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St Joseph's & St John the Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

First Sunday of Advent (C) 2nd December

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 1st December		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Katie Rodrigues
Sunday 2nd December		
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
St Joseph's	9:30am Mass	Margaret McGoldrick RIP (<i>Derek Berry</i>)
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Tom Curran
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Eileen Kennedy RIP (<i>N O'Sullivan</i>)
Monday 3rd December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Sr MC Hetherington RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Tuesday 4th December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Anna Roselli RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Success of Exams
Wednesday 5th December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Thanksgiving (<i>Kathy U</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Sabina Aleluya RIP (<i>Flora Weaver</i>)
Thursday 6th December		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Miss Dalton
Friday 7th December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Brian Bonner RIP Anniversary (<i>Toni Bonner</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Kerrie O'Grady
Saturday 8th December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Prayers for Asia Bibi (<i>Maria Rigby</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Rita & Fred Pitts (10th Anniversary) (<i>T Ross</i>)
Sunday 9th December		
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
St Joseph's	9:30am Mass	Dan & Leonard Fitzpatrick RIP (<i>Breda Clements</i>)
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Mariyamme Joseph RIP (<i>Sheena Antony</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass	Jams & Julia O'Sullivan (<i>G O'Sullivan</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish

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 below for more opportunities.

stjosephsbrighton.org.uk

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Message from Fr Peter

In Advent we wait for the coming of the Messiah at Christmas. It seems to me that there are two kinds of waiting. There is *passive waiting* which is waiting for the bus, or waiting for the postman - where there is no need for an active response, and there is *active waiting*. This is the kind of waiting that we do during Advent. We *actively wait* by praying and being in expectant hope. This kind of waiting means that we become ready for action. Often we lose this kind of Advent waiting because of the commercialisation of the world around us. The business of the shops, the need to buy presents, means we do not stop and just wait.

So we need to become quiet and allow our minds and hearts to be open to the coming of Jesus this Christmas once again. This means practicing and creating periods of silence. In the Mass we are trying to create that space for silence and peace in our own prayer life. We can also do this by becoming still and silent, actively seeking and waiting for the voice of God.



Join us for our Parish Christmas Party!
Wednesday 19th December from 7:30pm
at St Joseph's Hall, Milton Road.
See inside for more information.

Next Weeks Readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Philipians 1:4-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6

Advance Notice – Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Vigil Mass

6.00pm St Joseph's

Carols and Mass of Christmas Night

10.30pm St Joseph's

10:30pm St John the Baptist

Christmas Day

Dawn Mass

9:00am St John the Baptist

Christmas Morning Mass

11.00am St Joseph's

11:00am St John the Baptist



SACRAMENTS

Confessions during Advent :

As well as the usual times for Reconciliation (Saturdays; 10.30 am at St. John the Baptist & 11.00 at St Joseph's) , a priest will be available after each Sunday Mass during Advent.

There will be a Reconciliation Service for students & Young Adults with the Deep Waters group on Thursday 6th December at 8.15 pm (gathering for food in St Joseph's Hall first from 7.00pm).

PRAYER/GROUPS

St Joseph's Church

Evening Prayer with the Wellspring Community

Join us for Evening Prayer from the Divine Office at 6pm on Monday, and after 6pm Mass Tuesday - Friday.

Men's Rosary (18-35s)

We meet every Tuesday 7pm. This week we will have Rosary followed by a spiritual chat (accountability through vulnerability) finishing off with pizza and beers. If you are a young man looking to grow in prayer and wanting to meet brothers please come along.

Centering Prayer

We meet every Wednesday at 6.30pm, in St Josephs Presbytery, Contact Barbara van der Zee 07717 436081,

The Thursday Morning Group - meeting weekly during Advent!

The Thursday Group will meet every Thursday at 10am in the Upper Room at St Joseph's Hall during Advent. Join us for Coffee, Tea & Cake, a chat and a chance to pray & share our experiences.

Padre Pio Group

Every Thursday after Evening Prayer.

Legion of Mary

Every Sunday at 10am in the Upper Room, Milton Road Hall. Contact Joe Cook on 07754208152

Friday Adoration - New time

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

St John the Baptist Chapel

Divine Mercy Devotions

Every Wednesday at 3pm.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday at 6.00pm

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

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, Dermot O'Hara, Ian Brockwell, George Vaz, Ian Tinlin, Veronica Kearney, Fr Douglas Perkins, Kathleen Healy, Sue McGregor, Angela Hubert, Maria Rigby, Stuart Rae Duncan, Michelina Maraia, Frank Mansbridge, Alphonso Schivone, Patsy Regan and Ray Mason.

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

To be added to this list contact the Parish Office. Please contact Fr Kieron or Fr Peter if you are going into hospital.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Sunday Lunch - Open to all students & young adults at No 1 Elm Grove after 11:30 Mass

Deep Waters A group for all students and young adults in the Parish. 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 come along to Deep Waters (Thursday evenings @ 7pm) and contact Mary Ann at youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk.

EVENTS

St Joseph's School

Our Carol Concert will be at 6pm on Tuesday 18th December at St Joseph's Church -- we hope to see you there!

St John the Baptist School

Pease join us for a Carol concert on Thursday 13th December at 6pm in the church.

Parish Christmas Party

Join us at the Parish Christmas Party on Wednesday 19th December from 7.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall. Everyone welcome! Please bring a plate of savoury finger food to share – drinks provided!

Proclaim Youth Meeting - 4th December

All those in Years 7-11 are invited to the Proclaim Youth Meeting on Tuesday, 4th December from 6pm - 8pm at St John the Baptist Hall. It will be an evening filled with fun and games, prayers and worship. Light refreshment provided. Please contact 07900676121 or 07917450125 for more information.

Proclaim Christmas Party - 16th December

Join us for Christmas celebrations on Sunday 16th December at 3pm in SJB Hall.

MISSION

Call for Night Shelter Volunteers

The night-shelter season is almost upon us! The Brighton and Hove Churches' Night-shelter project, which is now into its eighth year, aims to provide food and shelter for 15 homeless men and women 7 nights a week over a period of 22 weeks.

This year it started in the middle of November and parishioners at St Joseph's and St John the Baptist will be involved again in the second half of the project, on Tuesday evenings / Wednesday mornings, from Tuesday 22nd January to Tuesday 2nd April

We would now like to start drawing up a list of those who would like to volunteer from St Joseph's and St John the Baptist. As people will remember from previous years, there are 3 main shifts for each week: the early evening shift (7.0pm to 10.30pm), the overnight shift (10.30pm to 6.15am), and the early morning breakfast shift (6.15am to 8.0am).

For each early evening shift we also need cooks: to prepare meals in advance and / or to cook meals on site, for approximately 30 people, guests and volunteers. Please consider signing up to do this - either as a seasoned cook or as someone who'd like to try their hand at it; as a one-off or for several meals.

We would much appreciate it if you would email us (michaellloyduk@aol.com) to let us know (a) if you would like to be involved, indicating which shifts you would be available for: evenings, overnight, early morning breakfast; and (b) if you would like to be involved in preparing and cooking the evening meals.

Best wishes, **Mike Lloyd and Elaine Cook**

Formation for Welcoming Ministry

There will be two formation mornings for the ministry of welcoming for both churches in the New Year.

The dates are **19th January & 23rd February 2019**. Each session will start at 10.30 am (with Mass at 10.00 am) and finish at 1.00pm. The venue will be the Hall at St John the Baptist. These days are open to anyone with an interest in hospitality in the Parish and it is recommended that people attend on both days as the second session builds on the first.