St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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

All Saints (A) 1st November 2026

Psalter week 3

WELCOME

Message from Fr Kieron

The preface for today's mass says that *today, by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother where the great array of our brothers and sisters gives you eternal praise.*

Today reminds us of something that happens every time we celebrate mass and that is recognising the connection we have with all of those who have gone ahead of us and are already enjoying the fullness of God's company. There are those named saints who have been canonised; that is to say, we can be certain about their sainthood, but there are many, many more, too numerous to name or number who are also with the Lord; or as we like to say, in heaven.
These truly are our brothers and sisters as there is no doubt that we will have known some of them. They might be our parents or grandparents, other relatives or friends or people who have inspired us over the years. On a couple of occasions, I was able to meet Saint John Paul II, so I can say with certitude that I have met a saint, (incidentally, as I touched him, I think that makes me a third class relic!) but I am also fairly certain that he is not the only one, though I can't name the others with any authority.

So the idea of sainthood is something that we all aspire to and we should not think that it is unachievable, as we are all called to personal holiness; as the preface prayer goes on to say …

> *Towards her (the heavenly Jerusalem), we eagerly hasten as pilgrims advancing by faith, rejoicing in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the church through whom you give us in our frailty both strength and good example.*

Monks in the City – Autumn 2026

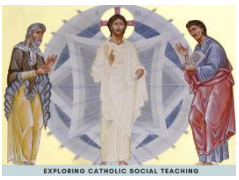
SATURDAY SANCTUARY – Living with Loss - 7 November – 11:00am-12:45pm
November is traditionally a time when we remember those who have gone before us. This Saturday Sanctuary will be led by Fr Peter, and will take the form of a time for reflection and prayer, to honour and remember those important people who have gone before us, and to consider the importance of remembrance and how it keeps our connection with them.

MONK TALKS Tuesday 17th November Seasons and Cycles; Creating Sacred Time with Fr Peter
6pm Evening Prayer; ***6.30pm*** simple supper; ***7pm*** Talk followed by Night Prayer

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday 22nd November 4pm.
Abbot Mark will preach.

LECTIO DIVINA *every Wednesday Morning* from ***10-11am***. A weekly ***in person*** session hosted by Monks in the City.

Prayer Ministry is now available at St Joseph's after 11am mass on the *third* Sunday of the month and during Adoration on the second Friday of the month.



Magnifica Humanitas: A deep dive into Pope Leo's new encyclical

Conference Afternoon Exploring Catholic Social Teaching with **Dr Jack Norman**
Sunday 8 November · 1:30–4:15pm · Fitzherbert Community Hub
Dr Jack Norman, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, will explore our vision of the human person: what does it mean to be human? How can we safeguard the human person in the age of AI? In a world that is reshaping how we live, relate and think, we have an urgent task: to rediscover the path to true human flourishing.
All are welcome to join early for a shared lunch at 12:45pm (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share).
No booking required. Donation only. Tea, coffee, and cake provided.
Venue: The Fitzherbert Community Hub, St John the Baptist Church **More info:** joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk
Childcare available: Messy Church will run alongside the event. Please email Julia with your child's age if childcare is needed, so we can ensure appropriate supervision.

Charlie Fieldus RIP

The Requiem Mass for Charlie will take place at St John the Baptist Church on Wednesday 11th November at 1.30pm. Please keep Charlie and his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Afternoon Concert at St John the Baptist – Imperial College Chamber Choir

Saturday 14 November | 3.00–4.00pm
We are delighted to welcome back the Imperial College Chamber Choir, directed by Patrick Allies, following their wonderful concert here last year. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful choral music featuring works by Saint-Saëns, Tallis, Balfour Gardiner and Sarah Macdonald.
Free entry – donations welcome, shared between the choir and the church. The choir's new album, *This Place*, will be available to purchase. Refreshments will follow in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese

Grow in faith, build friendships, and find your community!
Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join the Youth Team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Young Adult Retreat Days at churches across the diocese. Each day offers two guest speakers, a choice of workshops, a shared lunch, and time for prayer, reflection, and fellowship with young adults from beyond your own parish. Come along, deepen your faith, and meet other young adults on the journey. We'd love to see you there!
Booking available via the Arundel & Brighton Diocese website: Events | Our Diocese

Celebrate 4 Years of the Fitz – Anniversary Fundraiser for the Fitzherbert Community Hub!

