



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 6th September 2026

Psalter week 3

WELCOME

Message from Fr Kieron

Anyone who has had experience of the governance or management of schools, or any other institutions, will probably be familiar with complaints procedures and policies. At first sight, the teaching of Jesus about what to do when someone is at fault sounds a bit like this. Indeed, there are sound principles here; try to resolve a dispute informally first; do not escalate more than necessary, but if you need to, follow due process. It's all good advice, but the teaching of Jesus is always more than good advice as it is always predicated on the *Good News*.

The good news here is although sometimes we have a duty to call out what is wrong, we should always go the extra mile to seek justice and enable the sinner to be forgiven and reconciled. Even the final sanction - of treating someone like a Gentile or a tax collector - in other words, an outsider, may not be a permanent punishment. Matthew himself, the author of this Gospel was a tax collector who converted his way of life; we might also think of the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus recognises that even in communities which bear his name, things go wrong and relationships break down, but there is always a way back. While we have a duty to uphold the law of love of neighbour, which might include calling out those who break the law, we are also custodians of the law of mercy which means that forgiveness is our way of life and the only policy we have for that is Jesus himself and he is always Good News.



Thank You for a Wonderful Open Day

A big thank you to everyone who helped make last Saturday's Open Day at St John the Baptist such a success. Our thanks go especially to those who ran the catering in the Hub, led guided tours, sold books, and prepared the church beforehand.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who welcomed our visitors. About 200 people came through our doors, from all walks of life, and, thanks to you, left feeling very welcome.

The day also raised around £400 for parish funds, after modest expenses.

Thank you all for giving your time and your presence — it made all the difference.

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

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

Adoration at St Joseph's



First Friday Adoration at St Joseph's is a monthly devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, reflecting on His love and mercy. The remaining dates this term are 2 October, 6 November and 4 December at 5pm, followed by Mass at 6pm.

All are most welcome!

Monthly 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

Galilee Community Hub is the name of our new community and chaplaincy space currently being developed at St Joseph's. An update on the project is available to read [online here](#), and printed copies are available in the churches.

St John the Baptist Primary School - Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to all our teachers, staff and children as the new autumn term begins. We wish everyone at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School a happy and successful term. We have a number of **Open Days** coming up for prospective families. [Click here for details](#), or see the poster in church.

Pilgrimage for Climate and Peace – Sunday 20 September

All are welcome to join an interfaith pilgrimage through Brighton, walking together for climate justice, peace and healing. The pilgrimage begins at 1pm at One Church, Florence Road, visiting several places of worship before finishing at the Friends Meeting House in Ship Street at 3.30pm.



Global Week of Prayer 6 - 13th September 2026

Christian Action Brighton is inviting churches and individuals across Brighton & Hove to join a week of **24/7 prayer for our city**. You can sign up for a one-hour prayer slot [here](#), join the daily online prayer at noon, or attend one of the in-person gatherings: **Tue 8 Sep, 8–10pm** at St Cuthman's Church **Thu 10 Sep, 8–9.30pm** at Emmanuel More information is available [here](#).

Day With Mary – Arundel Cathedral. Saturday, 24th October

Join us for a beautiful Day With Mary at Arundel Cathedral. Free coach departs **from St Mary Magdalen Church** at 7:00am sharp. To book your seat, please contact the parish office: brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk

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 welcoming, vibrant parish student/young adults group. We get together:

- Sundays after the 11am Mass for lunch, next door down the steps at 6 Wellington Road.
- Wednesdays 6:45pm, also in 6 Wellington Road, for a meal, a talk, prayer & social.

(Weeks when the Friday Adoration nights are held, we do that instead of meet on Wed.)

An especially warm welcome to anyone new to the city this academic year, we look forward to meeting you!

For more info you can join our WhatsApp chat - email Claire at claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk for the link. Instagram: @brightonsussexatholic.

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 5th September		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Natasha Ursula Doherty (<i>Patricia</i>)
Sunday 6th September		
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Ngoka Family (<i>Juliana</i>)
St Josephs	5:30pm Mass	Private Intention
Monday 7th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mary O'Brien RIP (<i>Susan O'Brien</i>)
Tuesday 8th September		
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mary Brett – intentions (<i>Anna</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Ernest George Elliot RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 9th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	AnnaMarie McCann – <i>success of operation</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Pritti Ray – get well
Thursday 10th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Rita McKenna & family (<i>Rita</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jovelyn, Patro & Nita Sanico (<i>Ivy Fabrigas</i>)
Friday 11th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Stevens Family RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Chad Goddard RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 12th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Ewz Szadowska RIP (<i>Renata Rudzka</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	Marion Moriarty
Sunday 13th September		
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Maria Porinchu RIP Anniversary (<i>Princy</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Maureen Croke RIP (<i>Celia Webster</i>)
St Josephs	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Moir Hall, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Claire Ashenden, Mary Howes, Ewa Knebloch-Kozłowska, 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, Maureen Croke, Peggy O'Neill 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.