



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

PART OF THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BRIGHTON & HOVE

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A) 16th August 2026

Psalter week 4

WELCOME

Message from Fr Patrick



The Assumption of Our Lady falls on 15th August, which this year is a Saturday. In England, when a solemnity of this importance falls on a Saturday or a Monday, it is moved to the Sunday, taking the place of the Ordinary Sunday of the year. So this Sunday we keep the Assumption together as a parish, and it is well worth the wait. The Assumption teaches something simple. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heaven. She did not have to wait, as we do, for the resurrection of the body at the end of time. She received in full, and in advance, what we hope for ourselves.

This is not a strange add-on to the faith. It follows from who Mary is. She said yes to God at the Annunciation, carried Christ in her body, stood by the cross, and shared fully in her Son's life. It makes sense that she should share fully in his victory over death too.

The feast also gives us something to hold onto. We live in bodies that get tired, get ill, and eventually die. It would be easy to think the body is just something to get through, and that only the soul really matters. The Assumption says otherwise. Mary's body mattered. Our bodies matter. God made us whole people, and he intends to save the whole person, not just a part of us.

Pope Pius XII defined this teaching formally in 1950, but the Church had believed it, and celebrated it, for many centuries before that. It is an old certainty, not a new invention.

Mary's assumption is a sign of hope for every one of us. Where she has gone, she calls us to follow. Not because we have earned it, but because her Son has opened the way.

Do join us this Sunday as we keep this great feast together.



A huge **thank you** to everyone who so generously supported my cycle to Lourdes. The journey was certainly hard work, but I'm thrilled to have completed it! Thanks to your generosity, we raised **£2269.87**. This helped three young people travel to Lourdes this year, and we now also have a fund in place to help support others who would like to make the journey next year.

I'm incredibly grateful for all your donations, encouragement and support.

Fr Kieron



The Autumn 2026 events of the **Monks in the City** will be announced shortly. These are the first to be aware of:

FINDING STILLNESS (New!) Monthly follow-up from the Contemplative Prayer Monk Talks. **Mondays Monthly: 7:30-8:30pm: 24th Aug.**

MONK TALKS: Series on 'The Prayer of the Church' - **15th Sep** An Introduction to Monastic Prayer - Fr Patrick **6pm** Evening Prayer; **6.30pm** simple supper; **7pm** Talk followed by Night Prayer

LECTIO DIVINA every **Wednesday Morning from 30th Sep 2026** from **10am to 11am.**

A weekly **in person** session hosted by Monks in the City.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us once again on the weekend of 22nd - 23rd August to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord

About Becoming Catholic (ABC)

If you want to be Baptised, Confirmed or received into the Catholic Church, or you would like to refresh your knowledge of the sacraments you have received or learn more about the Catholic faith and do not know where to begin, then come along to the ABC course.

The ABC course starts on Friday 9 October 2026, from 7:30 – 9:00pm and continues on subsequent Fridays, term time only, for two terms. We will meet in the Meeting Room at 6 Wellington Road, Brighton BN2 3AA.

To register your interest, please email eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

Geoffrey Early RIP

Parishioners will be sad to hear of the death of Geoffrey Early (Edney) who died recently. Geoff who was born and brought up in the Parish was a well know personality especially in the Kemp Town area, where his smile and impeccable manners charmed so many people. He was an active member of the Brighton Table Tennis Club, and he will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

Life, Loss and Coffee

Are you living with bereavement or another significant loss? Join us for **Life, Loss and Coffee** – a friendly monthly drop-in offering a warm welcome, a listening ear, and the chance to meet others who understand. Everyone is welcome, whatever your faith or background.

First session: Wednesday 2 September, 10.30am–12.30pm

Venue: Cassidy Centre, St Mary's Church, Surrenden Road, Brighton.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk



Global Week of Prayer 6 - 13th September 2026

Christian Action Brighton invites individuals and churches in Brighton & Hove to pray for our city and to join a continuous 24/7 rhythm of prayer throughout the week.

Participants can sign up [here](#) for an hour's prayer slot, committing to specific times to pray on their own. There are other opportunities for a [daily online noon prayer](#) and two in person prayer gatherings: Tue 8th - 8-10pm at [St Cushman's Church, BN2 5HE](#) and

Thu 10th 8-9:30pm at [Emmanuel, BN1 4GQ](#)

More details from Christian Action Brighton: <https://www.christianactionbrighton.org.uk/prayer#247>

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 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

Deep Waters is the parish student/young adults group. We usually get together Wednesday evenings and Sunday lunchtimes, but are currently on a Summer break. We'll be back:

- Wed 2nd September 6:45pm, next door in the basement of 6 Wellington Road, for a meal, a talk, prayer & social with drinks.
- Sunday 6th Sept after the 11am Mass for lunch + input/activity, also in 6 Wellington Road.

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- We are taking a break over the summer and will resume again in September.

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. See <https://cateniansprovince18.org.uk>



PRAY WITH US

Morning Prayer at 9am: Monday - Saturday

Evening Prayer at 6pm: Monday - Thursday & 4:30pm on Saturday & Sunday

Midday Stillness will return in September after the Summer break

Lectio Divina every Wednesday 8-9 pm [Join online here](#) or see our website.



St John the Baptist Church Open Day 29th August from 11 to 4:30.

The Saturday morning (9:30) and Evening (6pm) Masses will take place as normal.

Between them, we are inviting ANYBODY to come in to "Discover Brighton's Historic

Catholic Church (with royal connections and impressive art)". We will need lots of

volunteers to welcome them, show them round and answer their questions. Please make

yourself available for as much of the day as you can manage. And invite your friends and

neighbours. Enquiries to MonksInTheCity@worth.org.uk

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

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Saturday 15th August		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Jim & Nancy Price – Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 16th August		
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Co Patron of the Diocese		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Monica McLauchlan RIP (<i>T Roberts</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Josephs	5:30pm Mass	Patrick Joseph RIP (<i>Bernadette</i>)
Monday 17th August		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
Tuesday 18th August		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Wednesday 19th August		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Thursday 20th August		
St Bernard		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoffrey & Mum RIP
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 21st August		
St Pius X		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Warren Harte (<i>Maureen Bourne</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Anne Elizabeth Magennis RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 22nd August		
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Members of the Carmel Fraternity (<i>Jack Murphy</i>)
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	Doris Ursula Doherty (<i>Patricia Doherty</i>)
Sunday 23rd August		
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Sr Leama RIP (<i>S Antony</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Anna Viggiano RIP (<i>Tina</i>)
St Josephs	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, Laurie Garlington, Helen Symmons, Anthony Warner, Maureen Croke, Ian Brockwell, Roger Paine, Alexis Paine, Scott Pearson, Gifford Moody, Michael Petek, Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr Foley, Grace Seppuya, John Tabbutt-McCarthy, and Jean Ghazal. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently, especially Geoffrey Early and Peter Brand 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.