

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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5th Sunday of Easter (Year B) - 2nd May 2021

CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

(The Easter Proclamation - Exsultet)

Churches and Lockdown 3 - what we can do...

Whilst we are still in our third Lockdown **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. Face covering, social distancing, sanitizing etc required. It is good to be able to have the choice of coming to Mass but remember that the obligation to do so is still suspended and it is important not only to be safe but to feel safe. .

Church opening times this week

Wednesday - St Joseph's 5.30pm - 6.30pm **Private Prayer**

Public Mass - no booking required

Friday - St Joseph's Church 10.00am Mass

Saturday - St Joseph's Church 5.30pm

Sunday - Holy Family Church 9.00am - St Joseph's Church 11.00am - St Teresa's Church 5.30pm

Please be mindful that the numbers are limited due to Government guidelines and that at St Joseph's and Holy Family we can overspill into the halls, so Mass at those churches can accommodate more people.

The Marian Month of May - The Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation has called for this month to be a time of prayer for "the end of the pandemic together with the recitation of the Rosary together with shrines from all over the world." During this month there is a rosary club at St Joseph's School and you might like to pray a decade or more of the rosary at home as a family remembering especially all effected by the pandemic around the World

Friary Preschool in Crawley are looking to recruit one Level 3 qualified Early Years Practitioner, on a part-time, casual contract basis (flexible hours to be agreed monthly) - term time only. This is an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant to join a popular and long-established local Preschool. Please email: info@friarypreschool.co.uk for an application pack. Closing date is 10th May 2021

10-16th May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey." (21.12.15) Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage, try this website: www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Gift Aid 2021-2022 envelopes are being distributed at the moment. This simple scheme allows the parish to claim back 25% extra from most offerings to the parish. If you would like to know more email: pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

Sacramental programmes - we still don't know when we might be able to meet in person to prepare for our children and young people's sacraments, but if you would like to register interest at this stage please email: First Reconciliation/Holy Communion frfhcpnl@gmail.com ; Confirmation confpnl@gmail.com : for Baptism contact the parish office.

Our parish website is moving to a new platform and will look a bit different, go and have a look and also please adjust your bookmark to www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk

Memorial Mass for HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh RIP at Arundel Cathedral Friday 7th May at 7pm, celebrated by Bishop Richard. You are very welcome to attend the Mass in person, to reserve your place please contact the Cathedral: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297. If you would like to watch the Mass via livestream you can do this via our Diocesan website

CAFOD - Climate Change Petition: Please sign our petition at <https://cafod.org.uk/reclaim>. For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680. Thank you.

Scams Please be aware that there has been a further spate of scams claiming to be requests from local clergy looking for money. If you are not sure of the source of any email asking for money etc ignore it and do not reply.

Retiring collection next weekend -The missionary endeavour of the Diocese, Please give generously and if you Gift-aid then this collection is eligible so either use a labelled envelope or if donating online use your Gad number and the code 'ME' - thanks.

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St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367
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St JOSEPH'S 17TH 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**

Dan Lyons, Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, Anne Moon, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Jaden Sebastian, Anne Grier, Shelagh Green, Lydia Fagan, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wason, 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, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilane 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.

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Acts; 9:26-31; Ps 21; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8.

Response: You, Lord are my praise in the great assembly

Sat 1 May
St Joseph's 17.30 Neil McDade RIP
Sun 2 May
Holy Family 09.00 Robert B Handley RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 3 May **Sts Philip and James, Apostles**
Private intention

Tue 4 May **The English Martyrs**
Private Intention

Wed 5 May
Funeral for François (Frankie) Binaud RIP.

Thur 6 May
Private intention

Friday 7 May
St Joseph's 10.00 Kelly Bellman RIP

6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Acts; 10:25-26; 34-35; 44-48; Ps 97; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

Sat 8 May
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention
Sun 9 May
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Enrique Vasquez' wellbeing
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:

Sr Helen RIP one of the Sisters of Malta who served in the parish faithfully for many years, before returning to their Mother house in Malta

François (Frankie) Binaud RIP His funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Wednesday 5th May followed at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Gennarino Piraino RIP His funeral will take place at St Teresa's on Monday 10th May followed at Surrey and Sussex crematorium

John Davis RIP His funeral will take place At St Joseph's on Wednesday 19th May followed at Surrey and Sussex crematorium

Margaret 'Jonnie' Bridson RIP, Fr Tony's mother, funeral to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Volunteer Stewards are still needed for our Masses and private prayer opportunities, 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. If you can help in please email the parish office with the subject line 'Volunteer' and encourage others to offer as well.