



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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 4th October 2026

Psalter week 3

WELCOME

Message from Fr Kieron

Just a few years ago, the thought of seeing vines growing in Sussex would have been a bit fanciful. Now the hinterland north of Brighton is dotted with vineyards producing high quality (and rather expensive !) sparkling wine. It seems that the biblical metaphor of the vineyard is coming close to home. So the imagery of this Sunday's readings should be quite familiar to us. The parable in the Gospel presents us with a stark message about how the Prophets were rejected and even when the Father sends his Son, he is likewise, rejected and killed. Then the vineyard of the Lord is given to those who will produce its fruits. In the language of the parable, we are those "other tenants" who have been entrusted with producing fruit for God's Kingdom.

Like the vineyards in the shadow of the Downs, this is not something that is happening remotely in some far off land, but this is close to home. It is in our City (and Parish) of Brighton and Hove that we are called to be fruitful. During these days when we celebrate harvest, we also look towards the harvest that is produced when the Word of God is sown in people's hearts. This brings forth the fruit of generosity, which is shown in our seasonal collection for CAFOD, but also in those local initiatives that bring hope and joy to people. We see this in a material way in our Food Bank and the Community Café at the Fitz, but also in our outreach work to families, new students and others who are hungry, not just for food but for a deeper meaning in their lives.

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 Road.
- Wednesdays 6:45pm (after 6pm Mass), for a meal, a talk, prayer & social, also in 6 Wellington Road.



(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: 13 Oct 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.

International Lunch in the Fitzherbert Community Hub – next 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.

Parish Conference – *Magnifica Humanitas*

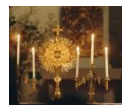
Our next Parish Conference, on the theme of the recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, will be held on Sunday 8th November, 12:45-4:15pm in the Fitzherbert Hub.

CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE during the event, we will have Messy Church at the same site. If you would like your child to be looked after, please contact Julia with their age, to ensure we have the necessary adult to child ratios: families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.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

Students and young adults — there is a separate stream just for you, so that you can take this journey together with others at a similar stage of life. If you're a student or young adult interested in joining, please contact the Student Ministry Team, at seb.juliusen@abdiocese.org.uk.



Adoration, Reflection & Music – Friday 9 October Join us at St Josephs from 6:45-7:45.

Everyone is very welcome! 13 Nov & 11 Dec- Advent Reconciliation service.

There is also Adoration for the Sacred Heart on the first Friday of every month at 5pm.

This weekend – Mission Appeal from the Colomaban Fathers

Fr Pat O'Beirne and Fr Tim Mulroy from the Missionary Society of St Columban will be making a Mission Appeal at both churches this weekend. There will be a second collection at all Masses.



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Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!

Thank you for your generous donations. Your support helps children like Tayla in Zimbabwe access safe water, nutritious food and stay in school. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou



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.

Gift Aid Awareness Day

1 Oct marked Gift Aid Awareness Day – a good reminder that, if you're a UK taxpayer, the parish can claim an extra 25% on your donations at no extra cost to you. If you're eligible please do consider it. Contact the Parish Office.



Thank You to Cherry Pie Nursery

A big thank you to the children and staff of Cherry Pie Nursery, who walked over a wonderful donation for our Foodbank this week. Fr Patrick was delighted to welcome the children and receive their generous gifts. Thank you for thinking of those in our community who need a little extra support.

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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(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!

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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 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.

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

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

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 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)

Email: eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

MASS TIMES

Saturday 3rd October		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Celia & Joe McGrath - intentions
Sunday 4th October		
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Michael & Maria Symons (<i>Maria & Libby</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Gerald Grace RIP
Monday 5th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Bernard Morgan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Tuesday 6th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ethel Darlington RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jose Luis Cabanas RIP (<i>Mrs Cabanas</i>)
Wednesday 7th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Thomas Harwood RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 8th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Elizabeth Noon
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 9th October		
St John Henry Newman		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Geoff & Barbara Lewis
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rev F Edwards & AC Edwards RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Saturday 10th October		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Barbara Lewis
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	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

Annual Mass Head Count will continue over the next two Sundays. Thank you for your cooperation
Second Collection Next Sunday for Prisoners' Sunday

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, 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.