

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 1st Sunday of Advent (year B) 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 5.30pm St Joseph's

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Family

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am St Joseph's

#### Christmas Masses

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Holy Family (Midnight Mass)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am St Joseph's (Dawn Mass)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am St Teresa's (Day Mass)

**Parish Reconciliation Service** with visiting Priests at St Joseph's Church, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec from 6.30pm, an advent chance to celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness.

**St Joseph's Primary School signing** will take place in January. If you are applying for a place please follow the instructions on the school website and return the supplementary forms to school before 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024. Watch the newsletter for the dates after the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan when Fr Tony will meet families to sign the forms.

**Bereavement Coffee Morning** - Grief is a very personal experience but it can help to talk to someone. If you feel that this would be of comfort please come along to our coffee morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:30am-12noon, St Joseph's PNL Centre- Meeting Room. Trained befrienders will be there, just turn up and you will be most welcome.

**Pre order your Christmas Tree**, ready for collection from St. Joseph's Pre School, on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. The trees are great quality and a small amount of money from each tree sold will go towards raising funds for the preschool.

**Our SVP groups** are reaching out to those in any kind of need, please call 07918980330 and they will call back.

**Life Ascending Parish Group** meet Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am in St Joseph's Meeting Room. All retired or semi-retired welcome. More on our website [www.lifeascending.org.uk](http://www.lifeascending.org.uk)

**Book + Circle:** Pope Francis' "**Laudate Deum**" - a short follow on from Laudato Si' - (free on the Vatican website) is the next subject. We meet on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room. All welcome.

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word:** On Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary and practicalities Please register at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/9vii0inm>

**'Invited', Preparing for Advent:** The Diocesan course continues this season with a series of short films to help you prepare this Advent. Each episode will take you on a journey through the themes of the Advent readings, and there are a great selection of guest speakers. They are also offering the opportunity for you to join an online small group where you can watch and then discuss the films with others, growing in fellowship and praying with like-minded people. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) to find out more.

**Parish Sunday Lunch** Our next Sunday Lunch will be next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the **PNL Centre at St Joseph's** 12.30pm for 1pm start and hosted by our Italian Community. No need to book, everyone is welcome so come along with the family and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

**Advent is here.** Why not take up an opportunity to focus on what matters by signing up for the Advent Simplicity Challenge at [ignatiansolidarity.net/advent-simplicity](http://ignatiansolidarity.net/advent-simplicity)

**The Parish Filipino Community** would like to invite everyone to our traditional Simbang Gabi (Mass at Dawn) on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7am in St Joseph's Church, followed by a shared Filipino breakfast in the centre - all welcome.

**Poinsettias for Christmas** Please will you bring Poinsettias in memory of loved ones to St Teresa's on Sun 17 Dec.

**Ecumenical prayer** from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, for half an hour at 9.15am at St Teresa – all welcome

**MISSIO - Red Boxes:** Can red box holders please bring their boxes in for emptying and counting. If you would like to know the amount in your box, then put your name and phone number on a slip and put inside the box. If you are a tax payer and want to gift aid, please contact the Parish office. Replace with an empty box from our supply.

**Carols in the Belfry**, led by The cross church "Enter" worship group with carols and readings, will take place from the ground floor of the Belfry 3-4pm Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December—come along and join the singing.

**Parish Maintenance** - are you an electrician or plumber who could offer some time to join a group for small works occasionally - if so please have a word with Fr Tony.

**Coffee lids** - if you have any spare 'Douwe Egberts' glass jar lids, please donate them to the parish, thanks.

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

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

**The 50/50 Club:** We are now taking subscriptions for 2024 For an annual subscription of £12 per ticket, 50% of the total income goes to support the parish and 50% is given in monthly prizes, with the winning numbers drawn at random by computer. If you would like to renew your subscription, join the scheme or like more information contact the parish office or email: [5050club.pnl@gmail.com](mailto:5050club.pnl@gmail.com).

**50/50 Draw:** The winner of November's £25 is ticket no.13

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1357.40

2nd collection this week is for : Christmas Flowers

Thank you for your support.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:**

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> 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**

Angela Brett, Carmel Peaston, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, David Corcoran, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purcell, 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, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, 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*

**The First Sunday of Advent (year B)**

Is 63:16-17;64:1.3-8; Ps 79; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**Response:** God of hosts, bring us back  
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

**Sat 2 Dec**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Catherine McCorkell & children

**Sun 3 Dec**

**Holy Family 09.00** Dorothy Gussin RIP

**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Int

**Mon 4 Dec**

**St Teresa's 10.00** Special Intention

**Tue 5 Dec**

No Mass

**Wed 6 Dec**

**St Joseph's 10.00** Patrick Brady RIP

**Thur 7 Dec**

**Holy Family 10.00** **St Ambrose**  
Sister Teresa Ryan Int

**Fri 8 Dec**

**St Joseph's 10.00** **The Immaculate Conception of the B.V. Mary**  
John Burke RIP fri/sat

**The Second Sunday of Advent (year B)**

Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 84; 2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**Response:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

**Sat 9 Dec**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Roland Cambell RIP

**Sun 10 Dec**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Pat Roche 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

**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 40 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 SOULS OF**

**Henry Ainscough RIP** His funeral will take place at St Matthias, Worcester Park on Wed 13th Dec at midday followed at Sutton Cemetery

**Pat Weller RIP** Her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Mon 18th Dec at 10.30am followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

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