St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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Seeking God in Prayer, Growing Together in Faith, Reaching Out in Love

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 8th November 2026

Psalter week 3

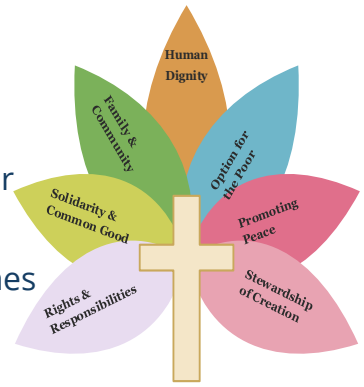
WELCOME

Message from Fr Patrick

Catholic Social Teaching: The Jewel in the Crown

Of all that the Church teaches, Catholic Social Teaching is often called the Church's "best kept secret" — but it could just as easily be called a jewel in her crown. Few other bodies of Church teaching are so widely respected, even by those outside the Catholic church. Its roots run deep. It is drawn from Scripture, shaped by the wisdom of the early Church and thinkers like Aquinas, and formally launched in 1891 with Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum. Since then it has continued to grow through encyclicals such as Laudato Si', Fratelli Tutti, and now Pope Leo's new Magnifica Humanitas.

What gives it such wide appeal is its vision of the human person. At its heart is human dignity: every person is sacred, and people matter more than things. From that single conviction flow the other principles: solidarity, the common good, the option for the poor, peace, care for creation, and the dignity of work. Subsidiarity teaches that decisions are best made at the most local level possible. Together, these principles speak to anyone who longs for a more just and humane world, whatever their belief.



Catholic Social Teaching

Join the conversation. This Sunday 8 November, 1:30–4:15pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, Dr Jack Norman of Blackfriars, Oxford will explore what it means to be human in the age of AI. Come early for a shared lunch at 12:45pm — bring a dish to share. No booking needed; donations welcome. Childcare is available through Messy Church; email Julia with your child's age if needed .

More info: joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk

For further reading:

- CAFOD, Catholic Social Teaching: cafod.org.uk/pray/catholic-social-teaching
- Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Turning Tables: A Summary of Catholic Social Teaching: cbcew.org.uk/turning-tables-summary-of-catholic-social-teaching
- Vatican, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church: vatican.va
- DOCAT, Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church: youcat.org/products/docat



Monks in the City – Autumn 2026

MONK TALKS Tuesday 17th November Seasons and Cycles; Creating Sacred Time with Fr Peter ***6pm*** Evening Prayer; ***6.30pm*** simple supper; ***7pm*** Talk followed by Night Prayer

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday 22nd November 4pm. Abbot Mark will preach.

LECTIO DIVINA *every Wednesday Morning* from ***10-11am***. A weekly ***in person*** session hosted by Monks in the City.



Adoration, Reflection & Music – Friday 13 October

Join us at St Josephs from 6:45-7:45.

Everyone is very welcome! Upcoming: 11 Dec- Advent Reconciliation service.

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

Afternoon Concert at St John the Baptist – Imperial College Chamber Choir

Saturday 14 November | 3.00–4.00pm We are delighted to welcome back the Imperial College Chamber Choir, directed by Patrick Allies, following their wonderful concert here last year. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful choral music featuring works by Saint-Saëns, Tallis, Balfour Gardiner and Sarah Macdonald.

Free entry – donations welcome, shared between the choir and the church. The choir's new album, *This Place*, will be available to purchase. Refreshments will follow in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

Charlie Fieldus RIP

The Requiem Mass for Charlie will take place at St John the Baptist Church on Wednesday 11th November at 1.30pm. Please keep Charlie and his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Parish Open Meeting - a "Summit": Preparing the Way for Galilee

Thursday 3 December – 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, Fitzherbert Community Hub, SJB Drinks & nibbles provided

As we prepare for the opening of the new Galilee Community Hub, and continue to develop participation in the Fitzherbert Community Hub and Food Bank, we will reflect together how we shape our mission, exploring needs & concerns, hopes & ideas, and the gifts, skills and passions we have to offer.

We will also explore how the principles of Catholic Social Teaching can guide our mission and the ways we serve and engage with wider society. We very much hope you can join us for this important conversation.

Celebrate 4 Years of the Fitz – Anniversary Fundraiser for the Fitzherbert Community Hub!

Join us on **Saturday 28 November, 7.30–10.30pm** for a fantastic evening celebrating the Fitz's 4th anniversary!

Enjoy Fatto a Mano pizza, live jazz at the Fitz and a ping pong party at the BTTC!

Tickets are £20, including pizza, a drink, music and table tennis all evening. All proceeds will support the wonderful work of the Fitzherbert Community Hub. Come along, celebrate and help support the Fitz!

Click for tickets: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/brightontabletennisclub/2454221 or contact the Parish Office.

Young Adults' Advent Retreat at Worth Abbey - 4 - 6 December 2026

Join us in stepping away from the busyness and distractions of everyday life to prepare for the coming of Christ, in the beautiful Benedictine setting of Worth Abbey. We will enjoy talks from the monks, discussion groups, beautiful walks, times for personal prayer, & opportunities to deepen friendships & build community with fellow young adults.

Cost: £130/£65 per person, including accommodation and food. (50% bursary is available on the booking page for those who require assistance.) 4:30pm Friday 4th December - 2:30pm Sunday 6th December 2026

Book your place here: https://worthabbey.net/young-adults-advent-retreat/

Further information about travel, what to bring, and what to expect will be provided. Email retreats@worth.org.uk



Could You Spare a Little Time to Help at St John the Baptist?

Our church relies on the generosity of volunteers, and we'd love a few more helping hands! We're looking for volunteers to help with church cleaning and to set up a new Sunday coffee rota so we can continue enjoying a cuppa and a chat after Mass. Even a little of your time can make a real difference to our community. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

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

Second Collection Next weekend – Retired Priests Fund

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.)

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 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

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

Prayer Ministry is now available at St Joseph's after 11am mass on the *third* Sunday of the month and during Adoration on the second Friday of the month.

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.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Whitehawk Hill Road, BN2 0AH |01273 607924

The school is warmly inviting families with children starting school in September 2027 to come along to one of their open events, meet the team and discover the wonderful school community.

Wed 11 Nov, 2pm – Stay & Play **Thur 26 Nov, 9.15am** – Cookie Decorating **Fri 11 Dec, 2pm** – Christmas Crafts

St John the Baptist is proud to be a Catholic school with an open heart, where every child is valued and encouraged to flourish in a caring, happy and faith-filled environment. Contact the office for more details.

Carly Carden, Headteacher.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FOR YOUNGER FAMILIES:

Parents, Babies and Toddlers group with refreshments, play, chat and adoration at St Joseph's church on **Next date is 23 November 10am- 12pm,** and then 7 & 21 Dec

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

FOR YOUTH:



Proclaim Youth Group Monday 16th November

Proclaim is 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 16th Nov and 7th Dec.

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)*
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MASS TIMES

Saturday 7th November		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Patrick Finnigan RIP
Sunday 8th November	**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Remembrance Sunday**	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Noel O'Sullivan RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Mairead Quinn RIP
Monday 9th November	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Kim *(Slawek)*
Tuesday 10th November	**St Leo the Great**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Gillian McLauchlan RIP *(T Roberts)*
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 11th November	**St Martin of Tours**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St John the Baptist	1:30pm Requiem Mass	Charles Fieldus RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 12th November	**St Josaphat**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Jim Pavatt – intentions *(Jo Gilbert)*
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Friday 13th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Ellen M Paine RIP *(Foundation)*
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Benjamin Wickham RIP *(Foundation)*
Saturday 14th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Charlie Fieldus RIP
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	Deceased Family & Friends of the Fenwick Family
Sunday 15th November	**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of the Poor**	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	NJ Joseph RIP *(S Antony)*
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Nicholas Moore RIP
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Moira Hall, Agnes Manyingwa, Jean Small, Yenna VanHannover, Ann Callaghan, Tommy Maher, Claire Ashenden, Mary Howes, 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, 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 Charlie Fieldus 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.