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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 20th September 2026

Psalter week 1

WELCOME

Message from Fr Kieron

Today is *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* formerly Home Mission Sunday. The day now takes its name from the title of Pope Francis' encyclical about the Joy of the Gospel. Much of what Pope Francis wrote is reflected in the *Pastoral Plan* for the Diocese and in the vision for our Parish of Brighton & Hove. The idea of *home mission* literally takes concrete form with the new Galilee



Hub building rapidly taking shape on Elm Grove opposite St Joseph's church. This will be a physical expression of years of prayer and conversations about what the Mission of the Church in our time and place can look like. This will not only provide a new home for our well established student/young adult ministry, but also for our expanding ministry to children and families. Yet it will not be simply a place that people *come to* but also a place where people go out from - as the word *mission* implies. This means that in line with our focus on Catholic Social Teaching, we hope to be a beacon of outreach into the local community, addressing poverty, isolation and social disintegration. All of this finds a resonance in the teaching of Pope Francis:

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's Word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.

The *Galilee Hub* should open its doors during the Spring of next year, but for the time being, our mission continues. Buildings and facilities are good to have and necessary for our work, but nothing happens without the conversion of hearts and a generous answer to the call to become missionary disciples.

Autumn 2026

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.

FINDING STILLNESS – 28 September - ***7:30-8:30pm***

Monthly follow-up from the Contemplative Prayer Monk Talks. Also 26 Oct & 23 Nov

LECTIO DIVINA *every Wednesday Morning from 30th Sep 2026* from ***10am to 11am***.
A weekly ***in person*** session hosted by Monks in the City.

Save the date!

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



Adoration at St Joseph's

First Friday Adoration for the Sacred Heart of Jesus – 2 October at 5pm, followed by Mass at 6pm.
Adoration, Reflection & Music – 9 October, 6:45–7:45pm.
All are very welcome.

Annual Mass Head Count

The annual count will take place over the next four Sundays, beginning this weekend. Thank you for your cooperation.

Courage and Conviction: The Life of Sister Riccarda Hambrough

Come and hear acclaimed speaker and author Joanna Bogle tell the remarkable story of Sister Riccarda Hambrough, who was baptised at St Mary Magdalen Church and grew up to become a Bridgettine nun in Rome, and helped rescue Jewish families during the Second World War. She may now be formally recognised as a saint. Tuesday 22 September at 7.00pm at St Mary Magdalene Community Hall. All welcome.

Geoffrey Early RIP

Geoffrey Early will be buried at Brighton & Preston cemetery at 1pm on Wednesday 23rd September followed by a celebration of his life at The Fitz and BTTC 2-4pm. Parishioners are very welcome to come to remember Geoff, his joyful enthusiasm and his smile, which he shared with us.
There will be a Memorial Mass for Geoffrey on Tuesday 13 Oct at 9:30am at SJB

Evangelii Gaudium Day – Second Collection

This Sunday is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Appeal this Harvest - Next Sunday

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, or call 0303 303 3030.

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: @brightonsussexcatholic.

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

MONKS IN THE CITY

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 28th September 10 am - 12 pm,** and then 2 & 26 Oct · 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 the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. The next session is on **Saturday 26th September** at the Fitzherbert Community Hub at either 10 - 11.30 am OR 3 - 4.30 pm.

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

FOR YOUTH

Proclaim Youth Group for young people in Years 7 to 12 re-starts on **Monday 21st September** 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. Other dates: 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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 19th September		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	George Vas
Sunday 20th September	**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Evangelii Gaudium Day**	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Millie, Miggie, Charmaine & Mike (Tess)
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Patrick Josephs RIP *(Bernadette)*
Monday 21st September	**St Matthew**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jayveer Grewal *(Kim Kaur)*
Tuesday 22nd September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jayveer Grewal *(Kim Kaur)*
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Rene Gordon RIP (*Foundation)*
Wednesday 23rd September	**St Pius of Pietrelcina – Padre Pio**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jayveer Grewal *(Kim Kaur)*
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Jules Le Peltier RIP *(Foundation)*
Thursday 24th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Tess
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mary Boyd – 80th Birthday
Friday 25th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Holy Souls
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	John Mullally – 80th Birthday
Saturday 26th September		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Fr Foley – intentions
St John the Baptist	10:00am Adoration for the Diocesan Plan	
St Joseph's	11:00am – 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Kitty O'Neil RIP
Sunday 27th September	**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Genevieve Obone & Diane Christelle RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Success of interview – thanksgiving

Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Moira Hall, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Claire Ashenden, Mary Howes, Ewa Knebloch-Kozlowska, Barbara Garlington, Phil McGrandles, Gordon Murray, Ian Tinlin, Marie Clare, Sue Bonner, Maria Rigby, Shannon Grewal, Jayveer Grewal, Anthony Price, Pete Weston, Gerald Grace, 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, Maureen Croke, Peggy O'Neill and Janet Alan 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.*