

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 6th Sunday of Easter (Year B) - 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

**Calling engaged couples** - Bishop Richard is inviting all engaged couples to a Mass at Arundel Cathedral on Friday 7.30pm 25th June. To book your place go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/5gcrcgiv> or email: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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](mailto:info@friarypreschool.co.uk) for an application pack. Closing date is 10th May 2021

**Thursday is Ascension Day** - see other side for Mass times - there is no obligation to attend in the pandemic.

**The Day of the Lord** - The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement looking to the future as we rebuild our parish communities. They reflect that: *'We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as 'a weekly gift from God to his people', and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.'* To read more check their website: <https://www.cbcew.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](mailto: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](mailto:frfhcpnl@gmail.com) ; Confirmation [confpnl@gmail.com](mailto:confpnl@gmail.com) : for Baptism contact the parish office.

**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.

**Retiring collection this weekend** -The missionary endeavour of the Diocese, This is Gift-aid 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 17<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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 Wasson, 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, Sheilaine 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.*

**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

**Mon 10 May**

Funeral for Gennarino (Gerry) Piraino RIP

**Tue 11 May**

Private Intention

**Wed 12 May**

Special Intention

**Thur 13 May**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

**St Joseph's 10.00** People of the parish

**Holy Family 19.00** Private intention

**Friday 14 May**

**St Matthias, Apostle**

**St Joseph's 10.00** Marie Cameron & Stefania Wieckowska RIP

**7th Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

Acts; 1:15-17.20-26; 44-48; Ps 102; 1Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11-19.

**Response:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

**Sat 15 May**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Ann McCarthy RIP

**Sun 16 May**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Bertrand and Wilson families RIP

**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

**Gennarino (Gerry) 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

**Dan Lyons** RIP his funeral is to be arranged.

**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.