



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

*Loving Jesus, living and sharing our Faith, welcoming all.*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

## WELCOME

Welcome to St Joseph's and St John the Baptist! We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic community in Brighton, with a vision to form disciples of Jesus Christ, to love others, and to serve our city.

Everyone is welcome, and there are loads of ways you can get involved!

See our website below for more opportunities.

[facebook.com/StJosephsBrighton](https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsBrighton)

### Message from Fr Sebastian

Dear parishioners and parish friends.

The time between the Ascension and Pentecost is one of waiting, and it calls each of us to examine our attitudes towards waiting in general and waiting on God's action in our lives. Waiting is difficult. We find any kind of waiting annoying and often look to shorten the time. We are now waiting for the ease of the national lockdown... I am quite certain the time when the lockdown is over will come soon. While it is still with us, we have lots of time to think... Think about our lives, about our faith and all relationships... Waiting is not an empty time. Let us deepen our understanding of God's message to us.... During this coming week as we are drawing near to Pentecost Sunday –this is an opportunity for every single person on the planet to examine how they live their life, how they interact with others – for good or for bad – and what each of us must do to ensure that we do nothing to bring harm to our world. We must be healers of a broken world.

Let the Holy Spirit fill us all with love, hope and healing mercy.

Fr Seb

### Parish Census 2020

Over the last two years there have been many changes to the Parish of East Brighton. As yet we do not have a comprehensive record of who is in the Parish. The lockdown has highlighted too us how difficult it can be if we cannot contact you, and if we do not know exactly who we are catering for. Please can you help us by filling in and returning the database forms. [Click here for the forms and for more information](#)



# PENTECOST

## Pentecost Vigil

You are all warmly invited to help us celebrate the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost! In this time we have never been more aware of the need to be united in prayer and praise, to experience the power of the Holy Spirit alive and active in our lives, homes, parish and city.

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2 1-4)*

From 7:30 to 9:30pm we will be journeying through the Pentecost event from waiting in the upper room, to the outpouring of the spirit, to the witness of the power of the Holy Spirit. With Prayer, praise, reflection and worship From 9:30 to 10:30pm we will be inviting people to enjoy a time of extended praise and worship. During the evening there will also be a chance to receive prayer ministry on Zoom.

You will be able to follow it all live on You Tube here from 7:30pm <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqTVfo3hppdTVf00XB-RdQ> Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## Pentecost Rosary

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 and he has composed two prayers for this intention. We invite you to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally**, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England & Wales.

Our Diocese has been asked to pray a **Rosary Hour** between 9am-10am and we warmly invite you to take part. It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed - **Keep an eye on our website and next week's newsletter for opportunities to join in!** Then on the hour the next Dioceses take up the Rosary relay Rally and so on until 9pm. At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley.

*Come Holy Spirit & Renew the Face of the Earth* [Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us](#)

## Children

The Overflow team will be posting a video on the Parish [YouTube channel](#) for the Pentecost weekend. Which will include Pentecost themed activities, such as crafts, prayer, stories, and songs for families to join in with!

## ALPHA

ALPHA ONLINE IS A CHANCE TO BUILD OUR FAITH, EXPLORE OUR FAITH, OR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH, LIFE AND GOD FROM HOME.

We have run a number of Alpha courses in the parish, which a great number of people have now enjoyed and found important and useful. They seem to have been equally appropriate to lifelong Catholics, and to people who have never been to church but want to explore what the Christian faith has to offer.

We are now starting Alpha online – with weekly sessions where you can access the input and take part in lively discussion through any smartphone, tablet, or computer.

**Join us this week—there are both daytime and evening opportunities. There is no cost and no commitment.**

If you interested please email us on [alpha@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk](mailto:alpha@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk), with your contact details. Also please tell your friends and family – one wonderful thing about being online is that you do not need to live near our churches to join in.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Office Open times: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9:30am - 1:00pm

# YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Deep Waters continues to happen online! Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring how we can live the Easter life during lockdown. We meet every Thursdays at 8pm on the [Deep Waters Facebook group](#) for prayer, input and social time followed by a 'zoom' pub trip!

There is also an opportunity to be part of a small group for checking in and catching up and to join a Zoom Party on Saturdays from 8pm. For more info & how to join see: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton/>

Let us stay united in prayer & friendship. Send us your prayer requests by email [youngadults@wellspring.org.uk](mailto:youngadults@wellspring.org.uk) or via facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WellspringBrighton/> **We're daily praying for you!**

## GROUPS / MEETINGS

### RCIA

The RCIA Group are continuing to meet every Tuesday at 7pm. Although we can't meet in person, we've set up a rather successful online group; where we meet on Zoom. Email Adrian Richards [adrian.richards@live.com](mailto:adrian.richards@live.com) for info

### Thursday Group - every Thursday at 10am

The Thursday group meets online every week - details on the website news page. This is a friendly group for people of all ages meeting weekly to go deeper in faith, friendship & community, and encouraging each other in mission.

