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

Second Sunday of Advent (C) 9th December

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 8th December		
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	James & Julia O'Sullivan <i>(G O'Sullivan)</i>
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 10th December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Rita Mahoney RIP <i>(Carmel Hughes)</i>
St Joseph's	No Mass	
Tuesday 11th December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Toyin Awodipe RIP <i>(Ola Shote)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Anne Elizabeth Magennis <i>(Foundation)</i>
Wednesday 12th December		
St John the Baptist	9:00am Mass—please note	Mr Miller RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Peter Gilbert RIP <i>(The Wellspring Community)</i>
Thursday 13th December		
St Lucy		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Catherine Halloran
Friday 14th December		
St John of the Cross		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Miss Saunders RIP <i>(Foundation)</i>
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Assiz De Souza -1st Anniversary <i>(Francis De Souza)</i>
Saturday 15th December		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Alan Bush RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am-11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Thanksgiving—Jennifer, Tony & Family
Sunday 16th December		
THIRD 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
St Joseph's	9:30am Mass	Chad Goddard RIP <i>(Kate Goddard)</i>
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Ugo Bechaz RIP
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Eustaguio Cobal RIP <i>(Navarro Family)</i>

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

[facebook.com/StJosephsBrighton](https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsBrighton)

Message from Fr Kieron

This is the Advent Sunday traditionally given to John the Baptist - the voice that cries in the wilderness "Prepare a way for the Lord". This is a timely reminder of what Advent is all about as other kinds of preparation move up a gear and the media tells us of 'black Friday' or 'cyber Monday' as a spending frenzy, electronic or otherwise, takes hold of our culture.

The voice crying in the wilderness of greed and consumerism shouts 'stop!' Stop and think about that other kind of spending that Advent invites; the way we spend our lives and spend our time with and for other people. No amount of spending money will help the huge numbers of people who will be lonely over the next few weeks. This is indeed time for a spending review: do we guard our time preciously or give it generously for the good of others? How do we spend our energy and our disposable income? How much time do we spend with and for God? During these weeks of Advent some time pondering these questions and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be time well spent.



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: Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

Second collection today for Christmas Flowers!

Christmas Mass Times

Please pick up a Christmas Service Card from the church for all the Christmas Mass times.

MISSION

Call for Night Shelter Volunteers

The night-shelter season is almost upon us! The Brighton and Hove Churches' Night-shelter project, aims to provide food and shelter for 15 homeless men and women 7 nights a week over a period of 22 weeks. This year parishioners at St Joseph's and St John the Baptist will be involved again in the second half of the project, on Tue evenings / Wed mornings, from Tue 22nd Jan to Tue 2nd Apr. We would now like to start drawing up a list of those who would like to volunteer from our Parish. 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.

Please email us (michaellloyduk@aol.com) to let us know (a) 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. Thank you and best wishes, **Mike Lloyd and Elaine Cook**

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.

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.

Friday Adoration

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

Legion of Mary

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

St John the Baptist Chapel

Divine Mercy Devotions

Every Wednesday at 3pm.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday at 6.00pm

CHANGE OF MASS TIME.

Please note: The time of mass at SJB on Wednesday 12 December has changed to **9:00am**

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, Ray Mason and Patrick Sweeney.

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

All are welcome to Sunday Lunch (after 1130 mass at St Joseph's, and to Deep Waters (Thursday evenings at St Joseph's Hall, Milton Road) For more information about young adults groups find us on facebook: search for 'Deep Waters' or email deepwatersbrighton@gmail.com

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!

Christmas Carols at The Bevy Pub!

Sunday 16th December

Join Churches Together Moulsecoomb for an afternoon of Festive Fun!

Kids Crafts from 2-4pm / Carols start at 4pm

Free Food! Mince Pies! Celebrations!

Proclaim Youth Group - Christmas Party

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

Please contact 07900676121 or 07917450125 for more information.

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's School

A magical surprise! A small group of pupils and staff from St Joseph's were incredibly lucky, and extremely surprised, to meet the REAL Santa Claus at Brighton Pier on the 4th Dec.. Santa, took some time out of his busy schedule, and accompanied by the Ambassador of Finland and the Mayor of Brighton & Hove, visited children at the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, before heading to the Pier to meet pupils from two schools.

Quotes from our recent Interim RE Visit:

- ❖ A bright and stimulating environment that displays the ethos of the school community from the moment you enter the school.
- ❖ Relationships in all classes between teachers, support staff and pupils are very good.
- ❖ Behaviour in all lessons observed was excellent.
- ❖ Pupils were proud to say 'we respect each other, there is no bullying in our school.
- ❖ We welcome everyone and are happy to show people round our lovely school'
- ❖ Pupils who are proud to belong to the school community of St Joseph's. When interviewing a group of pupils, one said 'we are a school where everyone in it are friends; even our teachers have a strong friendship'
- ❖ A full and varied programme of charitable giving; articulated well by pupils 'we have a responsibility to help others, and stand up when things aren't right' 'it's important to help others and live out our mission statement.'

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

In Advent we are launching an artistic challenge in school under the theme [#whatareyouwaitingfor?](https://www.whatareyouwaitingfor.org/) and we are looking to our students and wider community to submit poems, artwork, original photography, short stories/ writing/articles (of no more than 500 words) on this theme. The theme of 'what are you waiting for?' is as wide as it can be - it could be linked directly to Christmas and Advent or to our hopes and dreams about the world, life, family, the environment, the future, the universe and beyond... The email address to send all entries, and for further information or questions to is: whatareyouwaitingfor@cncs.co.uk - al

Artwork should be photographed and sent by e-mail and the original given in to Reception at Cardinal Newman. (All entries will be entered anonymously unless the name on the piece).

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.