



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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 5th July 2026

Psalter week 2

WELCOME

Message from Fr Patrick - Church Consecration Anniversary

A long-term parishioner mentioned to me last Sunday that next Tuesday is the Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church of St John the Baptist in 1835 - an occasion that was greatly celebrated in years past.

Historical writings reveal that the consecration ceremony took place on 7th July 1835, two days before the public opening, "commencing at six and concluding with a Pontifical Mass around ten" – over four hours! Translated from the Latin, the Consecration Certificate reads:

"On the seventh day of July, 1835, I, Thomas, Bishop of Oleno (Dr. Griffiths), consecrated this church and altar, in honour of St. John the Baptist, and in it enclosed relics of St. Clement, Martyr, and granted to all the faithful of Christ who visit the church today 100 days and to those visiting on the anniversary day 40 days of true indulgence in the usual form of the Church."

In the 1870s, a 60-foot extension was added. At the opening ceremony on 31st October 1875, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Bishop Danell. As the extension was smaller than the original church, the original consecration was not lost. The repositioned altar was reconsecrated, with relics of St. Anastasia and St. Benedict added alongside the relic of St. Clement. The two carved stone altars in the side chapels, dedicated to the Sacred Heart and Our Lady, were also consecrated.



A Catholic church consecration is a solemn liturgical rite (although considerably less than four hours in the current Rite) performed by a bishop to permanently dedicate a building and altar exclusively to God, marking it as a sacred sanctuary set apart from all secular use.

There is an ancient custom of marking at least four points of consecration on the church walls with permanent crosses, each accompanied by a small candlestick. I can find eight: can you spot them?



New Bishop Appointed for Arundel & Brighton

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We are delighted to share the news that His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop-elect Stephen Wang as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.

Fr Stephen has most recently served as Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, where he has been responsible for the formation of men preparing for the priesthood. Speaking of his appointment, he said that he was "overjoyed at the thought of coming to Arundel & Brighton, getting to know the people, and working together to build God's Kingdom."

Please keep Bishop-elect Stephen in your prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation at Arundel Cathedral later this autumn. We also continue to thank Archbishop Richard Moth for his faithful leadership of our Diocese.

You can read the full announcement, including Bishop-elect Stephen's message and words of welcome from Church leaders, on the Diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/>

Thank You for Supporting Our Lourdes Appeal



Thank you to everyone who supported last Sunday's cake sale at St John the Baptist. Together we raised an amazing £503!

With your generosity, we have now raised a fantastic £1650.09 towards supporting our three young parishioners travelling on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this summer.

Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers.



DATE UPDATED! Adoration, Reflection & Music - Friday 10th July 2026

Join us at St Josephs from 6:45-7:45. Everyone is very welcome!

Our next date will be in September - details to follow.

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. There will also be a second collection in church, or give via the Dona machine. (*Please note: if you want your donations to be Gift Aided you should donate directly to CAFOD using the link or QR code*)

Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



CAFOD's Jubilee Debt Campaign – Sign the Petition

Many of the world's poorest countries are spending more on debt repayments than on essential services like healthcare and education. As the UK prepares to host the G20 in 2027, there is an opportunity to press for a fairer global debt system. [Click here to sign the petition and add your voice to the campaign.](#)

There will also be a physical petition in both churches next weekend.

From the Care Group

If you know someone who is housebound, please let us know so we can arrange to visit and take Holy Communion to them. Contact the Parish Office and they will pass your details to the Care Team.

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

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Sea Sunday

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Deep Waters is the parish student/young adults group. We get together:

- ♦ **Wednesdays:** 6:45pm next door, in the basement of 6 Wellington Road, for a meal, a talk, prayer & social with drinks.
- ♦ **Sundays:** after the 11am Mass for lunch + input/activity, also in 6 Wellington Road.

Come to the back of St Joseph's church after Mass and someone will find you and show you where to come! For more info you can join our WhatsApp chat - email Claire at claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk for the link.
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>

Praise and worship prayer group- 7:00pm-8:30pm. 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>



MONKS
IN THE CITY

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.

Reminder! Saturday Sanctuary - 4th July morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence from 11:00am to 12:45pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub

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

We have had a wonderful recorder concert from the year 3 children and ukelele concert from the year 4 children this week. We have been so impressed with all of their talents and it was lovely singing along whilst they played.

Many Blessings, Carly Carden, Headteacher

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Messy Church - St Josephs Church 12.45 - 2.15 pm THIS Sunday 4 July

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"!



Proclaim! Next date 6 July from 6:30-7:45pm 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.

Proclaim will be back after the Summer on Monday 21 September!

Family of Faith - Next date 11 July.

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.

Parents & Toddlers— next day 27 July! 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.

Contact Julia at families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk for details on any of the above



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MASS TIMES

Saturday 4th July		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Rebecca Hedley's wellbeing (<i>Rose Hedley</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Lorraine Tinlin RIP (<i>Ian Tinlin</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	John & Rose Mary Reilly (<i>Anthony Reilly</i>)
Monday 6th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Adey McKay
Tuesday 7th July	Solemnity of the Consecration of St John the Baptist Church	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 8th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Good health of Reylet, Reynaldo II, Reynaldo Rebutica, & Carmelita Sinson (<i>Sinson family</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rev George Tatum RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Thursday 9th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Our Clergy
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 10th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mission of the Parish
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 11th July		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Holy Souls
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	Fr Foley's Intentions
Sunday 12th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Shiju Antony Birthday (<i>S Antony</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Anna Goudy's Intentions
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

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, Laurie Garlington, Helen Symmons, Anthony Warner, Maureen Croke, Ian Brockwell, Roger Paine, Alexis Paine, Scott Pearson, Gifford Moody, Michael Petek and Brendan O'Sullivan. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently, especially José Luis Cabanas 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.