

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

Third Sunday of Easter (A) 26th April 2020

Psalter Week 3

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

Message from Fr Sebastian

Hello my friends

This Sunday we experience another appearance of the risen Lord to two of his friends and followers. Two of the disciples of Jesus are walking to Emmaus. Perhaps they are asking each other, 'Where did it all go wrong?' Why did we put so much hope and trust into this man called Jesus? And so, with a sense failure and disappointment they leave Jerusalem. This is an image and symbol of the Pilgrim Church which we are all part of. We are walking along with each other as members of the Body of Christ. We are not alone. Jesus too, walks with us our journey as individuals and as a church. Jesus is deeply interested in our story. Having asked us to share our story with him, he walks by our side and listens.

Let us tell him of our concerns, of anxieties and of joy we experience in daily life.

We are not alone even now...

Have a blessed and peaceful week my friends!

Fr Seb



Alpha Course

Starts this week! See inside for more details.



Did you know...if you have a facebook account, you can "follow" our newsfeed, and set it to notify you by email whenever we put up a new post.

TOGETHER APART THROUGH COVID19

It is a strange time, and we cannot access our church buildings and be together at Mass, but it is a time when faith and belonging in a community are even more important than they are normally.

We cannot meet physically, but we are trying to make the most of being a community together online.

- We broadcast [Mass live every day](#), and some morning and night prayer
- We provide a [news feed](#) updated at least twice a day, with information, news, and resources for use at home. If you have a facebook account, you can "follow" our newsfeed, and set it to notify you by email whenever we put up a new post
- We provide online opportunities for meetings and prayer
- We still produce [the newsletter](#) weekly – just online rather than printed
- We produce prayers of the faithful every week, and would encourage all parishioners to submit prayers that we might use
- [The office](#) function continues just as normal – just working remotely from the presbytery.
Call us on 07737862425 or email office@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk

The underlined highlighted areas can be clicked to take you to the relevant place.

If you are aware of anyone who does not know about these opportunities, please pass the information on. If you are having any difficulty with the technology to access these, we can provide help on 01273 655554.

ALPHA

A note from Fr Kieron: As a parish we are trying to live out the mission that Christ has given to his church, and as part of that every one of us is on our own personal journey with Christ. I strongly recommend that if possible you take the opportunity that the current lockdown gives us to participate in the Alpha sessions we will shortly be starting.

ALPHA ONLINE IS A CHANCE TO BUILD OUR FAITH, EXPLORE OUR FAITH, OR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH, LIFE AND GOD FROM HOME.

We have run a number of Alpha courses in the parish, which a great number of people have now enjoyed and found important and useful. They seem to have been equally appropriate to lifelong Catholics, and to people who have never been to church but want to explore what the Christian faith has to offer.

Here is some feedback we have received from our past Alphas.

"It has enriched my faith, certainly made me think, given me even more a sense of 'belonging'"

"Thank you for running such an enjoyable and spiritual course. It has prompted me to deepen my faith"

"I learnt so much from the course, and made friends in the parish."

However you may not have been able to attend the sessions, either because the time was not suitable, or because of lack of time or other constraints such as child care.

We are for the moment in a very different world – we cannot travel to meetings, but we may have more time available to think about what is important.

We are now starting Alpha online – with weekly sessions where you can access the input and take part in lively discussion through any smartphone, tablet, or computer.

We are hoping to start this week—and there are both daytime and evening opportunities.

There is no cost and no commitment.

If you interested please email us on alpha@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk, with your contact details, and we will explain more. Also please tell your friends and family – one wonderful thing about being online is that you do not need to live near our churches to participate.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Deep Waters online events for young adults and students are publicised through
www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton/.

GROUPS / MEETINGS

RCIA

The RCIA Group are continuing to meet every Tuesday at 7pm. Although we can't meet in person, we've set up a rather successful online group; where we meet on Zoom.
Email Adrian Richards adrian.richards@live.com for more information

Mothers Prayers

We are a group of mothers who meet weekly to pray for our children and grandchildren . As we are unable to meet physically at the moment we've set up a group WhatsApp which enables us to be together spiritually in prayer. If you're interested in joining us and would like more information please contact Jill O'Rourke at 01273 687642.

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's

It's a very quiet time at St Joseph's during partial closure with only six children this week but we send love and prayers to our school and parish community, particularly those who are alone and lonely at this time. Stay well our friends.

Fran Morrison, Headteacher

St John the Baptist

SJB School remains open to support our key workers and vulnerable children. It is great to be able to support these wonderful people who are working round the clock to support us.
Keep safe everyone.

Carmel Hughes, Headteacher

Helping Each Other Through This Period - shopping etc....

You may be stuck at home being told not to go out, but in need of shopping or similar help, or you may be wanting to be of help, but not knowing who in our church community needs it. In either case please contact our lightbulb project on 07543 839496 or lightbulb.stjosephs@gmail.com. We will try to connect volunteers to all who need help.

At this time it is not appropriate to carry on with Lightbulb help in people's homes, but all other aspects continue. As well as shopping, we can still provide all advice and help that can be carried out over the phone.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leao Pires, Angela Bowler, 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 Margaret O'Brien and Sheila Rodrigues and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

MASS TIMES

All of the following services will be streamed online—click here [Mass live](#)
The priests will say a second 'private' mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
If you have any new intentions please email or call the Parish Office. Thank you.

Saturday 25th April	
12:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
Sunday 26th April	SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER 'DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY'
11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 27th April	
12:00pm Mass	Mema & Abanob Assad (<i>Ferial Assa</i>)
Tuesday 28th April	
12:00pm Mass	Holy Souls
<i>Private Mass</i>	<i>Ellen Peacock RIP (Foundation)</i>
Wednesday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena
12:00pm Mass	Ronnie Nally RIP
<i>Private Mass</i>	Walter Perry RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Thursday 30th April	
12:00pm Mass	Enrico Giacomoni RIP
Friday 1st May	
12:00pm Mass	For all the Bereaved of our Parish
<i>Private Mass</i>	Marie Johns RIP - 2nd Anniversary (<i>Maria and Family</i>)
Saturday 2nd May	St Athanasius
12:00pm Mass	Mary McCoy RIP
Sunday 26th April	FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00am Mass	People of the Parish

There are 4 ways you can continue contributing to the church during the current closure:

- 1) set up a standing order online - contact AnnMarie for account details on 07737 862425 or by email
- 2) make a single payment by online banking - again contact AnnMarie for account details
- 3) make a single payment from your paypal account if you have one - just use the send/request tab to send money to office@stjosephsbrighton.org.uk
- 4) make a single payment by debit or credit card through the Diocese just giving page below. Please make sure you add the note that it is to East Brighton Parish, or a church and the parish. If anything is complicated ring AnnMarie and she will help you complete this. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>
Unfortunately at this time we cannot bank cash or cheques, so please do not send these. If you cannot use online means, please store the offerings until we can.

If you want to still make your Easter Offering to the Priests, please use 'Easter' as the reference, or let AnnMarie know. Thank you.

Tad Matus, Chair of the Finance Committee

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