

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B) - 28th March 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**

The Easter Triduum

Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured, by the liturgy. Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments' (the Great Sacrament). St Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1168/9).

Holy Thursday 8pm – Good Friday 3pm – Easter Vigil Saturday 8.30pm at St Joseph's Church; Easter Sunday Masses as usual (see reverse)

Please be mindful that numbers attending 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.

Booking for Easter Sunday Mass

We will celebrate our Masses this Easter with the usual Sunday Mass timetable (the Vigil will be on Sat eve at 8.30pm). All are welcome to come to an Easter Mass (and at St Joseph's we can relay the sound outside and bring communion so that, if we reach full capacity, anyone wishing to be outside can still participate). We will also operate a booking system for those who are considered by the Government to be vulnerable but would like to be present, so that as far as possible we can ensure them a place inside first.

If you are considered vulnerable by the government, and do not have, or live with someone who has, Covid 19 or associated symptoms, are not waiting for results from a test, or have not been instructed to self-isolate, and would like to **book to attend an Easter Mass please email the parish office with 'Easter Mass place' in the title.**

Online Alpha (using Zoom) at PNL We are excited as a parish to invite as many people as possible to take part in our Alpha Online course after Easter, starting 21st April 2020. Alpha is a chance to ask the big questions in life - What is my purpose? What happens when I die? Why is there suffering? -and explore the Christian faith in a fun, non-pressurised environment. Each session (over 11 weeks) is approximately 1 hr 30 mins long and includes a short film and a discussion where you can share what you think with a small group of people just like you. We are hoping to ensure there are enough different time slots during the week to suit individual circumstances. We would also love you to invite your friends and family too. And being online, you are not geographically limited! If at any point you decide that Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure and no charge. To sign up or for details email: pnlalphacourse@gmail.com

Sacramental programmes - we still don't know when we might be able to meet in person to prepare for our children and young people's sacraments, but if you would like to register interest at this stage please email: First Reconciliation/Holy Communion frfhcpnl@gmail.com ; Confirmation confpnl@gmail.com ; for Baptism contact the parish office.

This month's 50/50 club winner of £25, is ticket 41! For more information email 5050club.pnl@gmail.com

Safeguarding Awareness Training - The Diocese has introduced mandatory online safeguarding training for all volunteers who work with vulnerable groups including; children, young people or adults at risk. If you volunteer in the Parish with one of these groups it is expected that you will undertake this online training by 31 March 2021. You should have heard from our safeguarding rep, Katie Jones, but if not please email pnlsafeguarding@gmail.com

CAFOD - Mary Barratt is 75% through walking 10,000 sponsored steps each Lenten day! - see her just-giving page: [Mary Walking for Water | Walk for Water | CAFOD](#)

PETITION: That the Government Does Not Reduce Overseas Aid: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/561068>
There are suggestions that the Government is planning to reduce its commitment to giving 0.7% of GDP as overseas aid. We want to keep this foreign aid and help the world's poor. Please sign the petition. At 10,000 signatures the Government will respond to the petition. At 100,00 the petition will be considered for debate. Thank you

Our parish website is moving to a new platform and will look a bit different, go and have a look and also please adjust your bookmark to www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk

Mass by phone, Sundays 11.30am from Middlesbrough Cathedral, dial 01642 130120 five minutes before the start.

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SCHOOLS:
St Joseph's - 01737 765373
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St Bede's - 01737 212108
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St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367
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St JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS
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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital does not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Francis (01293 431703) 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 your admission.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Frankie Binaud, 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, 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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

(Procession Jn 12:12-16) Is 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Response: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me

Sat 26 Mar

St Joseph's 17.30 Michael & Elizabeth Ashe RIP

Sun 27 Mar

Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Kitty & Ray Sharpe RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Mrs Nancy Keating RIP

Mon 29 Mar

John Foxwell RIP

Tue 30 Mar

Sylvia Evans, Evans and Staples Families RIP

Wed 31st Mar

Funeral Mass for Stephen Wheeler RIP

EASTER TRIDUUM

Thur 1 Apr Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 2:1-6.11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

St Joseph's 20.00 People of the Parish

Fri 2 Apr Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

St Joseph's 15.00

Sat 3 Apr Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Gn 1:1.26-31; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rm 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

St Joseph's 20.30 People of the Parish

Easter Sunday (Year B)

Acts 10:34.37-43; Ps 11; Cor 5:6-8; Mk 14:1-15:47

Response: This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad

Sun 4 Apr

Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish

St Joseph's 11.00 For Covid Victims and their families

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:

Stephen Wheeler RIP, His funeral will take place at Holy Family on Wed 31st March, followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

John Warren RIP His funeral is to be arranged.

Fr Brian Taylor, retired priest of this Diocese, his funeral is to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Volunteer Stewards are still needed for our Masses and private prayer opportunities, 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 please email the parish office with the subject line 'Volunteer' and encourage others to offer as well.