### Mothers Prayers

We are a group of mothers who meet weekly to pray for our children & grandchildren. We have set up a group WhatsApp which enables us to be together spiritually in prayer. Contact Jill O'Rourke at 01273 687642 for more info

### Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group is meeting on Zoom every Monday at 2pm starting Monday 1 June. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

### Volunteers Needed!

We are sure you are all looking towards how and when life will start to return to our new normal, we certainly are! We are hopeful that one of our first steps may be to open our churches for limited periods for Private Prayer. Whilst this certainly will not be before the end of May, we are starting to look at how this can be done safely so we are prepared, and we can get our churches open as soon as allowed.

We will need volunteers to supervise during these times. If you would be able to help with this, or would like more information of what this may involve, please contact the Parish Office. Just to be clear, we have not been given any date to open our churches, but we want to be ready to open as soon as we are able!

### Helping Each Other Through This Period

You may be stuck at home being told not to go out, but in need of shopping or similar help, or you may be wanting to be of help, but not knowing who in our church community needs it. In either case please contact our lightbulb project on 07543 839496 or [lightbulb.stjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:lightbulb.stjosephs@gmail.com). We will try to connect volunteers to all who need help.

### Brighton Table Tennis Club has started a food distribution service for those in need.

They are providing a seven day a week service every afternoon between 1 and 4pm from the SJB Car Park, distributing food parcels and hot meals to support those most in need at this time. If you need any assistance please contact the BTTC Food Hub on 01273 670145 between 1pm and 4pm on weekdays - please pass on to anyone who may be in need.

### Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leao Pires, Angela Bowler, Jose Cabanas, Lilianna Craggs, Vivien Appleby, Charles Appleby, Ella O'Driscoll, Clive Coates, Tommy Maher, Dermot O'Hara, Ian Brockwell, Angela Hubert, Maria Rigby, Frank Mansbridge, Patsy Regan, Ray Mason, Patrick Sweeney, Joan Cook, Moira Hall, Mary Berry, Margaret Lamb, Tony Wallace, Jean Ghazal and Martin Paine.

Those who have died recently especially Fr Douglas Perkins and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

To be added to the sick list contact the Parish Office. Please contact Fr Kieron or Fr Sebastian if you are going into hospital.

# MASS TIMES

All of the following services will be streamed online—click here [Mass live](#)

The priests will say a second 'private' mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

*If you have any new intentions please email or call the Parish Office. Thank you.*

<b>Saturday 23rd May</b>	
12:00pm Mass	Canon Rymer RIP (Foundation)
<b>Sunday 24th May</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
Private Mass	Brian Bonner RIP (Toni Bonner)
<b>Monday 25th May</b>	<b>St Bede the Venerable</b>
12:00pm Mass	Diane Christelle RIP (Ruth Mouvogny)
<b>Tuesday 26th May</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>
12:00pm Mass	Miss N O'Sullivan (Foundation)
Private Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Wednesday 27th May</b>	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b>
12:00pm Mass via Zoom	Mission of the Parish
Private Mass	Mission of the Parish
<b>Thursday 28th May</b>	
12:00pm Mass	Rev HMM Evans RIP (Foundation)
<b>Friday 29th May</b>	
12:00pm Mass	For all the Bereaved of our Parish
Private Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Saturday 30th May</b>	
12:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Sunday 31st May</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b>
11:00am Mass	People of the Parish

### Our Parish Offertory during lockdown

While our churches are closed our costs effectively stay the same, while our income drops considerably. As a result our expenditure is significantly more than any income.

#### There are 4 ways you can continue contributing to the church during the current closure:

- 1) set up a standing order online - contact AnnMarie for account details on 07737 862425 or by email
- 2) make a single payment by online banking - again contact AnnMarie for account details
- 3) make a single payment from your paypal account if you have one - just use the send/request tab to send money to [office@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk)
- 4) make a single payment by debit or credit card through the Diocese just giving page below. Please make sure you add the note that it is to East Brighton Parish, or a church and the parish. If anything is complicated ring AnnMarie and she will help you complete this. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>

Unfortunately at this time we cannot bank cash or cheques, so please do not send these. If you cannot use online means, please store the offerings until we can.

Thank you.

*Tad Matus, Chair of the Finance Committee*

### Governors needed SJB School

If you are interested in supporting our school, please have a look at our website and contact 01273607924 for more information. Keep safe and well everyone.

*Carmel Hughes Headteacher*