

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Feast of the Holy Family (year C) 29th December 2024

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas Season and all the best for 2025!

...and many thanks for all the hard work of those who helped us celebrate Christmas, those who prepared the flowers and decorations, those who put up the trees and the crib scenes, those who cleaned the churches, the readers, servers and the musicians who enriched the liturgy, especially those who stepped in at the last minute to cover sickness, and everyone who helped in any way - around 1600 people passed through the doors over the 4 Masses! Thanks from Deacon Tim and Fr Tony for all your kind words, prayers, cards, and gifts. Thanks, also, for your kind Christmas offering. The Christmas season continues with the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend and then onto the Solemnity of the Epiphany next weekend, finishing with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 12th Jan). We continue to leave the Crib scene until February 2nd which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), you may like to do the same in your homes as a reminder that God has come to us and is with us always. If you are still on holiday perhaps you might like to make Christmas thanks by come along to an extra Mass, see times/churches overleaf!

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.

Yellow Bucket Collection. The parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <https://www.redhillfoodbank.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 £12 per ticket/year, 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. To 'renew your subscription, join the scheme, or for more information' email: 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 if you have other details we can add.

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

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

Keep the date! On Sunday 12th Jan at our 11am Mass Bishop Richard is visiting to celebrate the formal Induction our new Head of St Joseph's Primary School, Mr Thomas Hall, who has been doing sterling work since September under the new Xavier Academy Trust.

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

Jubilee of Hope: the Holy Door opened 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. See: <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 or call admissions on 07847 221367

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

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1252.47

Thank you for your support and generosity

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS
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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, Sheilaine 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 Feast of the Holy Family

1Sm 1:20-22.24-28; Ps 84; 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
Mon 30 Dec **Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas**
St Teresa's 10.00 Reade & Bourke families RIP
Tue 31 Dec **Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**
No Mass
Wed 1 Jan **The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
St Joseph's 11.00 For peace in the World
Thur 2 Jan **St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen**
Holy Family 10.00 Nyakallo Theresa Mphutlone-Taole RIP
Fri 3 Jan **Christmastime**
St Joseph's 10.00 Ray Bluett RIP

The Epiphany of the Lord (year C)

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3;5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Response: All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Sat 4 Jan
St Joseph's 17.30 Christine Thurgar's wellbeing
Sun 5 Jan
Holy Family 09.00 The people of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Deceased Priests and Benefactors 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

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

At the opening of the Holy Door for the Jubilee 2025

"God is Emmanuel, he is God-with-us...the infinitely great has become small; the divine light has shone through the darkness of the world; the glory of heaven has appeared on earth. And how? In the littleness of a Child. And if God comes, even when our hearts resemble a poor manger, then we can say: Hope is not dead, hope is alive, and it envelops our lives forever."..., "each of us can enter into the mystery of this proclamation of grace...This is the night when the door of hope has opened wide on the world; this is the night when God says to each one: There is hope for you too!... (this Holy Door) invites us to rediscover the joy of the encounter with the Lord, calls us to spiritual renewal, and commits us to the transformation of the world, so that this may truly become a jubilee time," Pope Francis - Christmas Eve