



# 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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Psalter week 4

## WELCOME

### Message from Fr Patrick

#### The Feast of Pentecost this Sunday

The Feast of Pentecost takes its name from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth," marking the fiftieth day after Easter. Long before it became a Christian feast, Pentecost was already an important Jewish festival, celebrated fifty days after Passover as a thanksgiving for the first Harvest, the Day of First Fruits, as it was the time to present the first offerings of the new crop to the Temple and, later, for the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Christians came to see in this feast the fulfilment of God's promises through the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out upon the apostles after the Resurrection of Christ. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church, for it was through the coming of the Holy Spirit that the disciples were sent out with courage to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

When Pope St John XXIII announced the Second Vatican Council, he famously spoke of the need for *aggiornamento* — "bringing up to date" — and of opening the windows of the Church so that the fresh air of the Holy Spirit might enter anew. That image of openness remains an important one.

At St Joseph's Church, the open doorway often allows a glimpse of ordinary life from the altar: buses and cars negotiating the traffic lights at the bottom of Elm Grove, pedestrians hurrying past, and sometimes curious faces pausing at the sound of prayer or music from within the church. At St John the Baptist's Church, although the outer side door may stand open, the interior still remains largely hidden behind the glass doors on the side of the church. Recently, an Australian couple visited during the day and asked about weekday Mass. When told it had been celebrated earlier that morning, they replied that they had walked past at the time but it looked to them as though the church was closed.

During the summer months, we hope to open the main doors during the principal services, allowing the witness of the Church's prayer to spill out onto the pavement and perhaps invite curiosity, reflection, or prayer.

Please pray for those being Baptised and Confirmed at the 11:00 Mass at St Joseph's this Pentecost. May all of us be open to receive anew the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to be ready, through the coming of the Holy Spirit, to be sent out with courage to proclaim the Gospel to our world.



## MONKS IN THE CITY

**Saturday Sanctuary - 6th June from 11.00 am to 12:45pm**

A morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence.

**Saturday Retreat Day at Compass House, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB**

20<sup>th</sup> June, 10am to 4pm. Theme: *St Benedict for Today*

(Booking required) Transport (£5) from SJB at 9am.

An opportunity to experience the prayerful atmosphere of the Abbey Church and to enjoy the extensive grounds of Worth Abbey. Optional transport (£5) available from Kemptown (BN2 1AP) at 9am; please book up in advance as numbers are limited.

### Sponsor Fr Kieron and support young people attending the Lourdes Pilgrimage



Three of our young people will be travelling to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July; One as a *redshirt (youth group)*, the others as helpers.

Fr Kieron will be cycling from St Malo ( in the north of France ) to Lourdes over five days and would like to use the ride to raise funds for our young parishioners.

If you would like to sponsor him, you can use the Dona machines in each church or hand in cash / cheque in an envelope marked *Lourdes Sponsorship*. Fr Kieron will be covering his own expenses, so everything you give will go to support our young helpers.

### Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday, 7th June, after 11am Mass at St. Joseph's

Join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ as we honour Our Lord in the Eucharistic Procession after the 11am Mass. Embrace the spiritual depth of this tradition, culminating in Benediction around 1pm on Sunday, 7th June at St Joseph's Church.

You are most welcome to come along and participate in this beautiful expression of faith and community. Let this be an opportunity to unite in reverence and devotion, and to bear witness to our faith together.

All are welcome!



### Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, 3-4 June, Arundel Cathedral.

Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi.

View the carpet 9.30am-7pm (Weds) and 9.30am-5.30pm (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, begins at 5.30pm on Thursday. All are welcome.

### Lourdes Prayer Network

**Our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (24-30 July) is "Love in Action" and one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual diocesan calendar.** We journey to Lourdes to serve each other and to renew our commitment to walk with Jesus, with the help of Our Lady and St Bernadette. Pilgrims regularly pray together during our week in Lourdes, with our Assistant Chaplains also running a prayer network throughout the year. The network invites and encourages pilgrims to offer prayers of praise, petition and thanksgiving to God; share concerns, joys and heartaches in the knowledge that many will be praying on our behalf; and pray together as a community for others.

Would you like to share your prayer needs and offer prayers for others, either individually or at our monthly *Mondays with Mary* online prayer sessions? To volunteer to pray for others, or ask the prayer network to pray for an intention close to your heart, visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage [events](#) page or contact E: [prayer.lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:prayer.lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk). }

Everyone is welcome.

**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)

There will be a Second Collection this Sunday for **Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.**

# 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 - 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  
**Evening Prayer** at 6pm: Monday - Thursday & 4:45pm on Saturday & Sunday  
**Midday Stillness** every Friday until 24 July  
**Lectio Divina** every Wednesday 8-9 pm [Join online here](#) or see our website.

**Grandparents Pilgrimage - Wednesday 17 June 11am - 3pm at The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead,**  
 A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents with Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. [Click here to register](#): If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

**St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH | 01273 607924**  
 We had Diversity Day this week and had a wonderful day celebrating the rich culture of our school. Families came in and read stories in different languages, we shared drama, dance and music, all wore our National dress and finished with a wonderful celebration in the hall with each class performing something.  
**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, 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) to join the WhatsApp group.



### Family of Faith - Next date 27 June.

**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.

### Proclaim! Next date 1 June 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](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

<b>Saturday 23rd May</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24th May Pentecost</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Jo & Princy Antony & family
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Mary Howes on her 97th Birthday (P&M Fenwick)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Anthony McGee RIP
<b>Monday 25th May Mary, Mother of the Church</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Gertrude Ellery RIP (Foundation)
<b>Tuesday 16th May St Philip Neri</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Josephine Maughan RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Stephen McCann RIP
<b>Wednesday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jim McDowell RIP
St Joseph's	11:30am Funeral Service	Kathleen Leonard RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Walter Perry RIP (Foundation)
<b>Thursday 28th May Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoff Lewis
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Private Intention
<b>Friday 29th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	For all alcoholics (Jack Murphy)
St Joseph's	11:00am Requiem Mass	Deirdre Kirkpatrick RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Saturday 30th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Our neighbour 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 Vigil Mass of Pentecost	Ken Francis RIP (Pam Francis)
<b>Sunday 31st May The Most Holy Trinity</b>		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Bridie Dolan RIP (Maureen Reilly)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Lisa Howell RIP

### 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, Roger Paine, Alexis Paine, Scott Pearson and Gifford Moody. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently, especially Kathleen Leonard, Deirdre Kirkpatrick 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.