

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

### Churches and lockdown easing Step 4

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July we entered Step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 Response Roadmap. The Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) has prepared new guidance for parishes accordingly, following discussions with officials from Public Health England and HM Government Places of Worship Task Force. They advise that care must be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship. A key element of the new guidance involves moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements, adopting a continuing cautious approach to easements. The key watchwords for the future steps are discernment of local prevailing conditions and careful consideration of what mitigations are needed in light of these, with a strong emphasis on common sense risk averse activities to continue to mitigate against the transmission of the virus.

After a meeting with our own Covid Response team the following guidance has been agreed for the parish:

- We are still asked to ensure the use of face coverings and also sanitization on entry and exit from Church.
- Track and trace is encouraged and people can continue to use the QR points or sign in themselves.
- Stewards are no longer required to manage movement of the congregation, on entry or for Communion
- There is no longer a requirement for social distancing within the Churches and all seating is available.
- Should people wish to socially distant we will maintain the use of the halls to ensure this.
- The physical sign of peace remains suspended and Communion continues to be under one kind only.
- We are able to re-introduce congregational singing gradually.
- The use of our PNL centres is still heavily restricted by our Diocesan requirements for Covid and so for the time being remain 'out of action' except for Mass overflow.
- From 1st August we will return to the normal weekday schedule for Mass to which all are welcome.
- St Joseph's Church will be open daily for visits and private prayer.

We will review these measures as necessary in the light of local conditions.

**Nurturing the growth of the Church** - along with lockdown easing comes more opportunity to enliven the parish again and for new folks to step up - can you gift some time to help the celebration of the liturgy, the nurturing of faith and sacramental preparation, the care of the building and grounds, visits to the housebound, or anything else? Please email the parish office with your offers of help

**First Holy Communion programme** - We usually have about 100 families and current restrictions still mean we don't know when we might be able to meet inside to prepare our children and families, but if you would like to register interest at this stage please email: First Reconciliation/Holy Communion [frfhcpnl@gmail.com](mailto:frfhcpnl@gmail.com)

**Baptism Preparation** - we have about 30 families waiting to celebrate their child's baptism and there are still several restrictions in place but we can baptise now. If you would like to register interest please email the parish office.

**The SVP** are still reaching out to those in need (who would normally receive a visit) and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back.

**Food Vouchers** have been obtained via a grant from the Albert Gubay Foundation to provide free supermarket food vouchers for people in need. If you know someone who might benefit please contact the parish office

**A new group meeting in Redhill** assisting Asylum young mums with babies is looking for volunteers. Contact the parish office for further information.

**50/50 Club July Winner** of £25 is number holder 65 !

**The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group** has great need of men's clothes for those who have come from the Channel boats - if you can help contact: [josie@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:josie@gdwg.org.uk)

**Friday 6th August** is the 76th Anniversary of first nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima and will be remembered in Redhill town centre at 11am with local peace group supporters distributing leaflets till 12.30pm. Please support.

**Renewed Hope Trust** are urgently looking for volunteers over the summer months for their Redhill based drop-in centre which supports disadvantaged and marginalised people. If you could give some time to work in a team offering to cook, serve food and chat check the website [www.renewedhope.org.uk](http://www.renewedhope.org.uk) e: [info@renewedhope.org.uk](mailto:info@renewedhope.org.uk) or call 01737 886997 for more information

**Are you celebrating a Wedding Anniversary** with a particular significance for you this year? Please join Bishop Richard for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. at St Joseph's, Guildford at 11.30am, Saturday 9th October followed by a small reception - with family and friends very welcome. For details/book [Click here](#) or contact the parish office.

**Day for Catechists with Bishop Richard** at Worth Abbey, 25 Sept, 10am-4pm. All diocesan Catechists, and those who feel called to this work, are invited to a special day at Worth Abbey. You can [find out more here](#).

**The Bishops of England and Wales** have said the Sunday Mass obligation will remain suspended until at least the First Sunday of Advent (27th/28th November 2021).

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**St JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
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**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**

Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, Anne Moon, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Jaden Sebastian, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, John Philmore, Maura Green, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Mary Carey, 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 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Ex 16:2-4.12-15; Ps 77; Eph 4:3.7.20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**Response:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven

**Sat 31 July**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Dan Lyons RIP

**Sun 1 Aug**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** George Gillespie RIP

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

**Mon 2 Aug**

**St Teresa's 10.00** UCM Intentions

**Tue 3 Aug**

No Mass

**Wed 4 Aug**

**St Joseph's 10.00** **St John Mary Vianny**  
Farrukh family int.

**Thur 5 Aug**

**Holy Family 10.00** Private Intention

**Friday 6 Aug**

**Holy Family 10.30** **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
Funeral Mass for Margaret Hayes RIP

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 33; Eph 4:30-5:2; ; Jn 6:41-51

**Response:** Taste and see the Lord is good

**Sat 7 Aug**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Special Intention

**Sun 8 Aug**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Roy Peaston RIP

**St Teresa's 17.30** Pat & Vivienne O'Byrne 50th Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:**

**Pamela Ward RIP** her funeral will take place on Thurs 5th August at 12.30pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

**Margaret Hayes RIP** her funeral will take on Fri 6th August at 10.30am at Holy Family Church followed at Redstone Cemetery.

**Anne Boyles RIP** her funeral is yet to be arranged.

**Please remember them and their families in your prayers.**

**PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** Please use this prayer if you needing to isolate, or are unwell, or unable to come to Mass: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.* St Alphonsus Liguori