not just about learning truths, but about encountering Christ and living the faith within a living, praying community.

The Sunday liturgy is central to this journey. Through word, sacrament, and symbol, we experience God's presence. The signs of water, light, bread, and wine speak of life and grace, while the homily helps us connect faith with daily living.

As a parish, we all share responsibility for supporting our new members. Through welcome, prayer, and example, we help one another grow in faith, as together we are led ever more deeply into the mystery of Christ.



At the Easter Vigil last weekend, we were delighted to celebrate the Baptism of Leonie, Milo, Morgan and Olly, and to welcome Becca & Kerrie into full communion with the Church – many congratulations to them all.

We also celebrated the Confirmation of the newly baptised, along with Emmanuel, Josh & Shama – our congratulations to each of them as well. Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith.

### Thank You for Your Generosity at Easter

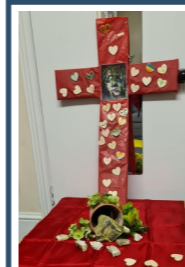


A heartfelt thank you for your generosity to our priests over the Easter celebrations. Your support - through both the offertory collections and bank transfers - is so greatly appreciated.

These offerings make a real difference, providing for our priests personally, and are a lovely expression of our gratitude for all they give to our community.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make our Easter liturgies so prayerful and beautiful. In particular, our sacristans, flower arrangers, musicians and choirs, readers, altar servers, welcomers, cleaners - and the many others who quietly help prepare our churches. Your care and dedication are a real gift to our parish.

Thank you again for your continued kindness and support.



### Children's Liturgy at Easter

A big thank you to all our children who took part in the Children's Liturgy over Easter. They created these beautiful Easter displays, reflecting on Good Friday and celebrating the joy of Easter Sunday.

It's such a lovely expression of their faith and creativity - thank you also to the team who support and lead them each week.



### A Call to Pray for Peace

Pope Leo has invited us to pray for peace this Saturday (11 April) at 5pm, following a fragile ceasefire in Iran.

[Click here to read Pope Leo's Easter Urbi et Orbi message.](#)

Please join in prayer at 5pm - or at any time this weekend - for peace in our world.

### The Promise of the Father



Grow Your Life in the Holy Spirit

### **The Promise of the Father Life in the Spirit Seminar from Redhill, April 2026**

You are warmly invited to take part in our upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminar in support of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, taking place in Redhill starting April 2026. This journey over seven sessions is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus and to experience anew the abundant power of His Holy Spirit. Each session includes inspiring teaching from excellent speakers, personal testimonies, small group sharing and prayer.

The seminar is free to attend, and all are welcome - whether you are attending online from home, in a local Parish hub or in-person at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Redhill. If you'd like to take part you must first register at [www.abcharismatic.org](http://www.abcharismatic.org). Come, Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

### Understanding the Scripture—The God Who Speak Project

The Bible tells the story of God's love and mercy. As Pope Francis said, it is "The Bible is the great story of the marvels of God's mercy. Every one of its pages is steeped in the love of the Father who, from the moment of creation, wished to impress the signs of his love on the universe."

You don't need to understand everything at once—reading slowly and regularly can help God's Word take root in our lives, often bringing those 'lightbulb' moments.

The *God Who Speaks* project offers some simple ways to help us grow in our understanding of Scripture:

- ❖ Pray before you begin
- ❖ Take time to understand the different books of the Bible
- ❖ Appreciate the variety of writing - stories, poetry, history and more
- ❖ Be open to God speaking to you through what you read

To find out more, [click here for the God Who Speaks resource](#)

**Parish Foodbank** The foodbank is open **Mondays, 10:30-11:30am** (Including Easter Monday) at the SJB presbytery (front office). Please bring donations to Sunday Mass: Eggs, fresh fruit & veg, tins, dry goods, strong bags. **Remember We can't store refrigerated food!** [Click here](#) to donate to the fund **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](mailto:sg1.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk) & Julia Murray Logue, SJB [sg2.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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!

**Deep Waters will be taking a break over Easter, resuming on Sunday 19th April with a countryside walk after the 11am Mass.** For more info you can join our WhatsApp chat - email Claire on [claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk) for details. 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>

**Life in the Spirit Course** TUESDAY evenings, 7:30pm-9pm. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (*not on 16 April*)

**Evening Prayer** at 6pm: Monday - Thursday & 4:45pm on Saturday & Sunday (*not on 14 or 16 April*)

**Midday Stillness** returns on Friday 17th April | **Lectio Divina** returns on Wednesday 15th April

### Grandparents' Formation day - Thursday 23 April 10-4pm

#### St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham

Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com

To register, go to the events page of the Diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events)

If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life

Adviser E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**Parents & Toddlers** We meet at St Joseph's (side door entrance) on alternate Monday mornings from 10am to 12pm, 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 ([families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk)) to join the WhatsApp group.



### Family of Faith - Saturday 25th April

**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.

Contact Julia at [families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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 11th April		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Jim & Nancy Price
Sunday 12th April		
Second 'Low' Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Veronica Kearney RIP ( <i>Carmel Stevenson</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Joan Heatherington - <i>birthday</i>
Monday 13th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Teresa Pires RIP
Tuesday 14th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Manuel Morales ( <i>Maria C Cabanas</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	AnnaMarie McCann - Get Well
Wednesday 15th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Josephine Okafor RIP ( <i>Sr Rose</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Gordon & Peggy Grady RIP
Thursday 16th April		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	In thanksgiving ( <i>Annisha Sabu</i> )
Friday 17th April		
St John the Baptist	9:00am Mass	Ellen Peacock RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Maurice Dion Fielding RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
Saturday 18th April		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Deceased parishioners of SJB
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	Joe McGrath - intentions
Sunday 19th April		
Third Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	The Greener Family
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	John Murray 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, 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, 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.