

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 1st October 2023

New parish email address: pnl@abdiocese.org.uk

Please note that we have a new parish email address which has been given to us by the Diocese and helps with GDPR compliancy. The old address (pnlparish@btconnect.com) had been severely restricted by our supplier, BT Business, effectively being made obsolete, at short notice. Please amend your email address book.

2023/24 First Reconciliation/Communion We are starting with a parents meeting on Monday 9th Oct at 7.45pm at St Joseph's PNL Centre. Families should have received details, if not please contact frfhc@gmail.com - The best preparation comes from the family, and the growing presence/familiarity the children can have with the Mass and the 'rhythm of faith' that we celebrate Sunday by Sunday through the seasons of the Church's year.

Eucharistic Adoration: The 1st session of the Global Synod of the Church takes place in Rome 4th- 29th Oct. Please come to St Joseph's Church **today** Sun 1st Oct 3-4pm and/or Wed 4th Oct 9-10am to pray before the Lord.

School Admissions Forms - If you are applying for your child to attend St Bede's or St Joseph's, or another Faith School, in September 2024, on the relevant form please fill in 'Parish of the Nativity of the Lord' and 'Fr Tony Bridson' as Parish Priest and return to the relevant school. We will be making arrangements to sign the supplementary forms in November so keep an eye on the newsletter.

Our Catholic faith – do you want to learn a little more about our Faith? Our sessions continue at St Joseph's PNL Centre: Thurs 5th Oct 8pm: Forgiveness, healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. And Thurs 12th Oct 8pm: Mary and the hope of Heaven – our longing for eternal life All are welcome. For info: pnlfaithformation@gmail.com

Enquirers group (RCIA) if you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or as an adult catholic you would like to 'catch-up' on the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and Holy Communion) a group meets regularly on a Monday evening and you would be most welcome. For more information please email rcia.pnl@gmail.com

The Saturday Group is a social group for adults meeting at St Joseph's, Saturdays 3pm—5.15pm. Please join us.

A "Magical Music Marathon" in aid of Practical Action Can you help to fill St Joseph's Church with music on Saturday 21st October from 10am to 10pm? Music makers of all types and ages are invited to participate. Welcomers, refreshment helpers etc will also be needed. Fill in a form (in churches) or contact pnljandp@gmail.com All welcome to come along, there will be a programme of organ music, hymn singing, junior instrumentalists, singing groups and more. Come at any time between 10am - 10pm.

Preparing for the Future It can be hard to think about the time when a loved one dies and how we might plan for all that follows. Our parish bereavement team are providing an evening presentation on Thurs 19th Oct in St Joseph's PNL Centre from 7pm for 7.30-9pm to consider topics such as: advanced planning for end of life/types of funeral & planning/power of attorney/relevant church teaching/wills and so on. Everyone welcome—refreshments provided.

Parish Sunday Lunches resume next Sunday 8th October at the Holy Family PNL Centre, at 12.30 for 1pm start The Lunch will be hosted by the Syro Malabar Community. No need to book, everyone is welcome so come along with the whole family and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

October Rosary: Following Monday morning Mass at St Teresa's, members of UCM will lead the praying of the Rosary during the month of October.

Volunteers Party Plans are developing for a celebration evening to which anyone and everyone who does anything in the parish is invited - the evening is planned for Friday 20th October in the PNL Centre St Josephs, details to follow. Anyone who would like to perform during the event would be very welcome. Just turn up.

Slavery on our Doorstep: Hidden in Plain Sight. Wednesday 18 October 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road Kemptown Brighton BN2 1AP. Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area, and how we can respond. Further information from: tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Life Ascending Parish Group meet on Wed 4th Oct at 11am - noon in St Joseph's Meeting Room. All retired or semi-retired parishioners very welcome. More about Life Ascending on their website www.lifeascending.org.uk

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group meet Wednesdays, term time, at 10.30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre.

Liturgy of the Word with Children: Leaders' Training on Saturday 11th November 10am–1pm at the St Philip Howard Centre. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. For more information please email katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal - Harvest Collection at Masses next week Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelopes in church (post direct for gift-aid) or give online at cafod.org.uk

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1102.68
2nd collection Comboni Missions: £1670.03

2nd collection next weekend: **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**
Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
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PARISH WEBSITE:

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS

www.17threigate.org

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**

Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, David Corcoran, Steven Biczók-Hardy, David Pitt, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, and all 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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Ezek 18: 25-28; Ps 24; Ph 2:1-11, 27 Mt 21:28-32

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Sat 30 Sept

St Joseph's 17.30 David and Linda Corcoran 45th Anniversary

Sun 1 Oct

Holy Family 09.00 Deceased Priests & Benefactors RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Richard Franklin RIP

Mon 2 Oct

The Holy Guardian Angels

St Teresa's 10.00 The Scoltock Family

Tue 3 Oct

No Mass

Wed 4 Oct

St Francis of Assisi

St Joseph's 10.00 Souls in Purgatory

Thur 5 Oct

Holy Family 10.00 Catherine McCorkell & family

Fri 6 Oct

St Joseph's 10.00 Mairead Folan & family

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Is 5:1-7; Ps 79; Ph 4:6-9, 27 Mt 21:33-43

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

Sat 7 Oct

St Joseph's 17.30 Rosemary & Bernard Castlehouse's wellbeing

Sun 8 Oct

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Elena & Caridad RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.
Please contact the parish office

Prayers for the Sick - If you would like to add someone to the list, please make sure you have that person's permission. Please inform us when your loved one has recovered and can be removed from the list. Thank you.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound Our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are bringing Communion to our parish's frailer members and currently we have about 50 being visited monthly. Our SVP members also visit on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass and would like such a visit please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Margaret Leonard RIP Her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember her and her family in your prayers