



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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 11th October 2026

Psalter week 4

WELCOME

Message from Fr Aidan



Many moons ago and just before ordination, I was engaged in a year's pastoral study which required a placement in a pastoral situation. I chose to engage in a mission to a high-rise housing estate in West London which would prepare me for living in a small monastery in South East London. Some others on the programme chose prison visiting as their placement. Every one of them came away from that experience feeling that they had carried out a Christian calling and at the same time had received and learned so much from the people they had met in prison.

This Sunday is **Prisoners' Sunday**, the national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It is a moment to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment — those in prison, their children and families, and all who struggle with the lasting impact of justice system involvement. It is an invitation to respond with compassion, prayer and practical support.

Archbishop Richard is the lead bishop for prisons and he writes to us today about the work of **Pact**, the Prison Advice and Care Trust:

An important element of Pact's work is to support prisoners and their families to maintain their family bonds, recognising the anxiety, isolation and perhaps hardship they may be experiencing while a loved one is in prison. This work has been hugely influential, and it is now recognised that it is one of the most effective means to reduce the risk of re-offending by former prisoners. In the gospel, Jesus reminds us to show concern for prisoners: 'I was in prison and you visited me' (Matthew 25:36). Pact continues to rely strongly on the support of Catholic parishioners. I encourage you to play your part in its important work, whether through prayer, volunteering or financial support, putting the values of the Gospel into action, and working for the common good of all.

Although we may not have the opportunity to visit prisoners, this week is an invitation to keep prisoners and their families in our daily prayers and, if we are able to, to contribute financially to the work of Pact.

Are you a student or young adult new to Brighton?

We would love to welcome you to *Deep Waters*, our vibrant parish student/young adults group. We get together:

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



(On weeks with Friday Adoration, we meet then instead of Wednesday.)

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.



Monks in the City - Autumn 2026

MONK TALKS: This Tuesday 13 October

An Introduction to the Psalms (*Prayer of the Church Series*) - Fr Aidan

6pm Evening Prayer; **6.30pm** simple supper; **7pm** Talk followed by Night Prayer

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

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

FINDING STILLNESS – 26 October – 7:30-8:30pm

Monthly follow-up from the Contemplative Prayer Monk Talks. Also 23 Nov

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



Prisoners' Sunday – 11 October

This weekend, we pray for prisoners, their families, victims of crime and all those affected by imprisonment. There will be a second collection to support Pact, the national Catholic charity helping prisoners and their families maintain relationships, find hope and rebuild their lives. www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/

International Lunch in the Fitzherbert Community Hub – THIS Sunday!

Following the 11am Mass at St John the Baptist's on Sunday 11th October you are invited to an International Lunch from 12pm – 2:30pm. This is an opportunity to share the rich cultural diversity within our communities at SJB and at St Joseph's, an opportunity to meet new parishioners and, hopefully, be entertained with traditional music and dancing. If you are able to, please bring a meal or dish to share.

Geoffrey Early RIP

A Memorial Mass for Geoffrey will be celebrated on Tuesday 13 October at 9:30am at St John the Baptist Church. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and remember Geoffrey.

Bishop-elect Stephen Wang's Episcopal Ordination – 19 October

Fr Stephen Wang will be ordained as Bishop on Monday 19 October at 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral.

The Mass will be attended by invited representatives from across the Diocese, but everyone is warmly invited to join in the celebration [online via Arundel Cathedral's livestream](#).

Please keep Fr Stephen in your prayers as he prepares for his new ministry.

Parish Conference – *Magnifica Humanitas*

Our next Parish Conference, on the theme of the recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, will be held on Sunday 8th November, 12:45-4:15pm in the Fitzherbert Hub.

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.

About Becoming Catholic (ABC)

Our ABC course has now begun, but **it's not too late to join!** Whether you are interested in becoming Catholic, preparing for Baptism or Confirmation, or simply exploring and deepening your faith, you are very welcome.

Sessions take place on Fridays, 7.30–9pm (term time only), at 6 Wellington Road. For more information, email eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk. **Students & young adults** email seb.juliusen@abdiocese.org.uk

Prayer Ministry – Sunday 18 October after 11 am mass at St Joseph's.

Come with an open and expectant heart, ready to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and to receive prayer for healing, encouragement and renewal. As members of one Body in Christ, let us support one another in prayer and allow the Lord to work in our lives. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Celebrate 4 Years of 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

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- 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 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

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>



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.

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New children tours on 22nd October at 10am and 3rd November at 2pm.

We have had a great week at school, with our SJB Messengers (prayer council) running an assembly for the whole school to explain the rosary and introduce our weekly Rosary Club running through the month of October. Our football team also had a great time at the Brighton tournament, showing strong teamwork & having a great time.

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 **Monday 26th October 10 am - 12 pm**, and then 9 & 23 Nov · 7 & 21 Dec

Baptism Preparation for Parents/Carers of Babies & Toddlers - If you are a Catholic parent or carer who would like to prepare for the Baptism, please contact Julia at families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

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 this Monday 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 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 10th October		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Nancy & Jim - intentions
Sunday 11th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Prisoners' Sunday	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Volunteers for the Children & Youth Ministry
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	TJ Connell – get well
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 12th October	St Wilfrid	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ouseph Varghese RIP (<i>Jacob George</i>)
Tuesday 13th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoffrey Early RIP – Memorial Mass
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	James O'Brien RIP
Wednesday 14th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mary Kenny
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Tierney Family RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Thursday 15th October	St Teresa of Jesus	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	The Murphy Family (<i>John Murphy</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jovan Micovski (<i>Wella Longcob</i>)
Friday 16th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Rebecca Solidor (<i>Wella Longcob</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Agnes Perry RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Doreen Lewis (<i>John Murphy</i>)
St John the Baptist	10:00am Adoration for the Diocesan Plan	
St Joseph's	11:00 – 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Phil & Maryanne – intentions
Sunday 18th October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Mary Kwiatkowski RIP (<i>Rose Hedley</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Nicholas Moore RIP

Annual Mass Head Count will finish on this Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation
Second Collection Next Sunday for World Mission Sunday

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, Jayveer Grewal, Anthony Price, Pete Weston, 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, Jean Ghazal and Carolyn Pavett. And all parishioners who need our prayers.

Those who have died recently, especially Geoffrey Early, Gerald Grace and John Quinn 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.