

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Second Sunday of Advent (year C) 8th December 2024

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Masses

Tue 24 th	6.00pm	St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)
Tue 24 th	Midnight	Holy Family (Midnight Mass)
Wed 25 th	9.00am	St Joseph's (Dawn Mass)
Wed 25 th	11.00am	St Teresa's (Day Mass)

Parish Reconciliation Service with visiting Priests at St Joseph's Church, Friday 20th Dec from 6.30pm, an advent chance to celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness.

The Parish Filipino Community would like to invite everyone to our traditional Simbang Gabi (Mass at Dawn) on Saturday 21st Dec at 7am in St Joseph's Church, followed by a shared Filipino breakfast in the centre - all welcome.

Short Advent Reflections, following the 4 Monday morning Masses at St Teresa's. We hope you will stay to join us

Poinsettias for Christmas Please will you bring poinsettias in memory of loved ones to St Teresa's on Sun 22 Dec.

Advent Crib Scene and Jessie Tree - our diocese Marriage and Family Life Team have created a lovely resource exploring the Christmas journey, with a range of ideas for setting up an Advent crib at home: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/jesse-tree-and-crib>

Building on our Catholic faith - The Faith Formation team are offering one more session and you can come along even if you haven't been before.

Week 3 -Thursday 12 December: How to pray - What difference does praying actually make?

This session includes a short film, produced by Fr Stephen Wang, who has a real gift for sharing the richness of the Catholic faith. Light refreshments will be provided. **8pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's.** Everyone is welcome.

The New Lectionary has started to be used across the English speaking World - There are resources to help understand this new translation and they can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/> and a course of videos has also been published: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-resources/>

Book Club + Circle: Ever been tempted to ask "Where the Hell is God" ?- The title of our next read, a short book by Richard Leonard SJ. Join us to discuss after Mass on Friday 13th December in the meeting room at St Joseph's.

The 50/50 Club: We are now taking subscriptions for 2025. 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 email: 5050club.pnl@gmail.com.

Missio Red Boxes -- bring back the filled boxes (leave contact details inside the box if you want to know how much you collected) and give them to one of the sacristans and take new ones from the back of the Churches, thanks!

Parish Sunday Lunch today Sunday 8th December at the PNL Centre at St Joseph's from 12.30pm, All welcome - so come with family & friends and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

Coming together this Christmas Day - A parish family and friends are offering a traditional Christmas lunch with plenty of festive cheer on Christmas Day in the Holy Family Church Hall for parishioners who would like some company or might be on their own this Christmas. For more information, please contact the parish to reserve your place.

Jubilee of Hope: the Holy Door opens on 24 December in St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, marking the beginning of the Holy Year 2025. The Jubilee offers a special moment for plenary indulgence, conversion, and grace to rekindle hope in the daily journey of life and the proclamation of the Gospel. For more info: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/news/>

Congratulations to Mrs Tamsyn Lawlor who has been appointed Executive Headteacher of St Chad's Catholic Primary School in South Norwood. For seven years she has been Head at our St Joseph's Catholic Primary school, and been a friend and a faith-filled leader to the staff, pupils, their families, and the parish. We thank her for all she has done and assure her of the parish's prayers

Keep the date! On Sunday 12th Jan at our 11am Mass Bishop Richard is visiting to celebrate the formal Induction of our new Head of St Joseph's Primary School, Mr Thomas Hall, who has been doing sterling work since September under the new Xavier Academy Trust.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary school - Headteachers tours - if you are interested in your child joining the school, the next head's tour is on Thurs 9th Jan. Booking essential contact 01737 765373 or office@stjosephsredhill.co.uk

Carols in the Belfry Sunday 15th December led by 'the Cross Church "Enter" worship group with carols and readings, will take place from the ground floor of the Belfry 3-4pm —come along and join the singing.

St Joseph's Pre-School Christmas Market. Sat 14th Dec, 10am-2pm at the PNL centre at St Joseph's. Handmade gifts, refreshments, Santa's grotto, stay & play, & children's craft. To book Santa's grotto, £3 per child, email fundraising.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com

Christmas Trees Pre - order your Christmas Tree to collect from St. Joseph's Pre School, on 14th Dec. The trees are great quality and a small amount of money from each tree sold will raise funds for the preschool. Email: fundraising.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com for order information.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,320.48
2nd collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers

Thank you for your support and generosity

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS
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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**

Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Alison Walker, Madeleine McLean, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick and housebound of our parish.

If you, or someone you know, is sick & housebound and would like to be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.

The Second Sunday of Advent (year C)

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:3-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Response: What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad

Sat 7 Dec
St Joseph's 17.30 Paddy Brady RIP
Sun 8 Dec
Holy Family 09.00 The people of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Roland Cambel RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int
Mon 9 Dec **The Immaculate Conception of BV Mary**
St Teresa's 10.00 Tim Harding RIP
Tue 10 Dec
No Mass
Wed 11 Dec
St Joseph's 10.00 Monica Peters RIP
Thur 12 Dec
Holy Family 10.00 Connor & McCarthy families RIP
Fri 13 Dec **St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**
St Joseph's 10.00 Pauline Atkinson RIP

The Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent (year C)

Zep 3:14-18; Is 12 2-3.4.5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Response: Shout aloud and sing praise,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Sat 14 Dec
St Joseph's 17.30 Rosemary & Bernard Castlehouse RIP
Sun 15 Dec
Holy Family 09.00 The people of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Susan Howell 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

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mon	09.30	Morning Prayer	St Teresa's Church
Tues	19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed	10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri	09.00	Exposition before Mass	St Joseph's Church
Sat	15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun	10.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun	12.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Henri J.M. Nouwen (1932-1996)