

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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2nd Sunday of Advent (year B) 10th December 2023

CHRISTMAS MASSES

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat 23rd 5.30pm St Joseph's
Sun 24th 9.00am Holy Family
Sun 24th 11.00am St Joseph's

Christmas Masses

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

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

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group meet Wednesdays, term time, at 10.30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre. This Wednesday is the last meeting till next year, and there will be a brief advent service for the toddlers in the Church followed by shared snacks, all toddlers and parents welcome!

St Joseph's Pre-School have spaces available for Jan 2024 intakes (those children born between Sep 2020 – Aug 2021). For further information and details, contact the Admissions Secretary (Chow Treadwell) on admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk or 07847 221367

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 to find out more.

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

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

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 14th Dec at 8pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room. All welcome.

Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, in 2024, celebrates it's 50th Anniversary of the and the 20th Anniversary of the Redshirts youth programme, both of which have helped people encounter God's love through witnessing the pilgrimage vision of 'Love in Action'. Are you looking for a special and unique Christmas gift? The Pilgrimage Office is offering Gift Cards to the value of your choosing, valid for three years. To find out more please contact the Lourdes Office; E: lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk or T: 01293 651147.

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

Parish Sunday Lunch TODAY 10th Dec) at the **PNL Centre at St Joseph's** 12.30pm for 1pm start and hosted by our Italian Community. Everyone is welcome so come with family and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

Carols in the Belfry today (10th Dec) 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.

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

Catenian Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies takes place in St Joseph's PNL Centre, Sat 23rd following the evening Mass—all are welcome to come along, bring your voices and some mince pies to share.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024 - we will be running an 'Explore Confirmation' evening soon for our young people in Yr. 10 or above to come and find out "What is Confirmation and how can we prepare for it?". Come, talk and listen with friends to see what God offers to us through this wonderful sacrament. If parents would like to register interest please email the team at confpnl@gmail.com

Ecumenical prayer on Mondays 9.15am at St Teresa's for half an hour – all welcome.

Congratulations to the Scouts, who took 250 beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers, & their families to the pantomime!

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.

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>

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.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1127.70

2nd collection Christmas Flowers £349.85

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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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

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, Sheilanine 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 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

Mon 11 Dec

St Teresa's 10.00 Monica Peters RIP

Tue 12 Dec

No Mass

Wed 13 Dec

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**
 Bridie Kennedy's int

Thur 14 Dec

Holy Family 10.00 **St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor**
 Bob Sawyer and Nichola Elliott

Fri 15 Dec

St Joseph's 10.00 Susan Howell RIP

The Third (Gaudate) Sunday of Advent (year B)

Isaiah 6:1-2,10-11; Ps (Lk 1:46-50.53-54) Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28.

Response: My soul rejoices in my God

Sat 16 Dec

St Joseph's 17.30 Malcom White RIP

Sun 17 Dec

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Ann Evans 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

Kay French RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers