

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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3rd Sunday of Advent (year B) 17th 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)

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 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

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group will resume on Wednesdays from 10.30am in the New Year.

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

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.

Winter Night Shelter training session on Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm at the chapel based in Shrewsbury Road Redhill for any one who would like to volunteer.

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

Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, in 2024, celebrates it's 50th Anniversary, and the 20th Anniversary of the Red-shirts 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.

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.

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

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

Poinsettias for Christmas Please bring poinsettias in memory of loved ones to St Teresa's this Sunday (17th)

St Mary's Church, Bletchingley Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols TODAY (17th), 4pm - All welcome.

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese which will be released in the New Year called 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The new Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website on Tuesday 2 January: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan with hard copies available to read in each parish. Bishop Richard met with members of clergy earlier this week and will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on Wednesday 10 January at 7.30pm. There is no need to register for this event, please use the following link to join the presentation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

Parish Sunday Lunch a wonderful thanks to our Italians for the great success of last Sunday - about 100 people enjoyed the meal! Our next parish lunch will be on 14th Jan 2024 in the St Joseph's PNL Centre from 12.30pm.

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>

50/50 Club: 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 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

December Special Double Draw: £30, tickets 34 and 96!

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

Offerory collection last weekend: £1150.3

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
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PARISH WEBSITE:

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH 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**

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, Sheilaine 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 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 **O Sapientia – (O Wisdom)**

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Ann Evans RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int

Mon 18 Dec

St Joseph's 10.30 **O Adonai – (O Lord)**
Funeral Mass for Patricia Weller RIP

Tue 19 Dec

O Radix Jesse – (O Root of Jesse)
No Mass

Wed 20 Dec

St Joseph's 10.00 **O Clavis David – (O Key of David)**
Peter Tilton RIP

Thur 21 Dec

Holy Family 10.00 **O Oriens – (O Dayspring)**
John Beckey, Frank & Clare RIP

Fri 22 Dec

St Joseph's 10.00 **O Rex Gentium – (O King of the Nations)**
John & Janet Tofield RIP

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (year B)

Sam 7:1-5.8-12.12.16; Ps 88; Rms 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38.

Response: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord

Sat 23 Dec

St Joseph's 17.30 **O Emmanuel – (O God is with us)**
Lorraine Byrne RIP

Sun 24 Dec

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Roshika Fernando RIP

St Teresa's **No Evening Mass** (see Christmas Timetable overleaf)

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

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 will take place on Thurs 11th Jan at 10.30am at Holy Family Church followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers