

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 11th July 2021

Churches and Lockdown 3 - what we can do...

Whilst our lockdown is easing **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. 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

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 both St Joseph's and Holy Family we can overspill into the halls, so Mass at those churches can accommodate more people. Guidance for face covering, sanitising, social distancing, stewarding, etc remains in place.

Confirmation Programme - Now that it seems lockdown is easing we are planning to start a preparation programme for current year 10 and older students with an initial meeting outdoors on Tuesday evening 13th July. The Bishop is planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish at the end of October. Please pass the word around to anyone concerned and email confpn1@gmail.com to register to join the programme.

First Holy Communion programme - We usually have about 100 families and current restrictions still mean we don't know when we might be able to meet inside to prepare our children and families, but if you would like to register interest at this stage please email: First Reconciliation/Holy Communion frfhcpnl@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation - we have about 40 families waiting to celebrate their child's baptism and there are still several restrictions in place but we can baptise now. If you would like to register interest please email the parish office.

Volunteers Survey If you are a volunteer in our Parish (either before COVID or currently) please complete this Parish resources survey (link below) which has been produced by the Diocese. The information from the survey will be collated and analysed by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) about how best to support parishes. - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/arundel-brighton-parish-resource-audit-vol> for more information see [LINK](#)

Our Justice and Peace group have issued their latest informative newsletter which can be found on our website

Build a 'Bug Hotel!' - would your children/Grandchildren like to make a bug hotel this holiday? A rotten tree at St Joseph's has been cut down and ideal dead wood is available by the left side of the Scout hut - help yourselves to a log or two and have fun learning about caring for our environment - pass the message round and also google "Laudato Si" for the Pope's letter on ecology.

The SVP are still reaching out to those in need (who would normally receive a visit) and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back.

A New Priest for the Diocese Please pray for Fr Stephen O'Brien (one of the last students to train at St John's Seminary Womersley which closes this summer) who was ordained to the priesthood at Arundel Cathedral last Sunday - he has been appointed to St Joseph's, Epsom.

St Joseph's Church proposed new Glass Doors - The existing wooden entrance doors are old and heavy and will require a lot of work to repair. They are difficult to operate and could be considered unattractive. The Parish has an opportunity to enhance the entrance, creating one which is more contemporary, open, and welcoming, while also remaining in-keeping with the design of the existing building. We are proposing new glass doors and improving the pathway and a poster is on display at St Joseph's to give an idea of what we can achieve. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact the parish office.

'Virtual' Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 17-24th July. Each year, the Diocese normally journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, however, due to Covid-19, this year it is not possible, so they have arranged for some events to take place in the UK and in Lourdes. These can all be followed on the pop-up website <https://2021.ablourdes.org/events> during their week of prayer and reflection on the past year's highs and lows.

The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, inaugurated by Pope Francis, will take place on Sunday 25th July. He has chosen as the theme "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. You can find more information on our Diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/home>

This Sunday is 'Sea Sunday' when we remember the many thousands of seafarers and fishers who live hard and dangerous lives and pass through our ports each year. We have a retiring collection for Stella Maris, the Catholic mission which ministers to them. You can also find out more and give directly (and gift-aid) by going to www.stellamaris.org.uk

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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, Lydia Fagan, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, 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.

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Amos 7:12-15; Ps 84; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help

Sat 10 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Pam Dysart RIP
Sun 11 July
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Michael Scoltock's well being
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 12 July
Private Intention

Tue 13 July
Special intention

Wed 14 July
Private Intention

Thur 15 July **St Bonaventure, Bishop Doctor**
John & Agnes Turncliffe RIP

Friday 16 July
St Joseph's 10.00 Pat Conroy RIP

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 22; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd
There is nothing I shall want

Sat 17 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Jim Peters RIP
Sun 18 July
Holy Family 09.00 Mrs E Gilgunn's 80th
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:

Maura Tunney RIP her funeral will take place on Wed 21st July at 10.30am at St Joseph's, followed at Redstone Cemetary

James duCasse RIP his funeral is to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Nurturing the growth of Church - along with lockdown easing comes more opportunity to enliven the parish again - can you gift some time to help the celebration of the liturgy, the nurturing of faith and sacramental preparation, the care of the building and grounds, visits to the housebound, or anything else? Please email the parish office with your offers of help.

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.