

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) - 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

### 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.

### Lockdown - one year Anniversary Tuesday 23rd March St Joseph's Church open 3.30-4.30pm & 6.30-7.30pm

This day is being marked in the Country as a day of reflection on Covid -19 and Cardinal Nichols is inviting Catholics to visit a Church this day to pray before the Lord. He has said: "For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon." St Joseph's Church will be opened between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, perhaps for an after school visit, and 6.30pm-7.30pm for those who might like to call by later. Please pass the word round. The Church will also be opened on Wednesday afternoon as usual.

### Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission concludes this week!

But you can catch up on each week's pre-recorded episode on the Diocesan website, with a transcript and Thursday's group questions listed underneath in the supporting resources. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, see: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)

**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, w/c 12 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](mailto: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](mailto:frfhcpnl@gmail.com) ; Confirmation [confpnl@gmail.com](mailto:confpnl@gmail.com) : for Baptism contact the parish office.

**Palm Sunday and Holy Week** - our Easter Liturgy can go ahead this year with all the usual Covid safety measures in place. There are a number of restrictions given to us by the Bishops conference (see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>) which will make things seem different but the invitation remains for everyone to gather as we pass-over this wonderful celebration and renewal of our baptismal incorporation into the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus our Lord

### 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 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.**

**Caring for Creation during Lent** a parish group reflecting on the weekly Gospel reading, share inspiring stories from around the world and on excerpts from Laudato Si - for details contact: [pnlcareofcreation@gmail.com](mailto:pnlcareofcreation@gmail.com)

...Also, Have you considered focusing on ecological conversion as your Lenten sacrifice? Maybe go plastic free - contact: [pnlcareofcreation@gmail.com](mailto:pnlcareofcreation@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](mailto: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](#)

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

**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**

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.*

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 50; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30

**Response:** A pure heart create for me, O God.

**Sat 20 Mar**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 Private Intention  
**Sun 21 Mar**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 People of the Parish  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 For Covid workers and their families  
**St Teresa's** 17.30 Mrs Bridget Duff RIP  
  
**Mon 22 Mar**  
Private Intention  
  
**Tue 23 Mar**  
For those struggling in lockdown  
  
**Wed 23 Mar**  
Private Intention  
  
**Thur 24 Mar** **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
Grier & Farrell Families & Relatives RIP  
  
**Fri 25 Mar** 10.00 Marie Thurtle RIP

**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

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

**Please remember him and his family 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.