

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 17th January 2021

Churches and Lockdown 3 - what we can do...

Now we are in our third Lockdown **we can still attend communal worship (Mass)** but we must only sit with our own household or support bubble and we cannot mingle with other households before, during, or after coming to Church. It is good to be able to have the choice of coming to Mass but remember that the obligation to do so is still suspended and it is important not only to be safe but to feel safe.

Church opening times this week

Wednesday - St Joseph's 5.30pm - 6.30pm **Private Prayer**

Public Mass

Friday - St Joseph's Church 10.00am Mass

Saturday - St Joseph's Church 5.30pm

Sunday - Holy Family Church 9.00am - St Joseph's Church 11.00am - St Teresa's Church 5.30pm

Please be mindful that the numbers are limited due to Government guidelines and that at both St Joseph's and Holy Family we can overspill into the halls, so Mass at those churches can accommodate more people.

Bishop John Sherrington, an auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, has issued a letter explaining the position and role of our churches during the current lockdown, mindful that this decision to be open is based on two factors: the recognition that our churches are safe, and that the service they offer is essential. For the full letter see: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-on-role-of-catholic-churches-during-current-lockdown/>

With very many thanks to our own volunteer stewards, who enable our public Mass and private prayer to continue in whatever way we can during this unfolding pandemic. It is thanks to these parishioners that we have been able to open the churches and offer, as best we can, a safe and welcoming place to be in the Lord's presence for any who wish to come for private prayer, or gather for the Mass. Even if fewer people and families may come at present, the welcome of open doors and lights shining can be in itself a witness and beacon of hope for those who pass by.

Telephone support If you would like to have a chat with someone for whatever reason in the parish, or would like to offer a bit of support at this time, please contact the parish office to share your details.

Parish Online Zoom group, Sunday evening prayers and song at 6pm for about 40mins - if you would like to join please get in touch via the parish office

Sacramental programmes - 2021 We hope to have news soon of how we can prepare our Year 3+ children for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion and our year 10+ teenagers for their Confirmation - watch this space.

The 50/50 Club is a fundraising opportunity in the parish with a bit of fun! For an annual subscription of £12 per ticket, 50% of the total income goes to support the parish and 50% is given in 10 monthly prizes and two larger bonus prizes for June and December with the winning numbers drawn at random by computer. The more tickets sold the bigger the prize money! If you would like to join the scheme or would like more information contact the parish office or email 5050club.pnl@gmail.com December's prize winners are numbers 82 and 37, each winning £50 !

The Easter Project in Merstham has not been able to function since last March. We are very pleased therefore that it has been agreed by those involved that the Mix Cafe (<https://mersthammix.org.uk/>) will resume provision of a hot meal at midday on Mondays, free of charge, to people who are unemployed, homeless, vulnerable, lonely or identified and referred by local support agencies. There will be a sign-up system in place. All Covid rules will be adhered to, which might mean delivery of meals in the short term. Eventually, it is hoped that volunteers can join the venture in its new form and resume the valuable personal touch that has been the essence of the Easter project for eight years. Sincere thanks to all who have volunteered, donated or supported the Easter Project.

Telephone Support of the bereaved members of our Deanery Bereavement Team are able to offer you the time and space to talk If you have been recently bereaved. In the current circumstances, face to face visiting may prove difficult, but a chat on the phone is simple to arrange. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office and this can be arranged

The parish Justice & Peace group have a new newsletter on the parish website. Do read it for news of local homelessness the Medaille Trust, Cafod and the climate, as well as those detained at Gatwick. For further details of the J&P group which meets monthly online please contact the parish office.

Bishop Richard's Refugee Crisis Newsletter: The latest copy of the Newsletter is now available and can be found under Latest Publications section of the diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

Coming soon – Invited (A diocesan wide mission) God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life. There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL

The hospital does not inform the chaplain of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either a patient or their family. This needs to be made clear to the staff on admission to the hospital. If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to admission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Monica Peters, Anne Moon, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Jaden Sebastian, Shelagh Green, Bobette O'Connell, Lydia Fagan, Anne Grier, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Pam Dysart, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Raul Bantog, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, John Warren, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, John Philmore, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Daniel Correia, Mary Carey, Maura Green, Peter Reade, and all the sick and housebound of our parish.

If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish on 01737 761017.

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1Sm 3:3-10.19; Ps 39; 1Cor 6:13-15.17.20; Jn 1:35-42

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Sat 16 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Father Michael Boland RIP

Sun 17 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 Private Intention

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Patricia Duff RIP

Mon 18 Jan

Jim Peters RIP

Tue 19 Jan

Francois Shaby RIP

Wed 20 Jan

Fr Mark Langham RIP

Thur 21 Jan

St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Private intention

Fri 22 Jan

10.00 Robert & Anne Seaton RIP

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Jonah 3:1-5.10; Ps 24; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Response: Lord make me know your ways

Sat 23 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Private Intention

Sun 24 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Father Francis O'Sullivan RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:

Liseby Bond RIP her funeral is to be arranged.

Margaret McCabe RIP Her funeral to be arranged.

Sr Rita Mifsud (Sisters of St Dorothy) RIP - died 7th Nov 2020. 89 years old, she worked for many years in the parish before retiring back to Malta.

John Gaynor RIP - died 6th Dec 2020 and his funeral was in Henfield.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Volunteers Stewards - more have offered, more are needed!

You must not be from those instructed to shield themselves, nor from those under 18 or over 70 years old, or from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus. **If you can help in any way please email the parish office with the subject line 'Volunteer'. Please pass the word around and encourage others to come forward as well. Thank you.**