

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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First Sunday of Advent (year C) 1st December 2024

The New Lectionary comes into use this weekend - There are resources to help understand this new translation and they can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/> and a course of videos has also been published: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-resources/>

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word on Saturday 25 Jan 11 - 4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill. Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. This is the booking link: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/bdpmfkl>

Short Advent Reflections, following the 4 Monday morning Masses at St Teresa's. We hope you will stay to join us

Parish Reconciliation Service with visiting Priests at St Joseph's Church, Friday 20th Dec from 6.30pm, an advent chance to celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness.

Building on our Catholic faith - The Faith Formation team are planning 2 more sessions during Advent to help us all reflect on what our faith means and help challenge our thinking. The theme **The importance of prayer.**

Week 2 - Thursday 5 December: Praying with the Bible - *If the bible could give you the answer to any question, which question would you ask?*

Week 3 - Thursday 12 December: How to pray - *What difference does praying actually make?*

Each session includes a short film, produced by Fr Stephen Wang, who has a real gift for sharing the richness of the Catholic faith. The sessions are open for all, Light refreshments will be provided. **8pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's.** All parishioners are welcome.

The Diocesan E-Bulletin newsletter is published weekly, it includes Bishop Richard's Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. You can sign up for it here: mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist

Missio Red Boxes -- bring back the filled boxes (leave contact details inside the box if you want to know how much you collected) and give them to one of the sacristans and take new ones from the back of the Churches, thanks!

Bereavement Coffee Morning - If you would like to come along to our coffee morning, Saturday 7th Dec at 10:30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre, Meeting Room, trained befrienders will be there and you will be very welcome.

Parish Life Ascending Group meet on Wednesday 4th December, 11am to noon in St Joseph's PNL meeting room. All retired or semi retired Parishioners very welcome.

Children's Liturgy this Sunday at 11am Mass, young children are very welcome but need to be pre-registered, for more info email: pnlchildliturgy@gmail.com

5050 Club winner of November £40 is ticket number 36!

Parish Sunday Lunch next Sunday 8th December at the PNL Centre at St Joseph's from 12.30pm, All welcome - so come with family & friends and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

Coming together this Christmas Day - A parish family and friends are offering a traditional Christmas lunch with plenty of festive cheer on Christmas Day in the Holy Family Church Hall for parishioners who would like some company or might be on their own this Christmas. For more information, please see the poster at the back of the Church and contact the parish office to reserve your place.

Assisted Suicide Bill Following the decision of MPs to vote in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill at the Second Reading, Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, said: "We are disappointed that MPs have voted in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill progressing through parliament. We believe that this bill is flawed in principle and also contains particular clauses that are of concern. We ask the Catholic community to pray that members of parliament will have the wisdom to reject this bill at a later stage in its progress."

2025 a Jubilee Year - Pope Francis has written a short book dedicated to 2025's Jubilee Year theme "Pilgrims of Hope. Called "Hope is a Light in the Night," it includes excerpts from speeches made by the Pope on the theological virtue of hope. The Pope writes: "[Hope] is a gift and a task for every Christian. It is a gift because it is God who offers it to us... [It is] a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters." He continues: "to live hope requires a 'mysticism with open eyes', as the great theologian Johann-Baptist Metz called it: knowing how to discern, everywhere, evidence of hope, the breaking through of the possible into the impossible, of grace where it would seem that sin has eroded all trust. For details see the Vatican website

St Joseph's Pre-School Christmas Market. Sat 14th Dec, 10am-2pm at the PNL centre at St Joseph's. Handmade gifts, refreshments, Santa's grotto, stay & play, & children's craft. To book Santa's grotto, £3 per child, email fundraising.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com

Christmas Trees Pre - order your Christmas Tree to collect from St. Joseph's Pre School, on 14th Dec. The trees are great quality and a small amount of money from each tree sold will raise funds for the preschool. Email: fundraising.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com for order information.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,340.26

2nd collection last week:

Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund £509.46

Next weekend: Christmas Flowers

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**

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, Sheilane 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 First Sunday of Advent (year C)

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 24; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28.34-36

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Sat 30 Nov
St Joseph's 17.30 Anne Motion RIP
Sun 1 Dec
Holy Family 09.00 Justyna & John 10th Wedding Anniv
St Joseph's 11.00 The people of the parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int

Mon 2 Dec
St Teresa's 10.00 Special Intention

Tue 3 Dec **St Francis Xavier, Priest**
No Mass

Wed 4 Dec
St Joseph's 10.00 Chris Byrne RIP

Thur 5 Dec
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Margaret Williams RIP

Fri 6 Dec
St Joseph's 10.00 Patricia Robinson RIP

The Second Sunday of Advent (year C)

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:3-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Response: What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad

Sat 7 Dec
St Joseph's 17.30 Paddy Brady RIP

Sun 8 Dec
Holy Family 09.00 The people of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Roland Cambel 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Deacon David Turner RIP, one of our diocesan deacons, his funeral will take place on Tuesday 3rd Dec at St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath

Margaret Williams RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday 5th Dec at 10.30am followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers