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Mass Intentions

During this time, Fr Kieron and Fr Sebastian will offer continue to celebrate mass in private in our Parish Churches, and by doing this will ensure that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church.

Sunday 22nd March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—FIRST SCRUTINY
People of the Parish	
Monday 23rd March	
Agnes Perry RIP (Foundation)	Students & YA Ministry
Tuesday 24th March	
Luigi Marcantonio - Anniversary	Lorraine Tinlin RIP
Wednesday 25th March	The Annunciation of the Lord
John McLaren RIP	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 26th March	
Celebrant's Intention	
Friday 27th March	
Field Family RIP (Foundation)	Holy Souls
Saturday 21st March	
Frankie and Frances's Intentions	

Please note - we have moved all mass intentions to the weekday masses as the weekend masses will be said for the People of the Parish. Masses have been allocated for the next few weeks. If you have any new intentions please drop through the door at 2 Bristol Road (we will try and pick these up regularly) or alternatively email or call the Parish Office—we can take the details and if you wish to make a donation through BACS we can give you the details.
Thank you.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

Loving Jesus, living and sharing our Faith, welcoming all.

Forth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent (A) 22nd March 2020

Second Scrutiny / Psalter Week 4

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.

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

Message from Fr Kieron

In Sunday's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus about who sinned to cause the man to be born blind. The answer came back - nobody sinned it was so that the works of God could be displayed in him, that he was born blind. Many will be asking "why the Corona virus?"; "what has caused this?" "Is this some kind of judgement or punishment?"

Much better to imagine that the works of God can be displayed in us during these extraordinary times. During the coming weeks, we will not be able to gather physically for the Eucharist, but we can participate at a distance with masses being live streamed from various locations. In various parts of the world at different times in history, the church has survived for long periods without the sacraments. The Faith has been kept alive through personal prayer and devotion to the scriptures and by acts of kindness and mercy.

A selection of on-line resources will be available from the Parish and Diocesan websites but we also need to have the mindset and determination to practice our faith in a different way for a while. There are also many practical ways in which the works of God might be seen in us during the coming weeks. Already some people are offering practical assistance for those who cannot leave their homes but even those who are isolated can help with telephone contact and of course prayer. Let us pray that this enforced change to our lives, while limiting in many ways, will also create opportunities for amazing grace and kindness to flourish, so that when we are once again able to gather around the table of the Eucharist, we will not only emerge with our faith intact, but it may even be stronger.

PRAYER/GROUPS

All Prayer Groups and Meetings have been suspended.

We will keep updating the newsletter weekly. Our website will be updated with all updates as we have them.

A call to Prayer and Action for this Sunday 22nd March:

This Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. See www.cte.org.uk/calltoprayer for more details.

Opening our Churches

During this time we will be opening our churches—they are a focal point of prayer, where you can go to find solace and strength. For this week the churches will be open as follows:

St John the Baptist Church will be open from 12:00pm– 4:00pm every day.

St Joseph's Church will be open from 11:00am –1:00pm on Sunday and 3:00pm-5:30pm on weekdays.

If you come to the church during these times, please ensure you use the hand gel available at the entrance to the church when you arrive and when you leave. We also ask that you practice good hygiene (Catch It, Bin it, Kill It), and that you keep your distance from other parishioners in the Church.

All Parishioners are advised to follow the Government's advice about Social Distancing—especially if you are in group that is in an increased risk of severe illness from the coronavirus (Covid-19) (those over 70, or those with an underlying health condition).

The Parish Office

In line with the latest advice, the staff in the Parish Office will be working from home.

We have a special mobile phone number set up to take calls, and you can also text us at this number. **The number is 07737862425.** The office will be open during the regular times—this is Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:00pm. If you leave a message, or email outside of these hours we will get back to you when the office is next open.

