



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

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Psalter week 3

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 for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Kieron

For Elijah, the Lord was not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire but in the sound of gentle breeze. During the days of lockdown we became unusually accustomed to the lack of noise. Very little traffic on the roads, hardly any planes in the sky and no hustle and bustle on the streets; perhaps nothing more than the sound of applause for carers on a Thursday night. Now the pandemic is far from over, but the noise certainly seems to be back. Both the first reading and the Gospel today seem to suggest that God is not to be found in the spectacular and the noisy, but in the calm and the silence. At the moment, our masses are less "noisy", there are few frills and no communal singing and even meeting and greeting is muffled by wearing masks and conversation over coffee is not possible. However, all the essentials are still there, whether we attend in person or online, God is to be found in that sacred, calm space but it is equally important that we do not leave God there but help others to find him in unexpected places in the ordinariness of daily life. In these turbulent times, if we are quiet enough, we will hear the words of Jesus ;
Courage, it is I. Do not be afraid.

Parish Census

We are hoping that we are moving away from the virus lockdown and towards normality. However we are aware that there are Government warnings about a second wave of the virus. Should it happen that we have to go back to online functioning only for a time it is crucial that we are able to stay in communication with every parishioner. If you are not receiving our weekly email and would like to, please email the Parish Office: office@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk.

If you already receive the email, it may be that you know some people who aren't. If possible please check with parishioners you know that they are getting this email, and ask them to contact us if not. And even if you are on our contact list have you filled in the parish census forms – these are important to give us a more detailed picture of our community? You will be able to pick up paper copies at Mass this Sunday, and they are [online here](#).
Thank you.



Mass has resumed at both St Joseph's and St John the Baptist.

We look forward to welcoming you back!

Please see the back pages for full details of the masses for this week. We are also streaming the Sunday mass from St Josephs and the weekday mass from SJB. Please check our website for updates.

If you come to Mass we are continuing to take serious safety measures. You will be required to wear a mask, and to sanitise your hands on entry. Only two people, or one household group can sit on a row, and alternate rows will be empty and there are restrictions on the amount of people we can have in the church.

There will not be an offertory during mass, although there will be a basket at the entrance and exit of the church. We do ask that if you can give by another method that you do, and we will also be trialling contactless donations at some masses.

Prayers of the Faithful

The guidance from the Diocese is that we still are not allowed to have Bidding Prayers. This is in an effort to reduce the time people are congregated together indoors. As an alternative the Prayers of the Faithful are on our website alongside the Newsletter - [click here for this week's prayers](#).

[Please click here for more info about What to expect at Mass—How we make sure the Church is safe](#)

Thank you to all the volunteer Welcomers, as without them we would be unable to reopen.

Confessions at St Joseph's

For the moment it is easier to maintain social distancing for confessions at St Joseph's so we will resume confessions from this Saturday from 11:00am—11:45am. Please contact Fr Kieron or Fr Sebastian if you need to make a different arrangement.

We are so happy to open our doors and celebrate mass together again, however please remember that the obligation to attend Sunday mass remains suspended – please do not come to the church unless you are well and are comfortable with the safety measures we have put in place.

Our Financial Position and Volunteering

Firstly thank you to everyone who has responded to our financial plight outlined over the last few weeks, and increased their giving. This is much appreciated and much needed. If you haven't had time to consider this yet, please look at the guidance on the website support us page, and take advantage of new opportunities such as contactless giving at Mass.

Alongside increasing support for us financially, there is another very important way to contribute - with your time. On the one hand it really helps us financially if we can minimise the occasions on which we pay for external services by using skills within our community instead, while on the other there are many things that can only be done by volunteers from our community. A key example is that it is the lack of people coming forward to be welcomers at Mass that will prevent us from putting on extra Sunday Masses.

There are so many more skills that we could make good use of than we could list here – a very recent example being health and safety expertise. If you can offer the parish some of your time and skill please contact AnnMarie in the office and we will chat through with you how you can help us.

And while we are at it, a big thank you to all those who *are* volunteering for welcoming, reading, cleaning and in other behind the scenes roles, without your help we can't do what we are doing!

ALPHA

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

Its not too late to join us on Thursday's for Alpha....get in touch to find out more!

The course consists of weekly sessions where you can access the input and take part in lively discussion through any smartphone, tablet, or computer.

If you interested please email us on alpha@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk, with your contact details.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Deep Waters are taking a break for the Summer holidays.
Keep an eye on our Deep Waters on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton/>
or email youngadults@wellspring.org.uk for more details.

GROUPS / MEETINGS

Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group is meeting on Zoom every Monday at 4:30pm (new time) every Monday. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

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 information.

Tuesday Evening Prayer Group

In a busy world we can all improve our prayer life and learn more about forms of prayer and effective prayer. There is a very good 8 part course which looks in turn at different forms of prayer, answers many questions and offers very practical advice.

We are running this online on Tuesday evenings as a discussion group centred around the videos from the course.

Each evening is self contained, considering one form of prayer. We encourage you to join us at 7:30 on Tuesday - to see if you enjoy it and may benefit from it.

The details are at <http://www.stjosephsbrighton.org.uk/news>

SACRAMENTS

First Holy Communion

We are pleased to let you know that this year First Holy Communion will take place at the beginning of September, however they won't be part of the Parish masses - due to the current restrictions we can only have the children and their families at the masses.

SJB Saturday 5th September at 11 am (rehearsal Friday 4th 5 pm)

St Joseph's Saturday 12th September at 11am (rehearsal Friday 11th 5 pm).

We hope that all our First Holy Communion children have a special day, and may God's blessings be with them, today and every day.

Parish Office Summer Closures

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday's until 7 September (inclusive). It will open as usual on Wednesday and Friday's (except for Friday 14th August) from 9:30am - 1:00pm. If you have anything for the Parish Newsletter please send it to the office by Thursday each week. Thanks, AnnMarie

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MASS TIMES

See below for the masses that will be streamed on our website . Click here to view - [Mass live](#)
If you have any new intentions please email or call the Parish Office. Thank you.

Saturday 8th August		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Joyce Gower (Nancy Price)
Sunday 9th August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (also online)	People of the Parish
Monday 10th August	St Lawrence	
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
Tuesday 11th August	St Clare	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (also online)	Tom & Christine
Wednesday 12th August		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Anna Viggiano RIP (Foundation)
Thursday 13th August		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (also online)	Maria Regidor RIP (Foundation)
Friday 14th August	St Maximilian Kobe	
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	For the Bereaved of our Parish
Saturday 15th August		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Golden Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Nancy Price
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 16th August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Monica McLaughlan RIP
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (also online)	People of the Parish

Mass Intentions

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, and Jean Ghazal.

Those who have died recently, 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.