

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Baptism of the Lord (year A) - 11th January 2026

Please keep Fr Tony in your prayers, following his admission to hospital on Christmas Day for serious emergency surgery. We continue to pray for his swift recovery, comfort, and for the medical team guiding his care. May he feel the support of our parish community during this time. Please see the parish newsletter and website for any updates. If you have any concerns please contact the parish office during normal working hours.

Fr Tony has written to express his tremendous thanks for all the prayers and expressions of concern that have been flooding in from all over the parish and beyond. Special thanks to all those who have come forward at such short notice, and most particularly to Deacon Tim for stepping into the breach for the Christmas morning services, and our office staff, Catherine and Clare, Pete our Chair of Finance, and many others all of whom have rallied together to keep things going. Thanks also Fr Richard and clergy both local and further afield who have helped out at short notice to ensure the smooth cover of the Masses in the parish, and also to our diocesan support staff working in the background to help our parish at this time.

Fr Tony has asked that a team come into being to manage the day-to-day life of the parish in his absence. Pete Jones (Chair of Finance) will act as chair of the group guiding their work together, with Dcn Tim able to offer support within the group concerning the central Liturgical life of the parish. Clare, our recently appointed Senior Parish Manager, will continue to develop the systems in administration and compliance with our Diocesan Requirements, Catherine, our Parish Secretary, will lead on day-to-day queries and administration, and Geraldine, who has a good overview of every day things. Mgr Tony Barry (previously Episcopal vicar for Surrey) will continue to act as a reference point for the group when needed.

Please bear in mind the group is made of volunteers and office staff, much in need of prayer so as to be of service to the parish. The group will keep things going, but the real life of the parish shouldn't be too different as each of us tries to bring the holiness of God to the people around us in this part of the World.

Parish Youth Group for 13-18yrs meets every first Sunday of the month **Sunday 1st February) from 3-5pm** at the PNL centre at St Joseph's. We will be offering opportunities to have fun with new friends, time to explore faith and ask questions. If your child would like to attend please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com so that we can send a parental consent form & details.

Applications for St Joseph's Catholic School: If you are applying for a place follow the instructions on the school website and return the supplementary forms to school before 15th January 2026. **There will be no in person meetings this year. The parish office will liaise with the school.**

Get Together Saturday Group will continue on Saturdays from 3pm in the Café area of St Joseph's

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word: on Sat 24th Jan from 11am-4pm at St Michael's Church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL Led by Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. To book please go to the Events of the diocesan website or <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5>

Cake Sale. Group 117 will be selling cakes after all Masses this weekend to raise money to take 5 children away on pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. **HCPT** is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children from around the UK and further afield.

Pope Leo XIV has appointed The Right Reverend Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster, Bishop Richard said: "It has been a real privilege for me to serve you all during these last ten years and I shall be sad to leave the Diocese. May I thank you for all the support, patience and understanding you have shown to me over these years as we have journeyed together. "I know I can rely on your prayers as I prepare for new responsibilities and I assure you of my prayers for all that you do in the service of the Church in the Mission that the Lord has entrusted to us all."

Parish Sunday Lunch Our next parish Lunch will today Sunday 11th January 2026 and hosted by the Syro Malabar Community. All welcome.

Winter Night Shelter is being hosted at St Joseph's PNL Centre on Tuesday nights, 27th Jan - 3rd March, you can book now online. To volunteer contact the parish office.

Justice & Peace: The latest Justice & Peace Newsletter, January 2026 is now available on the Parish website under NEWS. Some paper copies will be available at the back of the churches next weekend.

PNL Book + Circle: We have chosen "What Are We Waiting For? Finding Meaning in Advent and Christmas" by Richard Leonard SJ for our Advent and Christmastide reading. It's a small book of only 100 pages so maybe a great way to launch into some spiritual reading in the new year. Please come and join us on Friday 6th February 10.30am in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's for a coffee and to chat about the book.

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

There will be a second collection next weekend Pax Christi. Thank you for your generous support

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1154.56

Second Collection next week for Pax Christi

Thank you for your support and generosity

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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**

Fr Tony Bridson, Marrion Buck, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Andrew & Mary Wilson, Ron Smales, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick & 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.

Baptism of the Lord (year A)

Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29; Acts: 10:34-38; Matt1:13-17

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Sat 10 Jan		
St Joseph's	17.30	Betty Murphy RIP
Sun 11 Jan		
Holy Family	09.00	Celebrant's Intention
St Joseph's	11.00	Jack Healy RIP
St Teresa's	17.30	The People of the Parish

Mon 12 Jan
No Mass

Tue 13 Jan
No Mass

Wed 14 Jan
St Joseph's **10.30** **Funeral Service for Teresa Possumato RIP**

Thur 15 Jan
No Mass

Fri 16 Jan
No Mass

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (year A)

Is 49: 3,5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor. 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34

Response: Behold, I have come Lord do your will

Sat 17 Jan		
St Joseph's	17.30	Nyakallo Mphatlane Taole RIP
Sun 18 Jan		
Holy Family	09.00	Francois Shaby RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	People of the Parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Peter Sharples RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULs OF

Teresa Possumato RIP her Funeral Service will take place Wednesday 14th January at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed by burial at Redstone Cemetery

Salvatore D'Amico RIP his Funeral Service will take place Wednesday 28th January at 11am in St Joseph's followed by Cremation at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium

Alison Rose RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Alan Harding RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers