

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 15th October 2023

New parish email address: pnl@abdiocese.org.uk

Please note that we have a new parish email address which has been given to us by the Diocese and helps with GDPR compliancy. The old address (pnlparish@btconnect.com) had been severely restricted by our supplier, BT Business, effectively being made obsolete, at short notice. Please amend your email address book.

Party For Anyone who Volunteers In Our Parish - if you offer any form of service in the liturgy, through the sacramental programmes, with pastoral care, with property care, with anything that helps the parish, whether as a one off or on a regular basis, you are invited to a celebration **this Friday (20th Oct) from 7pm in the PNL Centre St Joseph's**. Just turn up!! If you can, bring a plate of 'finger food' to share. If you play an musical instrument, sing or entertain - please be spontaneous during the celebration. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bishop Richard writes: Dear brothers and sisters, In recent days, the news from Gaza and Israel has brought great sadness. This renewed flashpoint of conflict, along with the continuing battles in Ukraine and unrest in other parts of the world, is a reminder to us of the fragility of peace across the globe. The impact on families, especially the young, is devastating beyond words and at such times as these we might wonder what the future will bring. I know that we are all keeping these situations in our minds and in our prayers, and I ask you today to redouble prayers for peace. *O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Preparing for the Future It can be hard to think about the time when a loved one dies and how we might plan for all that follows. Our parish bereavement team are providing an evening presentation on Thurs 19th Oct in St Joseph's PNL Centre from 7pm for 7.30-9pm to consider topics such as: advanced planning for end of life/types of funeral & planning/power of attorney/relevant church teaching/wills and so on. Everyone welcome, refreshments provided.

Readers/EMHC's Rotas—we have started the rotas but we need more volunteers to spread the load. If you would like to join the rota please email: pnlministries@gmail.com

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

A "Magical Music Marathon" in aid of Practical Action on Saturday 21st October from 10am to 10pm? All welcome to come along, there will be a programme of organ music, hymn singing, junior instrumentalists, singing groups and more. Any time between 10am - 10pm.

Parish Sunday Lunch Thank you to Fr Binoy and the Syro Malabar Community for a wonderful lunch last Sunday. A great time was had by all. Our next Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 12th November. Please put date in your diary.

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group meet Wednesdays, term time, at 10.30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre.

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>

School Admissions Forms - If you are applying for your child to attend St Bede's or St Joseph's, or another Faith School, in September 2024, on the relevant form please fill in 'Parish of the Nativity of the Lord' and 'Fr Tony Bridson' as Parish Priest and return to the relevant school. We will be making arrangements to sign the supplementary forms in November so keep an eye on the newsletter.

The Easter Project Lunch is running again from Friday 13th Oct to 8th Dec at All Saints Church Battlebridge Lane, Merstham. To book your free lunch or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Janet Aslett on 07736 299874 or janetaslett@hotmail.com

Union of Catholic Mothers UCM: Next meeting Wednesday 25th Oct 7:30 pm at St. Teresa - We will meet for Rosary and discuss the Spring programme.

The John Fisher School—Vacancy: We are looking to appoint a School Chaplain Please visit the school's website for more information please go to <https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

Book + Circle Meets on Thursday 19th Oct at 8pm in the meeting room at St Joseph's to share our thoughts about "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre. Our next book will be "Finding Happiness" by Dom Christopher Jamison. All welcome, even if you haven't managed to read the book (yet!).

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, 22nd October. There will be a retiring collection. All donations are to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

The Second Collection this weekend 15th/16th October is for PACT. The work at PACT draws on the values of our faith: dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity. For more information prisonadvice.org.uk/prisoners-Sunday. Thank you.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1462.47

2nd collection **CAFOD** Harvest Fast Day £860.24

2nd collection this weekend: Prisoner Sunday (PACT)

2nd collection next weekend: World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your support.

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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**

Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, David Corcoran, Steven Biczók-Hardy, David Pitt, 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, Pat Weller, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & 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 on 01737 761017.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Is 25:6-10; Ps 22; Phil 4:12-14.19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, for ever and ever

Sat 14 Oct

St Joseph's 17.30 Bridget Allanson's 90th Birthday

Sun 15 Oct

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Helen O'Shea RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Hilda Henderson RIP

Mon 16 Oct

St Teresa's 10.00 Joan Hodge's Int

Tue 10 Oct

No Mass

Wed 17 Oct

St Joseph's No Mass

Thur 18 Oct

Holy Family 10.00 Jim Diffley RIP

Fri 19 Oct

St Joseph's 10.00 Stuart McKay RIP

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Is 45:1.4-6; Ps 95; Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, for ever and ever

Sat 20 Oct

St Joseph's 17.30 Trevor Chin RIP

Sun 21 Oct

Holy Family 09.00 Mark Cornwell RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated 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 50 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

Pasquale Di Manzo RIP his funeral will take place on Tuesday 24th Oct at 11am at English Martyrs Church, Horley, followed at Redstone cemetery

Margaret Leonard RIP Her funeral will take place at 10.30am on Monday 30th Oct at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers