St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 15th November 2026

Psalter week 4

WELCOME

A Place of Joy, Purpose, and Service

Galilee Community Hub Update - November 2026

Preparing the way for our **Galilee Community Hub** continues, with our **new Bishop, Stephen Wang**, coming for the official opening and blessing (hopefully, early May - tbc).

Strong priorities emerging from our listening process:

Supporting Older People: Isolation among older adults is a growing concern. We hope the Hub will provide a welcoming place where people can come together for friendship and support, donation-based refreshments, games, singing, and access to practical information - creating a home-from-home where people feel loved and cared for.

Supporting Children, Young People and Families: New ideas being explored include a parent-and-toddler group, an affordable after-school and holiday club offering creative and developmental activities, and safe space where teenagers can meet, build friendships and find positive mentoring.

Building Community on Sundays: Many people have spoken about a desire for deeper community life. We hope that on Sunday's people will gather to share meals, celebrate cultural diversity, explore faith together, and enjoy activities: talks, music, games, worship, and more.

How You Can Help: The Galilee Community Hub will only flourish through the gifts and generosity of our community. There will be opportunities for everyone to contribute. Possible ways to serve include: welcome, tea/coffee making, cooking, admin, youth work, listening/mentoring, fundraising, maintenance, creativity, tech, and pastoral or professional skills.

Shape the Journey: Join us for an **Open Meeting** – a "Summit" - on **Thursday 3rd December,** 7:15pm, at the FCH, to share with others ideas, hopes, needs and concerns.

Formed for Outreach: join us on **Thursday 26th November** for a training day in community outreach – drawing from the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the toolkit of community organising, develop your skills for community-based mission. See inside newsletter for more details.

If you would like to be part of shaping and supporting this exciting new chapter, please contact Jo at **joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk**.

Together we are creating a place of welcome, friendship, faith and hope for generations to come.

Note to the People of the Diocese

Bishop Stephen has shared a message reflecting on his first few weeks as Bishop, the warm welcome he has received and his hopes for the Diocese. He also expresses his support for the Pastoral Plan and looks forward to visiting parishes, schools and communities. Read his message here: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bswm

An Unexpected Episcopal Visit! We had a lovely surprise last week when Bishop Stephen popped into St John the Baptist – having originally stopped by in search of somewhere to park! Fr Patrick took the opportunity to show him around the church and the Fitzherbert Community Hub, where Tim from Brighton Table Tennis Club invited him to join in a quick game of table tennis! A wonderfully unexpected visit and a lovely opportunity to share some of the life of our parish community.





MONK TALKS – Tuesday 17 November

Seasons and Cycles: Creating Sacred Time with Fr Peter How can monastic prayer help us enter into sacred time and change the way we see the world around us? Join Fr Peter for an evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship at St John the Baptist. All Welcome
6pm Evening Prayer | 6.30pm Soup and bread supper | 7pm Talk, followed by Night Prayer.



Ecumenical Vespers for Christ the King – Sunday 22 November, 4pm

Join us at St John the Baptist for Monastic Vespers, a beautiful service of hymns, psalms, readings and prayers celebrating the universal kingship of Jesus Christ. The Abbot of Worth will preach, followed by light refreshments in the Fitzherbert Community Hub. All are warmly welcome.

Mass for the Bereaved – Thursday 27 November, 6pm, St Joseph's

A special Mass will be celebrated for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. All are warmly welcome to join us in prayer and remembrance.

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. 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 this weekend: Retired Priests Fund
Next weekend: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance 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.

In person Lectio Divina every Wednesday Morning from 10-11am. A weekly session hosted by Monks in the City.

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

This week we had a beautiful Remembrance Day service with children laying wreaths, sharing a prayer and then having a minute's silence after the Last Post. Our cross-country runners did well in the rain and mud this week and the year 4 football team had a great time against a local school.

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.

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

Carly Carden, Headteacher.

CHILDREN & 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



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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 14th November		
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
Monday 16th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Daniel Longcob- birthday *(Catherine)*
Tuesday 17th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Mgr Canon Johnston RIP *(Foundation)*
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Louis Anthony Gordon RIP*(Foundation)*
Wednesday 18th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	David Hedley's Wellbeing
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 19th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Deceased Clergy of SJB
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Arthur Henry Magennis RIP *(Foundation)*
Friday 20th November		
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass	Helenae Spencer RIP *(Foundation)*
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 21st November	**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	
St John the Baptist	9:30am Mass followed by Confessions	Charlie Fieldus RIP *(Mary Kenny)*
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	Mrs Josephine Okafor RIP *(Sr Rose)*
Sunday 22nd November	**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	Juan Jose Fraj RIP *(Maria Simons)*
St Joseph's	11:00am Mass with Children's Liturgy	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Deceased Parishioners of St Joseph's

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 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.