

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 5th November 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.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

During November we pray for all who have died.

Blessing of Graves in the parish

Sunday 5th Nov at 3pm - Redstone Cemetery, Redhill, **Monday 6th Nov at 10.30am** - St Teresa's, Merstham, **Thursday 9th Nov at 10.45am** - Garden of Remembrance, Bancroft Rd, Reigate.

Parish Bereavement Mass: On Saturday 11th Nov there will be a Parish Bereavement Mass in St Joseph's Church at 10am. All are welcome, especially those who have suffered a recent loss. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Parish Sunday Lunch Our next Sunday Lunch will be next Sunday 12th November at Holy Family Reigate 12.30pm for 1pm start and hosted by our African 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.

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 after the school deadline so keep an eye on the newsletter.

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

What happened at the October 2023 Synod in Rome Austen Ivereigh is coming to talk to us on Fri 10 Nov 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church, St Margaret Drive, Epsom KT18 7JQ. He is the papal biographer, and a well-known writer and speaker on Catholic affairs, He will explain why this has been a synod like no other, who was there, how it worked, and how it is set to change the Church in surprising ways. He is an exceptional speaker who is interesting, amusing, and easy to listen to. You won't be disappointed.

Yellow Bucket Collection. The parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

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

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

MISSIO - Red Boxes: Can red box holders please bring their boxes in for emptying and counting. Put your name on the label underneath and 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.

Prayer for Peace *O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen.*

Discovering the Diaconate we will have an information evening on Friday 1st Dec 7pm in the meeting room at St Joseph's presented by members of our Diaconate Formation Team led by our very own Deacon Tim. This ordained ministry was renewed in the Church by the 2nd Vatican Council nearly 60 years ago. Might you feel called to serve the Church in this way and like to find out more, or just curious to know what this ministry is all about. Come along and find out, no strings attached!

St Joseph's Primary School Open Day: On Thursday 9th November 2023 for more information please visit <https://www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk/>

Academy Consultation 2023 St Joseph's Catholic School has agreed to undertake a consultation regarding joining an Education Trust. The school is in discussions with Xavier Catholic Education Trust (The Diocesan Trust for Surrey Catholic schools) and value your questions and opinions regarding this matter. Meetings have been held in school with staff and parents and the questions and minutes can be found on the school website. If you wish to take part in the consultation please complete the Google form via the website: <https://www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk/parent-information/2023-academy-consultation/>

The Retired Priest's Support Fund provides care and support for our Diocesan priests in their retirement and old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion. This weekend there will be a second collection for this important fund.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £971.83

2nd collection this weekend:
is for the Retired Priests Fund

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

Fr Tony Bridson
Dcn Tim Murrill (07545 175448)

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SCHOOLS:

St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367
www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk

St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk

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**

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, Pat Weller, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine 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.

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Mal 1:12-2:2.8.10; Ps130; 1Thess 2:7-9.13; Mat 23:1-12

Response: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord

Sat 4 Nov

St Joseph's 17.30 John Scully RIP

Sun 5 Nov

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int.

Mon 6 Nov

St Teresa's 10.00 Margaret McBrien RIP

Tue 7 Nov

No Mass

Wed 8 Nov

St Joseph's 10.00 Michael McHale RIP

Thur 9 Nov

Holy Family 10.00 Consecration of the Lateran Basilica
Special Intention

Fri 10 Nov

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor**
The Burgess Family RIP

Sat 11 Nov

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Martin of Tours**
Parish Bereavement Mass

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1Thess 4:13-16; Mat 25:1-13

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God

Sat 11 Nov

St Joseph's 17.30 Matthew Windle

Sun 12 Nov

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Manuel Garcia RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int.

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 SOULS OF

Fr Gerald Vann RIP (a previous parish priest of Oxted) His funeral has not yet been arranged.

Liisa Tanner RIP Her funeral is taking place in Torquay.

Pat Weller RIP Her funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers