

Saturday 5th May		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Maria & Alfonza
Sunday 6th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
St Joseph's	9:30am Mass	People of the Parish
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Bridie & Jerry Whelan (<i>Anne McEvoy</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass	Antonio Ronga RIP (<i>Sylvia Ronga</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Holy Souls (<i>Navarro Family</i>)
Monday 7th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Mary Page RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Tuesday 8th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass & Evening Prayer	Roland Tierney (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 9th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	John Pollard RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St John the Baptist	3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions 6:00pm Novena	Our Lady of Perpetual Hope
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass & Evening Prayer	James Bradley RIP (<i>Maureen Angelkov</i>)
St John the Baptist	8:00pm Vigil Mass	
Thursday 10th May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	MaryAnn Newton & John Rabbitt RIP
St Joseph's	12:00pm Mass	Donal Sullivan RIP (<i>Noreen O'Sullivan</i>)
St Joseph's	7:00pm Mass	People of the Parish
Friday 11th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	4:00pm - 6:00pm Adoration	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass & Evening Prayer	Holy Souls
Saturday 12th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass followed by Confessions	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	11am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 13th May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
St Joseph's	9:30am Mass	Stuart, Alison & Freddie Duncan (<i>Katy O'Brien</i>)
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Jose Nery Alvarez RIP (<i>Marcella & family</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass	Guiseppe Todaro (<i>Silvia</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) 6th May

Message of the week from Fr Peter

On Thursday we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord which is a Holy Day of Obligation. For the first time in many years we are Celebrating it on the Thursday rather than the Sunday which we have been used to for a number of years. It reminds us of our ultimate destiny to be always together with the person of Jesus. Where Jesus has gone our hope is that we will follow. The feast also reminds us, and so do the readings today, that we are chosen by God because he loves us and also to go and proclaim the Good news to tell others of the power and love of God. We are asked to proclaim Christ to "Go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last." There is another promise that Jesus makes; that he will be with us always till the end of time. This promise is fulfilled on Pentecost Sunday with the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. From Ascension to Pentecost we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in the life of the Parish that we will have the courage to proclaim Jesus and renew our personal relationship with him. Within the parish there are two opportunities to get involved in this prayer with the 24 hours of prayer before Pentecost Sunday, and the WhatsApp Prayer group (details of both are in the pages of this newsletter.)



*Welcome
to everyone
visiting our
community today*

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This weeks readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. .

Next week's readings: Acts 1:15-17,20-26, John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19

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Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Michael Clarke, Leo Pires, Angela Bowler, Richard Hitchens, Sheila Rodrigues, Lorraine Tinlin, Jose Cabanas, Denzel Martin Simpson, Lilianna Craggs, Vivien Appleby, Charles Appleby, Ella O'Driscoll, Clive Coates, Tommy Maher, Audrey Hall, Dermot O'Hara, Ian Brockwell, George Vaz, Ian Tinlin, Veronica Kearney, Fr Douglas Perkins, Kathleen Healy, Sue McGregor, Angela Hubert, Maria Rigby and Stuart Rae Duncan .

Those who have died recently especially Michael Clarke, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like anyone to be added to this list. If you are going into hospital, contact Fr Kieron or Fr Peter to let them know.



WhatsApp Prayer Group

At the end of Eastertide we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. And we would like the parish to pray for a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit. Realising that we all live busy lives we thought that it would be a good idea to have a WhatsApp Prayer group.

All you have to do is email the office or Fr Peter with your mobile number and over the 9 days of novena we will send you the prayer with a little message. Pray anywhere anytime. If you do not have WhatsApp and would still like to receive this prayer we can send it by text or email.

Car Park at St John the Baptist

The car park at St John the Baptist is going to be resurfaced and will be locked from 14-18 May. There will be no parking during this week.

We are also trying to stop unauthorised parking in the car park. If you are coming to the church, the presbytery or the Parish Office, and there is a space you are welcome to park there. The car park is small, and spaces limited (the spaces are also being lined at the same time as the resurfacing work), so please ensure you are not parked in any reserved spaces, and are parked considerately.

Please contact the Parish Office with any queries.

Cake Sale in aid of Mary's Meals - Sunday 13th May

The First Holy Communion children and their families will be holding a cake sale on Sunday 13th May after 11:00am mass at St John the Baptist and 11:30am mass at St Joseph's. All proceeds will go to Mary's Meals.

Friday Adoration at St Joseph's

Eucharistic Exposition every Friday for the Mission of the Parish from 4:00pm - 6:00pm every Friday.

Evening Prayer with The Wellspring Community in St Joseph's Church - All welcome!

Join us for Evening Prayer from the Divine Office every Monday-Friday - see back page for times.

Alpha

The next Alpha Course continues this **Tuesday from 7.00 - 9.00pm in St. Joseph's Hall.**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that unpacks the basics of Christianity and tackles the big questions that concern everyone.

Alpha is for everyone as it believes that everyone should have a chance to know about/explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view whatever that may be. It's only for a few weeks and there is supper and a drink, a short film and a chat each evening. Come along to find out more. www.stjosephsbrighton.org.uk/alpha

Pentecost 24 Hour Prayer Vigil - 19th-20th May

Over the Pentecost weekend, there will be 24 hours of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in St Joseph's church for the continuing renewal of our Parish. Everyone is welcome to come along and be involved.

The vigil will go from 9am on Saturday to 9am on Sunday, and anyone is welcome to sign up for an hour slot (or more!). At any time we will have at least two people praying in the church.

The vigil will include a street mission on the Saturday night from 7pm-9pm when pairs of volunteers will go out to invite others to simply light a candle and spend some time in the church if they wish.

If you would like to sign up for one of the hour slots and/or to be a street mission volunteer please sign up either at the back of St Joseph's Church on Sunday, or email Marina: mley@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

The Thursday Group

The next meeting of the Thursday Group will be Thursday 10th May. Join us for Coffee, Tea & Cake a chat and a chance to pray & share after a video presentation. We meet on alternate Thursdays at 10am in the Upper Room of the Parish Hall, Milton rd.

Second Collection next weekend

There will be a second Collection next weekend for The Catholic Communications Network.

Student and Young Adult Groups

- **Sunday Lunch** - open to all **students and young adults** at No 1 Elm Grove after 11:30am Mass .
- **Deep Waters**— Deep Waters is a group for all students and young adults in the Parish, and meets every Thursday at 7pm in the Upper Room at St Josephs Hall, Milton Road for food, prayer, talks and friendship.

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you are a young adult interested in being Baptised or Confirmed in the Catholic Church contact Fran at youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk.

For more information about young adults groups email deepwatersbrighton@gmail.com or find us on facebook (the group is called 'Deep Waters')

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We offer practical help for people in need:

- Gardening - DIY Jobs - Shopping - I.T. Assistance
- Filling in Forms - Writing/ Posting Letters

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DO YOU HAVE TOO MANY TOOLS AT HOME?

Another way to be part of LightBulb is by donating tools (gardening tools, hand tools and power tools) to allow us to help more people in need. Please leave them in the collection box in St. Joseph's Sacristy.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meet every Sunday at 10am in the Upper Room, St Joseph's Hall. New members welcome. Call Joe Cook on 07754208152 for more info.

Weekly Devotions at St John the Baptist

Divine Mercy Devotions - Every Wed at 3:00pm
Novena - Every Wed at 6.00pm

Parenting Teens Workshops

St Peter's Brighton are running a unique series of three workshops (on 21 May, 4 and 11 Jun) designed for all parents and carers of children (aged 10-18) to engage with the hot topics of today's teenagers.

Our speakers will address the new and often overwhelming challenges that parents of this generation face, offering practical tools, advice, reassurance and thoughts on how we can best support our teens and navigate this season well together. Parents will also have the chance to ask questions and talk in small groups around the topics raised - Pimm's and puddings will be served!

For more information on the dates and topics see stpetersbrighton.org/ptw

Centering Prayer

There is a weekly meeting for Centering Prayer every Wednesday at 6.30pm, in the Meeting Room St Joseph's Presbytery. Contact Barbara 07717 436081.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

On Saturday 5th may we are taking part in the Brighton & Hove annual children's parade. We are number 51 - come along and wave us on!

Parents who are interested in a place for their child in Reception class September 2018 can make an appointment to visit the school by contacting Mrs Mckenna in our school office: 01273607924. We also have some places available in other classes.

All family members are invited to attend our Sunday Family Masses:

Y6 Sunday 6th May

With best wishes, Carmel Hughes, Headteacher

News from your local St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

We have spent the last few weeks getting prepared for the Children's Parade on the 5th May. Predictions are that the weather will be kind and it should be a lovely day. I am sure the children will look resplendent in their colourful outfits.

Year 6 have been very busy preparing for their National Tests (SATs), their opportunity to show off all they have learned during their time at St Joseph's. We are very proud of their commitment and determination to do well. Please remember them and their peers from our sister school, St John the Baptist, in your prayers.

Fran Morrison, Head teacher.