

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent (year C) 22nd December 2024 The Nativity of the Lord (year C) 25th December 2024

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight	Holy Family (Midnight Mass)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	St Joseph's (Dawn Mass)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	St Teresa's (Day Mass)

**Ministries at the Christmas Masses** if you are a reader or Eucharistic Minister please follow this link to indicate your availability: <https://forms.gle/hfpjfudVwQFQC3dg6>

**Thinking about becoming a Catholic?** An informal group meets regularly and you would be very welcome to come along, without any obligation, to find out more about the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

**Thinking of getting married,** Congratulations! A reminder that Bishop Richard calls for a minimum of twelve months' notice for Catholic Marriages to allow for the necessary preparation and paperwork, especially if marrying abroad.

**Short Advent Reflections,** following the 4 Monday morning Masses at St Teresa's. We hope you will stay to join us

**Yellow Bucket Collection.** The parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <https://www.redhill.foodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

**Our SVP groups** are reaching out to those in any kind of need, please call 07918980330 and they will call back.

**The 50/50 Club £75 December winners,** 58 and 62, congratulations! For an annual subscription of £12 per ticket, 50% of the total income goes to support the parish and 50% is given in monthly prizes, with the winning numbers drawn at random by computer. If you would like to renew your subscription, join the scheme, or like more information email: [5050club.pnl@gmail.com](mailto:5050club.pnl@gmail.com).

**Parish Maintenance** - are you an electrician/plumber/tradesperson and could offer some time to join a group for small works occasionally - if so contact the parish office

**Live Simply Award.** We are asking CAFOD for assessment, following our application for the Live Simply Award in May 2023. Have you or/and your group played a part in the PNL qualification? The draft report can be viewed on the Justice & Peace section of the website. Contact [pnljandp@gmail.com](mailto:pnljandp@gmail.com) if you have other details we can add.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School** If you are applying for a place follow the instructions on the school website and return the supplementary forms to school before 15th Jan 2025. Watch the newsletter for the dates after the 15th Jan when Fr Tony will meet families to sign the forms.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary school** - Headteachers tours - if you are interested in your child joining the school, the next head's tour is on Thurs 9th Jan. Booking essential contact 01737 765373 or [office@stjosephsredhill.co.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsredhill.co.uk)

**Jubilee of Hope:** the Holy Door opens on 24 December in St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, marking the beginning of the Holy Year 2025. The Jubilee offers a special moment for plenary indulgence, conversion, and grace to rekindle hope in the daily journey of life and the proclamation of the Gospel. For more info: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/news/>

**St Joseph's Pre-School:** We are Ofsted registered and accept the following funding: FEET, Working Parent Entitlement, Universal and 30 Hours Free Childcare funding. Fees will apply if you are not eligible for any of the funding. We have preschool spaces available for children aged between 2-4 years. Contact the Admission Secretary (Chow Treadwell) on [admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk) or call admissions on 07847 221367

**Marriage Care write to say:** Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**Coming together this Christmas Day** - thanks you to those who have booked, the Lunch is going ahead and the hosts will be in contact with you to make arrangements!

**Bereavement Coffee Morning** - If you would like to come along to our coffee morning, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am in St Joseph's Meeting Room, trained befrienders will be there and you will be very welcome.

**Crib Collection** This year all monies donated will go to the Arundel & Brighton Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Collection at Christmas** is by tradition your personal offering to your parish priest, and can be gift-aided. If you would like to contribute online rather than use cash/cheque, please email the parish office or check our website under donations and use our parish bank details & reference the transaction 'Christmas', thank you!

**Wishing all in the parish** a very happy and holy Christmas. If you are visiting from elsewhere, you are very welcome. If you are travelling, safe journey and safe return. If you are staying here you might like to come to an extra Mass over the Christmas season - it lasts until the Baptism of the Lord (12th Jan 2025)!

**May the joy and peace of Christ  
be with you this Christmas,  
and throughout the coming year!**

### Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1253.71

Thank you for your support and generosity

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
www.17threigate.org

**EAST SURREY HOSPITAL**  
The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the hospital staff or contact him directly yourself. 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 your Hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Ann Farley, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Alison Walker, Madeleine McLean, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick and housebound of our parish.

*If you, or someone you know, is sick & housebound and would like to be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.*

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent (year C)

Mic 5:1-4; Ps 79; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

**Response:** Bring us back, O God;  
Let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved

**Sat 21 Dec**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 Paul Maddigan RIP  
**Sun 22 Dec**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 Jim Naylor RIP  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 The people of the parish  
**St Teresa's** 17.30 Private Int

**Mon 23 Dec**  
**St Teresa's** 10.00 **O Emmanuel**  
Lorraine Byrne RIP

## The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

**Tue 24 Dec**  
**St Joseph's** 18.00 Parish Deceased 2024 RIP

**Wed 25 Dec**  
**Holy Family** 00.00 People of the Parish  
**St Joseph's** 09.00 Special Int  
**St Teresa's** 11.00 For peace in the World

**Thur 26 Dec**  
**Holy Family** 10.00 **St Stephen, First Martyr**  
Thanksgiving

**Fri 27 Dec**  
**St Joseph's** 10.00 **St John, Apostle and Martyr**  
Betty Ramsey RIP

## The Feast of the Holy Family

1Sm 1:20-22.24-28; Ps 83; 1Jn 3:1-2.21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**Response:** Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord

**Sat 28 Dec**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 Janet Tofield RIP

**Sun 29 Dec**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 The people of the parish  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 Alicja Borutko RIP  
**St Teresa's** 17.30 Private Int

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,  
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

### REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

<b>Mon</b>	<b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer	St Teresa's Church
<b>Tues</b>	<b>19.00</b>	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>09.00</b>	Exposition before Mass	St Joseph's Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>15.00</b>	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

### Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus! Amen."  
Henri J.M. Nouwen (1932-1996)