

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) - 5th December 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 (CBCWE) 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 and our Sacramental programmes.
- We have returned 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.

**SYNOD process Update** - ten questions have been posed for the Universal Church to answer in groups or individually. Our Diocese has arranged them into three sessions which can be found following this link: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>. It is possible to answer these via the online booklet but we will also be organising a group discussion, please email the parish office if you are interested in joining a group.

**Visiting Sick and Housebound** if you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

**School Admission Signings** - St Joseph's School (SIF) For parents who wish to apply for admission for their child under the Catholic Faith Criteria 1-6, Fr Tony at the PNL will probably not be meeting parents this year. Instead, please send your completed SIF (leaving only the Priest's section unfilled) directly to the school before 15th January, and Fr Tony will then view these applications and support as applicable. You will NOT need a face-to-face meeting with Fr Tony this year. For applications outside of the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, please check with your Parish Priest for details of their local arrangements.

**Book+Circle** Nourishing and developing our faith, our next meeting will be at St Joseph's after the 10am Mass on Friday 10th December. Our chosen book is "Interior Freedom" by Jacques Phillippe. All welcome

**Honouring Sunday** the Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter emphasising the importance of Sunday and our call to Mass. Their letter can be found of the Bishops website and attached to our parish website.

**Carols in the Belfry** - due to Covid, sadly cancelled.

**Parish Volunteers Audit** we are asked to have a complete list of those who help. If you volunteer in the parish in any capacity please email the parish office so we can get 'our house in order'.

**50/50 Club Subscriptions for 2022** the final 50/50 prize draw of 2021 will take place on 12th December. Subscriptions are now due for 2022 at £12.00 per number per year. As the name suggests, 50% of the money goes to the Parish and the other 50% goes out in monthly prizes.. For more information please email [5050club.pnl@gmail.com](mailto:5050club.pnl@gmail.com)

**An Hour with Mary**, 15th December 7-8pm at St Joseph's Church, to prepare for the coming of her son with the rosary, reflections and music. - All are welcome

**Assistant Premises Manager Vacancy** at St John's Seminary, Womersley, to help prepare for its closure and sale. Please email CV, plus details of two referees, to Monsignor Gerald Ewing – Rector, at [rector@womersley.org](mailto:rector@womersley.org) from whom further details are available.

**Our Local Winter Night Shelter** will not be running again this year due to Covid and our Borough Council have facilities in place for the local homeless. The WNS are providing a few venues offering a safe place for an evening meal and social gathering. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the parish office for details.

**You are warmly invited** to an ecumenical "Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols by Candlelight" at Saint Mary's Church Bletchingley. Sunday December 19th at 5 pm

**Justice and Peace Zoom meeting** 8pm Dec 8th, all welcome to join the discussion on local and national justice and peace issues - Please contact PNL office for link.

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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 Albion (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**

Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Brian O'Connor, 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, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, John Philmore, Maura Green, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Peter Reade, 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.*

## The Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 125; Phil 1:3-6.8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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

**Sat 4 Dec**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Patrick Brady RIP

**Sun 5 Dec**

**Holy Family 9.00** John Joseph's wellbeing

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

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

**Mon 6 Dec**

**St Teresa's 10.00** Lorna Rigby RIP

**Tue 7 Dec**

**St Ambrose**

No mass

**Wed 8 Dec**

**St Joseph's 10.00** **The Immaculate Conception of BV Mary**  
Anne McBrien RIP

**Thur 9 Dec**

**Holy Family 10.00** Gabriel Maguire RIP

**Friday 10 Dec**

**St Joseph's 10.00** **St Francis Xavier**  
Dee RIP

## The Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Zep 3:14-18; Is 12; 2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Response: Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst  
Is the Holy One of Israel

**Sat 11 Dec**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Michael Donovan RIP

**Sun 12 Dec**

**Holy Family 9.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Lionel Bay RIP

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

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

**Lorna Rigby RIP** her funeral will take place on Monday 6th December 3.30pm at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

**Patricia Cripps RIP** her funeral will take place on Wednesday 15th December at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

**Lionel Bay RIP** His funeral is 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)*