

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent (year C) 15th December 2024

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Christmas Masses

Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight	Holy Family (Midnight Mass)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	St Joseph's (Dawn Mass)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	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.

**Ministries at the Christmas Masses** if you are a reader or Eucharistic Minister please follow this link to indicate your availability: <https://forms.gle/hfpJfudVwQFQC3dg6>

**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.

**Carols at St Mary's Bletchingley**, the traditional 'Nine Lessons & Carols' on Sun 22nd Dec at 4pm, all 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.

**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>

**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>

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

**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](mailto:5050club.pnl@gmail.com).

**Parish Sunday Lunch:** Thank you Katharine, Renzo & Team for the success of lunch last Sunday - over 130 people enjoyed the meal! Our next lunch will be on 12th Jan 2025 in the St Joseph's PNL Centre from 12.30pm

**Carols in the Belfry Today Sunday 15th December** led by 'the Cross Church "Enter" worship group' from the Belfry ground floor 3-4pm —come along and join the singing.

**Carols at All Saints Catholic Church, Oxted**, today (15th) at 6pm - all welcome to come along!

**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/>

**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 2025. Watch the newsletter for the dates after the 15th Jan when Fr Tony will meet families to sign the forms.

**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](mailto:office@stjosephsredhill.co.uk)

**Live Simply Award.** In January we will ask CAFOD for assessment, following our application for the Live Simply Award in May 2023. Have you or/and your group played a part in the PNL qualification for the award? The draft report, thus far, can be viewed on the Justice and Peace section of the website. Please contact [pnljandp@gmail.com](mailto:pnljandp@gmail.com) if you have other details we can add.

**SVP Thank you!** .....to those who joined us recently walking between our churches and to those who sponsored our members. A fantastic £1160.20 was raised for the emergency appeal for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan.

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word** on Saturday 25 Jan 11 - 4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill. Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. This is the booking link: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/bdpmfkl>

**The Collection at Christmas** is by tradition your personal offering to your parish priest, and can be gift-aided. If you would like to contribute online rather than use cash/cheque, please email the parish office or check our website under donations and use our parish bank details & reference the transaction 'Christmas', thank you!

### Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1427.85  
2nd collection Christmas Flowers £494.40

Thank you for your support and generosity

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> 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**

Ann Farley, 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, Tommasina 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 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

<b>Sat 14 Dec</b>		
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Rosemary & Bernard Castlehouse RIP
<b>Sun 15 Dec</b>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>09.00</b>	The people of the parish
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11.00</b>	Susan Howell RIP
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Private Int
<b>Mon 16 Dec</b>		
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Hilda Henderson RIP
<b>Tue 17 Dec</b>		<b>O Sapientia – (O Wisdom)</b>
		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>		<b>O Adonai – (O Lord)</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Ann Evans RIP
<b>Thur 19 Dec</b>		<b>O Radix Jesse – (O Root of Jesse)</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Peter Tilton RIP
<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>		<b>O Clavis David – (O Key of David)</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Bishop John Hine RIP
<b>Sat 21 Dec</b>		<b>O Oriens – (O Dayspring)</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>07.00</b>	<b>Simbang Gabi (Mass at Dawn)</b>

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent (year C)

Mic 5:1-4; Ps 79; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

**Response:** Bring us back, O God;  
Let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved

<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Paul Maddigan RIP
<b>Sun 22 Dec</b>		<b>O Rex Gentium – (O King of the Nations)</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>09.00</b>	Jim Naylor RIP
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11.00</b>	The people of the parish
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Private Int

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Parish Reconciliation Service- Friday 20th December 6.30pm**

**And also** Following the Saturday evening Mass,  
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

### REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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