



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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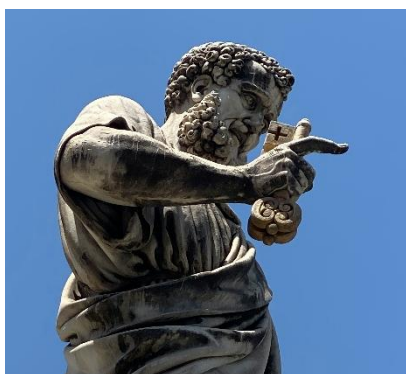
Seeking God in Prayer, Growing Together in Faith, Reaching Out in Love

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 23rd August 2026

Psalter week 1

WELCOME

Message from Fr Kieron



Keys feature in both the first reading and the Gospel this Sunday. From the prophet Isaiah, Eliakim is given the key of the house of David; in the Gospel, perhaps more famously, Peter is given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. This is Peter not as a private individual, but Peter as the rock upon which Christ wants to build his Church; to this day, the Papal coat of arms carries the symbol of the keys. This does not set up the pope or the Church as some arbitrary jailer,

keeping people in or out on a whim, but rather it is sign of the freedom that God offers his daughters and sons and it is the Church's job to unlock that freedom for as many people as possible.

If we have made our own profession of faith, then our personal lives are potentially full of occasions when we can unlock the mysteries of the kingdom for others, or alternatively, keep them to ourselves as a closely guarded but jealous treasure. We can unlock these treasures through *conversations in the spirit*, when we share our deepest beliefs and desires and we can also open the doors to God's love through our willingness to forgive and by a courageous witness to the truth. Peter was never given personal power, but within the Church he is the custodian of God's power to love and heal and save. It is the same power that is shared with us through our baptism, which makes us part of the priesthood of all Believers.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group – This weekend

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us once again this weekend 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.

Autumn 2026

FINDING STILLNESS - STARTING THIS MONDAY - 24th Aug 7:30-8:30pm

Monthly follow-up from the Contemplative Prayer Monk Talks. Also 28 Sep, 26 Oct & 23 Nov

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.

QUIET day AT Compass House, Worth Abbey. Saturday 31 October 10am-4pm

Booking Required – Suggested donation £15-25. Optional Transport – 9am from SJB £5.

For full details of these and other Monks in the City events this autumn, visit www.monksinthecity.uk

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

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: Wed 2 September, 10.30am–12.30pm **Venue:** Cassidy Centre, St Mary's Church, Surrenden Rd.

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. 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](#) &

Thu 10th 8-9:30pm at [Emmanuel, BN1 4GQ](#) see <https://www.christianactionbrighton.org.uk/prayer#247>

Courage and Conviction: The Life of Sister Riccarda Hambrough

Come and hear acclaimed speaker and author **Joanna Bogle** tell the remarkable story of Sister Riccarda Hambrough, who was baptised at St Mary Magdalen Church and grew up to become a Bridgettine nun in Rome, and helped rescue Jewish families during the Second World War. She may now be formally recognised as a saint. **Tuesday 22 September at 7.00pm at St Mary Magdalene Community Hall. All welcome.**

Room to Rent – 1 Elm Grove

We are still looking for someone to rent the basement room at 1 Elm Grove, in the house adjoining St Joseph's. £600 per calendar month, plus bills, sharing the kitchen and living areas with two other housemates.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Loretta & Reynold De Souza RIP

The dual funerals of Loretta & Reynold De Souza will take place at St Thomas More Church, Carden Ave, at 2pm on Tuesday, 25 Aug 2026. (Bus 5b, the bus stop by the church is called "Long Man of Wilmington")

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 on Friday 18th September.

Lectio Divina – Online Wednesday Evenings – is taking a break until Wednesday 9th September



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



New-Look Dona Donation Machines

You may notice that our Dona contactless donation machines have had an update and look a little different. If you usually Gift Aid your donations through the machines, you may be asked to register your Gift Aid details again.

Thank you for continuing to support the parish through your donations.

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

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Saturday 22nd August		
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
Monday 24th August	St Bartholomew	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Tom Bach RIP
Tuesday 25th August		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Fred & Bo Pearson (<i>Friends at SJB</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	William O'Dea RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 26th August		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Edward Keegan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Success of interview
Thursday 27th August	St Monica	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Tom Pearson
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Success of interview
Friday 28th August	St Augustine	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Private Intention
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Success of interview
Saturday 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Mills family
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	Geoffrey Early RIP – birthday (<i>Fenwick Family</i>)
Sunday 30th August	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Libby MacElhinny (<i>Friends at SJB</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Philomena Franco RIP (<i>Maria Booth</i>)
St Josephs	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Maira 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 Reynold De Souza, 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.