



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.

Sixth Sunday Easter (A) 10th May 2026

Psalter week 2

WELCOME

Message from Fr Peter

Last week we started a new 'Monks in the City' programme and you should be able to pick up a distinctly Yellow card in Church with our programme on it for May / June / July (on the back), or access it on-line by just googling 'Monks in the City'. We've kept the programme in the usual shape with all the familiar items: Saturday Sanctuary / Monk talks / Midday Stillness / Special Events / and Pray with us. Hopefully you can come along to an event that speaks to you and is convenient. If you have any feedback we would love to hear - please contact me on pwilliams@worth.org.uk, and we will be reviewing the programme structure next week.

This summer I am doing a course of 3 talks on Contemplative Prayer. Contemplative prayer is really silent prayer and is very firmly established in the monastic tradition. Indeed, a big part of my own vocation was in response to my coming into contact with the practise of meditation. During the talks I hope to go into some of the stages of spiritual journey which contemplative prayer takes you on. I've titled the three talks - A way of Humility / Healing / the Spirit. Each talk will involve me reflecting but also a time of silence.

We also have Two special events. One is a retreat day at Worth Abbey, which is a wonderful opportunity to experience the prayerful atmosphere of the Abbey Church and also enjoy the extensive grounds of Worth Abbey. I've arranged for a minibus to give lifts on the day, to cut the cost of travel there, so please book up in advance because the bus is only a 15 seater. The second event is a celebration of the birth of St John the Baptist here at SJB (24 June), with an ecumenical vesper but also a unique version of 'Stations' of St John the Baptist using the artworks in SJB.



MONKS IN THE CITY

Midday Stillness – Every Friday

Every Friday, 12 noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection

Monk Talks - Tuesday 19th May

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

Join the monks 6pm for Monastic Evening Prayer at in the Church, followed at 6.30pm by soup & bread supper in the Fitzherbert Community Hub with a talk at 7pm.

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.

Supporting Our Young People on Their Journey to Lourdes



This summer, some students from our parish will be travelling to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage as helpers. Lourdes is a very special place of prayer, service and community, and the experience is often deeply meaningful for the young people who take part. They are currently working hard to raise funds to help cover the cost of the pilgrimage. If you would like to support them, donations can be made either through our parish website or via the Dona giving machine at church (and donations can be gift aided!)

Every contribution, however small, is greatly appreciated and will help make this opportunity possible for our young people. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Parish Registration & Communication Preferences



Over the coming weeks, we will be updating parish records and communication preferences through ChurchSuite.

ChurchSuite is already used by St Joseph's and St John the Baptist, many other parishes within the Diocese, and the Diocese itself. The Diocese is keen for all communities to work with the same secure, GDPR-compliant system, helping us keep records up to date, communicate more effectively, and better support and plan for our parish communities.

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

We are also gradually moving parish emails and newsletters into ChurchSuite. If you currently receive parish emails or the newsletter but are not yet registered with the parish, you may receive an email inviting you to complete a short parish registration form.

If you are not currently registered with the parish, or are unsure, [you can register now by clicking here](#) or via our website. *(Please do not worry about registering twice - we can merge duplicate records where needed.)*

If you have any questions, please contact AnnMarie in the Parish Office - or email eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

Thank you for your patience and support as we work through this together.



Pray Brighton and Hove - Christian Action Brighton - Pentecost Week 2026

Jesus loves this city - it's where He's placed us, and together it's our responsibility and joy to cover Brighton and Hove in prayer as one united Church. We'd love for you to join us! We invite individuals and churches to [sign up and join a continuous rhythm of prayer throughout the week](#) preceding Pentecost Sunday as we seek fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Participants can sign up for **24/7 prayer slots**, committing to specific times to pray on their own. In addition, a **daily noon prayer time** will be held online, open to everyone offering a shared space for unity and encouragement. The week will culminate in an **in-person 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer gathering on Thursday, May 21st, at St. Peter's 7:30-9pm (doors at 7pm)**, as we gather together to pray for God's reign to be made visible in our churches, communities, and beyond.

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

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

Middy Stillness returns on Friday 1 May

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

This week we have had our May Day celebration, with the oldest and the youngest child in the school crowning Mary and all of the children laying flowers at her feet. We sang some beautiful songs and it was a lovely whole school community event.

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 – Saturday 16 May

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 fu-

Proclaim! Monday 11 May 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

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 9th May		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Joe McGrath - intentions
Sunday 10th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Jain Jacob (<i>Jacob George</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Patrick K. & Patrick D. Charleton RIP (<i>Simon Charleton</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 11th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Des McCrabbe RIP (<i>Eileen</i>)
Tuesday 12th May		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Wednesday 13th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Murphy family (<i>Jack Murphy</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Vigil Mass of the Asencion	Jenerosa Martin RIP (<i>Carmen Cabanas</i>)
Thursday 14th May	The Asencion of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Helen Ferres RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St John the Baptist	11:00am Requiem Mass	William Appleton (<i>Bill</i>) RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Calixto Sriza, Sally Marsh, Maganena Gonzalez RIP
Friday 15th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Rose McCumiskey RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	All GCSE Student especially Kamsiyochukn & Chimamand
Saturday 16th May		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Catherine Joyce RIP
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	Pam Francis, David, Ken Macklin RIP (<i>Pam Francis</i>)
Sunday 17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Deceased members Nalleparambil Family (<i>S Antony</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Diane Christelle & Genevieve Obone RIP (<i>Maguy</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

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 and Alexis Paine. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently, especially William Appleton (*Bill*), 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.