



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.

Seventh Sunday Easter (A) 17th May 2026

Psalter week 3

WELCOME

Message from Fr Kieron

These days between the Ascension of the Lord and the Feast of Pentecost, we can, metaphorically, at least, join the Apostles in the upper room. In the first reading, all the apostles are named and we are told that they were joined by the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus as well as his *brothers and sisters* - most likely a reference to his extended family. This presents as with a great picture of unity as they were *of one accord* in their devotion to prayer. This image of a community united in prayer is certainly one to emulate as we too, spend these days waiting on the Holy Spirit; there is a long tradition of the Church honouring this novena (nine days) as we mark this sacred time. Jesus himself gives us an example of prayer in today's Gospel, with an extended passage from his *High Priestly Prayer*, a kind of conversation with his Father in which he commends his followers for grace and blessing and glory. As Son, it was quite natural for him to have a conversation with his Father, but as adopted sons and daughters through baptism, this is a privilege that we all share. Even if our time physically gathering together during these days is limited, we can all make the effort to *be of one accord* in praying for the Holy Spirit to bless our new Parish, to bless those being baptised and confirmed at Pentecost and to unite us with our fellow Christians across the city especially those who will gather at St Peter's church on Thursday evening.

*Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people and grant us
A new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power
A new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service
So that your love may grow among us and your Kingdom come
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

At the 11.00 Mass at St Joseph's on Pentecost Sunday, two adults will be baptised and they will join ten others who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation



MONKS IN THE CITY

Monk Talks - Tuesday 19th May

Series on Contemplative Prayer led by Fr Peter, part 1: *The Way of Humility*

6pm Evening Prayer; 6.30pm simple supper; 7pm Talk Prayer

This is the first in a series of three talks on contemplative prayer, silent prayer in the monastic tradition. Fr Peter will explore stages of the journey of contemplative prayer, and on 16th Jun - *The Way of Wholeness* and on 21st July - *The Way of the Spirit*



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

20th 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.

Please note - no Midday Stillness on Friday 22 May



Prayer for our City

As part of *Thy Kingdom Come* novena of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, in Brighton we are praying for our City, on Thursday 21st May

Ecumenical City Wide Prayer St Peter's Church, Brighton, BN1 4GU

Thursday 21st May, 7.30pm (Doors 7.00pm)

In the lead up to Pentecost, churches all across Brighton will gather for a City-Wide Prayer Night. A time together for worship, to pray and seek the presence of God - for one another, and our city.

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.



Parish Registration & Communication Preferences

Over the coming weeks, we'll be updating parish records and communication preferences through ChurchSuite, the secure GDPR-compliant system already used by St Joseph's, St John the Baptist, many parishes, and the Diocese.

As part of this, you may receive an email inviting you to update your details and communication preferences from [no-reply@tx.churchsuite.com](mailto:tx.churchsuite.com) titled: **[Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove] Consent Request (your name)**.

We are also gradually moving parish emails and newsletters into ChurchSuite. If you receive parish emails but are not yet registered, you may be invited to complete a short registration form. If you are unsure whether you're registered, you can register now by clicking here or via our website (don't worry if you register twice - we can merge duplicate records). If you have any questions, please contact AnnMarie in the Parish Office at eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you for your patience and support.

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 & Julia Murray Logue, SJB sg2.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

Second Collections There will be a second collection this Sunday for **World Communications Sunday**, and next Sunday for the **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 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 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 & 4:45pm on Saturday & Sunday
Midday Stillness No Midday Stillness on Friday 22 May - then every Friday until 24 July
Lectio Divina every Wednesday 8-9 pm [Join online here](#) or see our website.



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.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH | 01273 607924

We have been thinking about the Feast of the Ascension this week and how Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to be with us always. We have also had a wonderful girls' rugby festival which we enjoyed (although got a little wet).

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 for details on any of the above

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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 16th May		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Pam Francis (née Macklin), David and Ken Macklin (Pam Francis)
Sunday 17th May		
Seventh Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Deceased members Nalleparambil Family (S Antony)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Diane Christelle & Genevieve Obone RIP (Maguy)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 18th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Canon Rymer RIP (Foundation)
Tuesday 19th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Annie Jones RIP (Foundation)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	John - intentions
Wednesday 20th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Batelic family (Jack Murphy)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 21st May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mau Navarro RIP (Minie)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Joe & Mary Davenport RIP
Friday 22nd May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Miss N O'Sullivan RIP (Foundation)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Paul Skelly RIP
Saturday 23rd May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Kitty O'Neill 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	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th May		
Pentecost		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	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

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:

Moirra Hall, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Claire Ashenden, Mary Howes, Ewa Knebloch-Kozłowska, 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 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.