

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Second Sunday of Christmas (Year B) - 3rd January 2021

Churches and Tier Four - what we can do...

Now we are in 'Tier 4' **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. The Church building must be well ventilated and the norms of social distancing, sanitizing and wearing a face covering apply, the directions of the stewards must be followed to ensure everyone else's safety. We have had all this in place for sometime now, and many are familiar with it. During this tier 4, weddings can take place only in exceptional circumstances, baptisms can take place with up to 6 people present, and funerals can take place with up to 30 attendees. (These numbers are Government regulations).

With many thanks to all who helped us celebrate Christmas this year,

amidst the challenges of tier four and social distancing: those who prepared the flowers and decorations, those who put up the trees and the crib scenes, those who helped clean and sanitize the churches before and after each mass, the stewards who guided us safely, the co-ordinators who organised the rotas, the readers and the musicians who enriched the liturgy, the scouts who lent us their sanitizing foggers and who do so much behind the scenes to keep the parish running, and everyone who helped in any way...thank you!

With thanks also, from Deacon Tim and Fr Tony for all your kind thoughts, words, prayers, cards, and gifts, and for your kind Christmas collection.

The Christmas season continues with the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Wednesday 6th Jan, 10am mass (St Joseph's) and 7pm (Holy Family) before finishing on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 10th Jan).

Christmas Crib 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 that reminder that God is truly with us, a message of hope and comfort particularly for our times.

...and wishing you a Happy Christmas season and all the best for a better 2021!

Church opening times this week

The Friday and weekend Mass timetable will continue as usual and this week St Joseph's Church will be open on Wednesday (6th Jan) between 5.30-6.30pm so that anyone can visit the crib scene for a moment of private prayer

School Admission Signings - St Joseph's School (SIF) has issued a statement as follows: *For parents who wish to apply for admission for their child under the Catholic Faith Criteria 1-6, please send your completed SIF (leaving only the Priest's section unfilled) directly to the school before 15th January, and Fr Tony will then view these applications and support as applicable. You will NOT need a face-to-face meeting with Fr Tony this year. For applications outside of the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, please check with your Parish Priest for details of their local arrangements*

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.

Justice & Peace Webinar 2021: How Should this Diocese Respond to the Food Poverty Crisis? The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid 19 crisis, with families in our diocese under increasing pressure. Join our free Justice & Peace Webinar to find out what parishes can do to help on Saturday 16th January 2021: 10 am to 12.30 pm. To book your free place and receive the Zoom link, contact Rosie Read, Social Action Secretary, at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

St Joseph's Reigate 17th Scouts like all of us have had a challenging few months but have worked well to continue both 'actually' when allowed, and 'virtually', always in an engaging and fun way for our youngsters. Covid has impacted on numbers and revenue but a key feature moving into 2021 is, unsurprisingly, resilience. At times of adversity the young people and adults keep smiling, find new ways of doing things and continue to enjoy Scouting! They are always looking for more help and it is extremely rewarding. For more details see: www.17threigate.org or email: 17th.groupscoutleader@gmail.com

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 !

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. Use this link to email your MP: <https://righttolife.org.uk/stopAssistedSuicide>

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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**

Lisby Bond, 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, John Gaynor, 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 Second Sunday of Christmas (Year B)

Eccl 24:1-2.8-12; Ps 147; Eph 1:3-6.15-18; Jn 1:1-18

Response: The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

Sat 2 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Ray Bluett RIP

Sun 3 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish

St Joseph's 11.00 PJ Dennehy RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 4 Jan

Christmastide

Harry Peaston RIP

Tue 5 Jan

Christmastide

Private Intention

Wed 6 Jan

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

St Joseph's 10.00 John Turncliffe RIP

Holy Family 19.00 People of the Parish

Thur 7 Jan

Christmastide

Vera Doyle RIP

Fri 8 Jan

Christmastide

10.00am Jim Allanson RIP

The Baptism of the Lord (Year B)

Is 55:1-11; Ps 12; 1Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Response: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Sat 9 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Private Intention

Sun 10 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 Private Intention

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Patricia Duff RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:

Mary Bernadette Sullivan RIP - her funeral will take place at Surrey and Sussex crematorium Friday 8th Jan

Bridget Barry RIP - her funeral will take place at St Joseph's Church 14th January followed at Redstone Cemetery

Aleandro Patacchiola RIP - Funeral to be arranged

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. We also need minsters of word and Eucharist, and we need volunteers to help around the grounds with general maintenance. **If you can help in any way please email the parish office with the subject line 'Volunteer'.** Pass the word around and encourage others to come forward as well. **Thank you.**