As a lot of our communication is being done online at the moment, please could we ask that you share this information and updates with any parishioners who may not have access to the internet. Please encourage them to call the Parish Office if they have any queries, or want to ask any questions. We don't want anyone to feel any more isolated during this time. In Ireland they are asking that 'we come together by staying apart'—and we think this is such an important message at this time, but we can keep in touch online, by email, and by phone.

Please bear with us while we get used to these new working arrangements,

We hope everyone stays safe and healthy at this time, and that you let us know if we can do anything to help!

AnnMarie and Maryanne.

Fr David Rae RIP

Parishioners will be sad to hear to the death of Fr David Rae. He was the Parish Priest at St Joseph's in the 80's. May He Rest In Peace.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leao Pires, Angela Bowler, Sheila Rodrigues, Jose Cabanas, Lilianna Craggs, Vivien Appleby, Charles Appleby, Ella O'Driscoll, Clive Coates, Tommy Maher, Dermot O'Hara, Ian Brockwell, Fr Douglas Perkins, Kathleen Healy, Angela Hubert, Maria Rigby, Frank Mansbridge, Patsy Regan, Ray Mason, Patrick Sweeney, Joan Cook, Moira Hall, Mary Berry, Margaret Lamb, Tony Wallace and Jean Ghazal.

Those who have died recently, especially Archbishop Peter Smith, Fr David Rae, Derrick Price, Lorraine Tinlin, and John McLaren 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.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Deep Waters

Deep Waters will continue to happen but ONLINE: meeting at 8pm each Thursday on the Deep Waters Facebook group for prayer, input, social time. Also, Wellspring members will be available Sundays for social time and pastoral support: visit the facebook group for more details (...coming soon). Watch this space for more info on online opportunities for prayer, formation, friendship and support. Let's stay united in prayer and friendship, and send us messages with all your prayer requests. We're daily praying for you!

For info about young adults groups find us on facebook: search for 'Deep Waters' or email deepwatersbrighton@gmail.com

Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

I am delighted to be able to share with you a message from Pope Francis which has been sent to Cardinal Nichols. The Holy Father "prays that the act of re-dedication will inspire all to persevere in the urgent task of sharing the joy of the Gospel with the men and women of our time". The Holy Father once more entrusts "Mary's Dowry" to her maternal protection and willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of grace and peace in the Lord.

I realise that in the light of the restrictions under which we now operate the Re-dedication will now not take place at the Sunday Mass, but it is a prayer that can take place anywhere and indeed anytime. I invite you to encourage your people to take part in whatever way they can, whenever they can. A range of resources, including the livestream and prayers for the Re-dedication, are all available from www.behold2020.com.

Walsingham Live will be streaming from the Basilica 24/7, with a timetable of prayers, devotions, and Mass available. This means that those who are isolating can make their own pilgrimage at home. This stream, along with more content, can be found at www.LentInIsolation.com.

From Mgr John Armitage, Rector, Walsingham

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's School

Business as usual at St Joe's Primary this week!! So, some uplifting news to celebrate first!

We embraced our diverse community by celebrating Holi with Kz Dance. They worked with all of the classes throughout the day teaching them three different "Bollywood" style dances.

Plus they also discovered a little bit about Holi, the Hindu festival of colour. Finally, as is traditional during Holi, the children were able to throw some powder paint up in the air or over themselves to finish the colourful celebration in style!

In class 3/4, as part of their theme "Extreme Survival," their teacher arranged a visit from "The Outdoors Project." They enjoyed a hands-on morning, learning how to build shelters, how to collect kindling and about fire lighting techniques that can be used for survival in extreme climates and conditions. It was lovely to see the children enjoying our outside space while learning about survival skills.

On the 19th March the whole school celebrated and combined Governors Day on St Joseph's Day, starting with a special Mass, it was very emotional in light of current circumstances.. All the class organised fun activities based around the skills and life of our very own St Joseph's. There was a real sense of community that was lovely to see.

We remember all our parish friends and the school community at St John the Baptist in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Keep safe and be well.

Fran Morrison (Headteacher)