



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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 30th August 2026

Psalter week 2

WELCOME

Message from Fr Aidan

A call to act, from Archbishop Richard

In Pope Francis' memorable words, we are living in a change of era. This can mean that our values and ethical principles are being challenged by the society and times in which we live. Nowhere is this more extreme than in the so-called Assisted Dying Bill.

A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide has been **reintroduced** to the House of Commons. The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* will have its Second Reading and vote on **Fri, 11 September 2026**. The Catholic Church has a clear and principled objection to this Bill and our bishops have renewed their call for Catholics and people of goodwill to **unite in prayer and compassionate action**.

Archbishop Richard Moth, now the President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation:

"The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives.

"The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate.

"I urge you to **write to your Members of Parliament** (<https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>) to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

ACT NOW – Contact your MP

Please support the Archbishop's call and **contact your MP now** as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.

Our MP's in Brighton & Hove are:

Kemptown and Peacehaven: Chris Ward (Labour Party)

Brighton Pavilion: Siân Berry (Green Party)

Hove and Portslade MP: Peter Kyle (Labour Party)

Last November all three voted For the Bill. We must make our views known to them.

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

A thank you message from The Bethlehem Nativity Group

We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families - we raised £4316.00. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land .

We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, You can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk

God bless you all. Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group



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>

Adoration at St Joseph's

First Friday Adoration at St Joseph's - Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Every first Friday of the month we honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion reminds us of His deep love for us, calls us to repentance and encourages us to trust in His infinite mercy.

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the **first Friday of each month at 5pm** (followed by Mass at 6pm). This term First Fridays are on **4th Sep**, 2nd Oct, 6th Nov, 4th Dec.

All are most welcome!

Adoration, Reflection & Music

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

Upcoming Dates: 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December - Advent Reconciliation service.



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, and we will be starting up again after the summer break from Wednesday 2 Sept. **An especially warm welcome to anyone new to the city this academic year, do come and join us!** We get together:

- Wednesdays 6:45pm, basement of 6 Wellington Road, for a meal, a talk, prayer & social with drinks.
- Sundays after the 11am Mass for lunch, 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. Parish office for details.

Tuesday Evenings Join us online at 7:30 on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84005968178>

Praise and worship prayer group Starts again on 29th September. 7-8:30pm..St Joseph's meeting room.
Contact Mel - 07833 614205 for more info.

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 Fri 18th September. **Online Lectio Divina will return** Wed 9th September

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FOR YOUNGER FAMILIES:

Parents, Babies and Toddlers group with refreshments, play, chat and adoration at St Joseph's church on **Monday 14th September 10 am - 12 pm**, and then 28 Sep · 2 & 26 Oct · 9 & 23 Nov · 7 & 21 Dec

Baptism Preparation for Parents/Carers of Babies and Toddlers - If you are a Catholic parent or carer who would like to prepare for the Baptism of your baby or pre-school child, a course is starting on **Sunday 13th September**, preparing for Baptism in the autumn.

Family of Faith is monthly formation for families with primary-school aged children who wish to grow and learn about their faith. It is also suitable for families who wish to prepare their children for the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. The next session is on **Saturday 26th September** at the Fitzherbert Community Hub at either 10 - 11.30 am OR 3 - 4.30 pm.

Messy Church will be back at St Joseph's on **Sunday 4th October** 12.45 - 2.15 pm

FOR YOUTH

Proclaim Youth Group for young people in Years 7 to 12 re-starts on **Monday 21st September** from 6.30 pm - 8 pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. As well as food, games, formation, group discussion and prayer, there are new opportunities to join upcoming youth events in the city and beyond. Other dates: 5th & 19th Oct, 2nd & 16th Nov, 7th Dec.

Youth Alpha - An opportunity for all young people of secondary age to learn more about faith through videos, group discussions, food and fellowship. Youth Alpha is a 10-session course that runs on Mondays 6.30 - 8 pm from **Monday 12th October** during term-time only. All are welcome.

Sacramental Preparation - We offer preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for all young people. Contact Julia for more information on the best pathway for your family or young person - families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 29th August		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Geoffrey Early RIP – birthday (Fenwick Family)
Sunday 30th August		
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Libby MacElhinny (Friends at SJB)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Philomena Franco RIP (Maria Booth)
St Josephs	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 31st August		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	People of Orikhiv
Tuesday 1st September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mary & Mel Kenny RIP
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Wednesday 2nd September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoffrey RIP (Friends at SJB)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Success of interview
Thursday 3rd September		
St Gregory		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Vincenta & Flaviano Alinday
St Joseph's	10:00am Requiem Mass (no 6pm mass)	Peter Brand RIP
Friday 4th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Catherine Joyce RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Anna Viggiano RIP
Saturday 5th September		
St Teresa of Calcutta		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Karol Kwiatkowski RIP (Rose Hedley)
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	Natasha Ursula Doherty (Patricia)
Sunday 6th September		
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Ngoka Family (Juliana)
St Josephs	5:30pm Mass	Private Intention

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, 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, Peter Brand, and Maureen Croke 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.