



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 18th October 2026

Psalter week 1

WELCOME

Message from Fr Kieron

There is nothing new about religious leaders commenting on moral issues and then being accused of interfering with politics. The forthcoming execution by firing squad in the United States has been condemned by Catholic bishops recently on two fronts; firstly, the death penalty itself and secondly, the macabre proposal to livestream the event as a public spectacle. Thankfully the livestream proposal has now been cancelled. These issues present an affront to the dignity of Human Life, as Pope Leo has stated in the past, you can't be anti-abortion and pro-capital punishment and claim to be pro-life.

Jesus strays into the political arena in today's Gospel when the pharisees try to trap him with the question about paying taxes to Caesar. Masterfully he avoids a direct answer, while making his point about rendering to God the things that are God's. In other words, everything. Using the language of coinage, we have been minted in the image and likeness of God; we bear his indelible mark and nobody should be able to take that dignity away from us. In "Magnifica Humanitas" pope Leo writes:

At the heart of the Christian understanding of the human person lies the great biblical affirmation that men and women are created in the image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26-27) of the Triune God. Created for relationship, every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with him, with others and with creation. Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love. For this reason, the human person always remains the "way for the Church" and the heart of every authentic path of integral human development.

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Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Stephen Wang – Monday 19 October

Fr Stephen has recorded a short film reflecting on his preparations for becoming our new Bishop, including his recent retreat and the significance of the chasuble he will wear at his Ordination. Watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/1YhcB7KL0Y4>

The Mass of Episcopal Ordination will take place at Arundel Cathedral on Monday 19 October at 12 noon, with **livestream coverage beginning at 11am** www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream

Further resources about the Ordination Mass, including the Order of Service and a short guide, *A New Shepherd for Our Diocese*, are available at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/episcopal-ordination



Monks in the City – Autumn 2026

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.

Prayer Ministry is now available at St Joseph's after 11am mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month and during Adoration on the first Friday of the month.



Sunday 18 October – Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation.

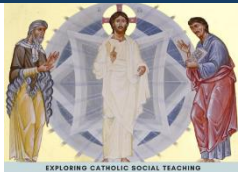


The International Lunch at St John the Baptist's last Sunday was a wonderful occasion. Thank you to all who came, to those who contributed dishes of food and to all who by your presence made this event a joyful celebration of our community. The Fitz was decorated with national flags from around the world, the food was delicious and generous - tasty traditional dishes from several countries. We were treated to Indian dancing and songs, both traditional and modern. A huge vote of thanks goes to the planning team - thank you all you did to make this possible, for your work behind scenes, from setting up to clearing away and everything in between. It was the very best example of our rich and varied community coming together to celebrate our Christian fellowship and friendship.

Youthscape Essentials is an innovative Youth Ministry training course for anyone who works with young people, including chaplains, catechists or those running (or planning to run) youth groups. The course consists of three full in-person days (Saturday 21st November 2026, Saturday 16th January 2027 and Saturday 13th February) at The Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, Brighton, BN2 1AP. The cost of the course is £13.50 (which is the cost of the Youthscape Essentials handbook which you will need to buy).

Here is the link for more information and to register for the course: [Youthscape Essentials Youth Ministry](https://www.youthscape.org.uk/youth-ministry)

Contact Julia at families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk.



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, BN2 1AP

More info: joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk

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

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 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.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH | 01273 607924

We started our rosary club this week and children enjoyed spending time saying the rosary and praying together. Fr Peter came up to school and spent time in each of the classes, the year 1 children loved showing him their work. If you have a 3 or 4 year old starting school next year, come and see us for our fun drop-in session on Thursday at 9am or for our headteacher talk and tour at 10am. You can see why SJB is such a special school!

Carly Carden, Headteacher.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All Saints' Children's Liturgy - Sunday 1 November

Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint for a special All Saints' Children's Liturgy at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday 1 November. Some costumes and saint-themed placards will also be available. We look forward to celebrating with you!

FOR YOUNGER FAMILIES:

Parents, Babies and Toddlers group with refreshments, play, chat and adoration at St Joseph's church on **Monday 26th October is CANCELLED - 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 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.

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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 17th October		
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
Monday 19th October		
St Philip Howard, Patron of our Diocese		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jessie Connell RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 20th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Noel O'Sullivan RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rev Francis Freelan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 21st October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jason Smith RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Neil Wise – intentions (<i>John Odonoghue</i>)
Thursday 22nd October		
St John Paul II		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ricarda Longcob (<i>Wella Longcob</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Alice Gallagher RIP (<i>Peter, Kieran & Paul</i>)
Friday 23rd October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Neha Antony – <i>on her birthday</i> (<i>Jojo & Princy</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Catherine Bush RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 24th October		
St John the Baptist	9:00am Mass	Bishop Stephen Wang
St John the Baptist	No Adoration or Confessions	
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th October		
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Ouseph RIP (<i>S Antony</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Lee Wright RIP (<i>Miriam</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Eldho's Intentions

Change of Mass Time – Saturday 24 October Please note that on 24 October, Morning Prayer will be at 830am and Mass at 9am, to allow the monks to return to Worth Abbey in time for the Welcome Mass for our new Bishop.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Moirá 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, 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 Quinn, and John Grealish 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.