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MASS TIMES

Click here to view streamed masses - [Mass live](#)

Saturday 5th September		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Nora Moran RIP
Sunday 6th September		
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Sean & Annie
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass <i>(also online)</i>	People of the Parish
Monday 7th September		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
Tuesday 8th September		
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Jim
St Josephs	6:00pm Mass	Arthur Magennis RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
Wednesday 9th September		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	John Callanan RIP <i>(K Reid)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	John Callanan RIP
Thursday 10th September		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mabel Henrietta Minns RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
Friday 11th September		
St Joseph's	10:00am Mass	Susan Curran
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	William O'Dea RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
Saturday 12th September		
St Josephs	11:00am First Holy Communion Mass <i>(not open to the public)</i>	
St Joseph's	No Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Chad Goddard RIP
Sunday 13th September		
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Ceris Hughes <i>(David Donohue)</i>
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass <i>(also online)</i>	Tom McCann RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Mass Intentions

If you have any new intentions please email or call the Parish Office, or it can also be dropped through the Presbytery door at St John the Baptist, and we will do our best to have it said on whichever date you request.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leao Pires, Angela Bowler, Jose Cabanas, 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 Waldemar Kijak.

Those who have died recently, especially Lilianna Craggs, Mary Lines and Sheila Hawkins 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.



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 6th September 2020

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

There is good advice in today's Gospel; that we should always try to resolve disputes amicably before escalating them to a higher authority. Finding a solution between friends is always better than taking them to court! However we can never reduce the Gospel to simply good advice - though it often is. The more important point that Jesus makes is about the authority to forgive sins which has been given to the Church in the person of Peter. We experience this at first hand through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and during the Penitential Rite at Mass. Although in recent months, these have been difficult for us, now we can come back to the Sacraments. Even when this is not possible, the Lord finds a way to forgive us.

The good news is that we have access to reconciliation and forgiveness from the highest authority possible - Jesus himself. Where two or three meet in his name he will be there!



Thank you!

Thank you to all the people who have contacted the Parish Office already about welcoming/stewarding at masses from September onwards.

All services need to have welcomers/stewards. If you can help with any mass or have any questions about helping please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you

Welcome back!

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

All three of our Sunday/Saturday evening Masses are at or near capacity, and we are risking having to turn people away. Accordingly from this Sunday we are resuming the 5:30 Sunday Mass at St Joseph's.

If you haven't been coming regularly to Mass but want to come you may want to choose this Mass, as we know there will be capacity. Also we are expecting students and other new arrivals to Brighton to gather particularly at this Mass.

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.

[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.

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.

Contact Details and 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 (this is in addition to the newsletter) 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.

Supporting our Community during Covid-19

Supermarket Voucher Scheme

The Parish is also supporting locals affected by the pandemic crisis by distributing supermarket vouchers directly to those in need, including supporting families from our Parish Schools over the Summer holidays. These vouchers are part of a grant that was applied for by the Diocese to support Parish communities during the Covid-19 crisis to provide help quickly to the members of our Parish Community who are most in need.

By the end of the scheme we expect to have distributed over £6500.00 in supermarket vouchers to those in need in our community.

Once family emailed us to say:

'I'd just like to say I really appreciate it, they have truly benefited me and my children with food and now their school uniforms.'

Parish Office News

We are delighted to have been given permission from the Diocese to return to working from The Parish Office in the Presbytery at St John the Baptist (I am especially pleased to return to our lovely office and not have to work from my kitchen table anymore!).

Our first day back in the office will be Monday 7th September, and will return to our usual office hours of **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am - 1:00pm**. Please bear with us for the next few weeks as we return to working in the new normal, and as we attempt to catch up on work that was unable to be done from home! Thank you, AnnMarie

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

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

Evening Prayer with the Wellspring Community at St Joseph's

Join us for Evening Prayer from the Divine Office after weekday mass at St Joseph's—see the next page for next week's masses.

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 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

The first mass for First Holy Communion takes place this weekend at SJB, and the second one is next Saturday at St Joseph's. Due to the current restrictions we can only have the children and their families at the masses, but we would like to wish all our Holy Communion children a special day, and may God's blessings be with them, today and every day.

SCHOOLS

St John the Baptist School

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 7th September. Staff have been in during the week to make sure that everything is safe and that there will be lots of fun activities to keep everyone happy.

Best wishes

Carmel Hughes, Headteacher