Join us on **Saturday 28 November, 7.30–10.30pm** for a fantastic evening celebrating the Fitz's 4th anniversary!
Enjoy Fatto a Mano pizza, live jazz at the Fitz and a ping pong party at the BTTC!
Tickets are £20, including pizza, a drink, music and table tennis all evening. All proceeds will support the wonderful work of the Fitzherbert Community Hub. Come along, celebrate and help support the Fitz!
Click for tickets: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/brightontabletennisclub/2454221 or contact the Parish Office.

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: @brightonsussexcatholic.

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 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

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 Thursday evenings at 6:30pm 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

MONKS IN THE CITY

PRAY WITH US
Morning Prayer at 9am: Monday - Saturday
Evening Prayer at 6pm: Monday - Thursday & 4:30pm on Saturday & Sunday

Midday Stillness – Every Friday. Drop in between 12 Noon and 1 pm for a time of music, prayer and reflection with a monk - stay as long as you like.

Online Lectio Divina every Wednesday 8-9 pm **Join online here** or see our website.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH |01273 607924
The school is warmly inviting families with children starting school in September 2027 to come along to one of their open events, meet the team and discover the wonderful school community.
Wed 11 Nov, 2pm – Stay & Play **Thur 26 Nov, 9.15am** – Cookie Decorating **Fri 11 Dec, 2pm** – Christmas Crafts
St John the Baptist is proud to be a Catholic school with an open heart, where every child is valued and encouraged to flourish in a caring, happy and faith-filled environment. Contact the office for more details.
Carly Carden, Headteacher.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FOR YOUNGER FAMILIES:

Parents, Babies and Toddlers group with refreshments, play, chat and adoration at St Joseph's church on **Next date is 9 November 10am- 12pm,** and then 23 Nov · 7 & 21 Dec

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 Baptism & First Holy Communion. Sessions are monthly on a **Saturday** at the Fitzherbert Community Hub at 10 -11.30am or 3-4.30pm

FOR YOUTH:

Proclaim Youth Group Monday 16th November
Proclaim is for young people in Years 7 to 12 from 6.30-8 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.
This term dates are 16th Nov and 7th Dec.

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 31st October		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Thanksgiving *(AnnaMarie McCann)*
Sunday 1st November	**All Saints**	
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	Maureen Croke RIP *(Lynn and George)*
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Sheila Fotheringham *(Sharon)*
Monday 2nd November	**All Souls**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	James & Violet Glover RIP *(Foundation)*
St Joseph's	12:00pm Requiem Mass	John Grealish RIP
Tuesday 3rd November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Slawek's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Eldho's Intentions
Wednesday 4th November	**St Charles Borromeo**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Wyn Jeffery RIP *(James Jeffery)*
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Pepe Cabanas *(Carmen)*
Thursday 5th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mairead Quinn RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Harvey & Pat Smith *(Paul O'Sullivan)*
Friday 6th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	11:00am Requiem Mass	Prof Gerald Grace RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mladen Fridl RIP *(Julia Wingfield)*
Saturday 7th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Mairead Quinn RIP
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	Patrick Finnigan RIP
Sunday 8th November	**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Noel O'Sullivan RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Mairead Quinn RIP

Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Moira Hall, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Claire Ashenden, Mary Howes, Barbara Garlington, Phil McGrandles, Gordon Murray, Ian Tinlin, Marie Clare, Sue Bonner, Maria Rigby, Shannon Grewal, Jayveer Grewal, Anthony Price, Pete Weston, Michael Warner, Laurie Garlington, Helen Symmons, Ian Brockwell, Roger Paine, Alexis Paine, Scott Pearson, Gifford Moody, Michael Petek, Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr Foley, Grace Seppuya, John Tabbutt-McCarthy, Jean Ghazal and Carolyn Pavett. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently, especially Gerald Grace, John Grealish, Ewa Knebloch-Kozlowska and Charlie Fieldus 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.