

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Thirty Third Sunday of the Year (year B) 17th November 2024

Party For Anyone who Volunteers In Our Parish This Friday 22nd November, 7pm at St Joseph's PNL Centre 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 on Friday 22nd November from 7pm. 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.

Confirmation Programme 2024/25 - we will be holding an Explore Confirmation session on 18th November at 7.15pm at the hall at PNL St Josephs for those interested in finding out a bit more about the Sacrament and to meet the team. To join children must be in year 10 or above and their parent/carer must complete a consent form. Please email the team at confpnl@gmail.com for information.

Bereavement Coffee Morning - If you would like to come along to our coffee morning next Saturday 6th December at 10:30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre, Meeting Room, trained befrienders will be there and you will be welcome.

Building on our Catholic faith – The Faith Formation team are planning 3 sessions during Advent to help us all reflect on what our Catholic faith means and help challenge our thinking. The theme **The importance of prayer**.

Week 1 - Thursday 28 November : *Praying the Mass* – *If God is everywhere, what's the point of going to church?*

Week 2 - Thursday 5 December: *Praying with the Bible* – *If the bible could give you the answer to any question, which question would you ask?*

Week 3 -Thursday 12 December: *How to pray* – *What difference does praying actually make?*

Each session includes a short film, produced by Fr Stephen Wang, who has a real gift for sharing the richness of the Catholic faith. The sessions are open for all, Light refreshments will be provided. **8pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's**. All parishioners are welcome.

Missio Red Boxes -- Please bring your boxes for counting in the next couple of weeks and give them to one of the sacristans and take an empty box from the back of the Churches. Please Leave your name and phone number on a slip of paper inside the box and indicate if gift-aided and if you would like to know how much was inside, thanks!

The Winter Night Shelter If you would like to help host our turn at St Joseph's Feb/Mar 2025, contact the parish office.

Our Parish Sunday Lunch - thanks to our African Community for a splendid lunch for 140+ hungry tummies - if you could host a lunch , please contact the parish office.

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

Two Diocesan vacancies: Receptionist (P/T) closing date 25 November 2024, interviews Monday 2 December 2024, and Private Secretary to the Bishop (P/T) closing date 5 December, interviews Friday 13 December 2024 - more details: abdiocese.org.uk/careers

Old iPads/tablets got a spare? Contact the parish office!

Assisted Suicide Bill: The Catholic Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have issued a statement on Assisted Suicide ahead of the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. The Statement can be found on their website and the bishops explain exactly what 'compassion' means at the end of life - caring for and accompanying people, particularly during times of suffering. The statement strongly defends the vulnerable in society who are at risk through this proposed legislation, and the bishops advocate for better funded palliative care to be consistently available to everyone in need in England, Wales, and Scotland. MPs are expected to vote on assisted suicide at the Second Reading of the Bill on 29 November. To find out more and contact your MP please visit: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/actnow.

Rebecca Paul, our local MP, has a survey on her website: <https://www.rebeccapaul.uk/news/assisted-dying-survey>

Next UCM Meeting, Wednesday 27th November 7:30pm at St. Teresa, Merstham. Bring Poetry to share.

Book Club + Circle: Ever been tempted to ask "Where the Hell is God" ?- The title of our next read, a short book by Richard Leonard SJ. Join us to discuss after Mass on Friday 13th December in the meeting room at St Joseph's.

Fr Terry Martin, a former assistant priest here, has published a book entitled "Animals in Heaven". Full of anecdotes, including his time in Redhill, he invites us to reconsider our views on animals, why they are here, why God creates them, and the human-animal relationship. Copies can be obtained from Fr Terry for £18 (plus £3.50pp) or by searching for the book title on Amazon.co.uk

SVP Sponsored Church Walks for South Sudan: The SVP will be carrying out 2 sponsored church walks from St Joseph's to St Teresa's to attend 10am Mass on Monday 25th November and a further walk from St Joseph's to Holy Family on Thursday 28th November to attend 10am Mass. Should any parishioner wish to join us please contact the Parish Office for a sponsorship form.

Next Weekend the Retiring Collection is for the upkeep and maintenance of Arundel Cathedral. Thank you.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,322.59

2nd collection Retired Priest's Fund: £857.27

2nd collection next weekend for
Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Thank you for your support and generosity

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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**

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, Tomasina 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, Sheilaine 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 Thirty-Third Sunday (year B)

Dan 12:1-13; Ps 15; Heb 10:11-14.16; Mk 13:24-32

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you

Sat 16 Nov
St Joseph's 17.30 Thanksgiving
Sun 17 Nov
Holy Family 09.00 Marion Durnin RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 The people of the parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int

Mon 18 Nov
St Teresa's 10.00 David Flood RIP

Tue 19 Nov
No Mass

Wed 20 Nov
St Joseph's 10.00 Pat Howes RIP

Thur 21 Nov **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Holy Family 10.00 special intention

Fri 22 Nov **St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**
St Joseph's 10.00 Souls in purgatory

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (year B)

Dan 7:13-14; Ps 92; Apoc: 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Response: The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed

Sat 23 Nov
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention
Sun 24 Nov
Holy Family 09.00 The people of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Lionel Bay 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

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

The Deceased Clergy of the Deanery - a deanery Memorial Mass will be offered for them on Tuesday at 10am at The Sacred Heart Church, Caterham, all are welcome to come and add their prayers.

Deacon David Turner RIP, one of our diocesan deacons.

Margaret Williams RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday 5th Dec at 10.30am followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers