

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Twentieth Sunday of the Year (year B) 18th August 2024

Sacramental Preparation Programmes keep an eye on the newsletter and an ear at notices during the Sunday Masses for the start of the programmes of preparation for Holy Communion (those going into school year 4 and above) and Confirmation (those going into school year 10 and above). Naturally, the best preparation for our children is the faith and example of the family, and your prayers as parents are vitally important, so getting preparing!

Enquirers group (RCIA) if you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or as an adult catholic you would like to 'catch-up' on the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and Holy Communion) a group meets regularly on a Monday evening and you would be most welcome. For more information please email rcia.pnl@gmail.com

Parish Sunday Lunches. Please note there will not be a Parish Lunch during August. We are completing the new rota and if your group has any requests for specific months please contact the parish office asap. Thank you for continuing to support this great parish social event

Diocesan weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese. Please click on the link below to sign up, it's a great way to stay in touch! <https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist>

Parents, babies and toddlers group is meeting over the summer - Weds from 1030am in PNL centre, St Joseph's

Book + Circle: For our light summer reading we've chosen a novel by Mary Higgins Clark "The Lost Years". We will meet again in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's after 10am Mass on Friday 6th September. All welcome.

Thinking of getting married? Congratulations! Please note that Bishop Richard calls for at least twelve months notice for weddings planned to take place in a Catholic Church to allow for the necessary preparation.

Catechists' Formation Day on Saturday 21 September 11am - 4pm at Worth School. For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: Any queries please email E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Maintenance - are you an electrician or plumber who could offer some time to join a group for small works occasionally - if so please have a word with Fr Tony.

The Winter Night Shelter will be hosted at St Joseph's on Tuesday evenings, if you can help contact the parish office. For information please visit: www.renewedhope.org.uk

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

CASH 4 COINS: An SVP fund raising project. Do you have any old coins tucked in your cupboards or draws, or foreign coins from your holidays. Your parish SVP can turn them into cash for their funds which can be put to good use. Pop them in the collection bags and we'll do the rest.

Bishop Richard Moth calls for a renewed openness to peace as UK protests continue. Addressing people of all faiths and none he highlighted the importance of 'reconciliation, understanding and a renewed openness to peace.' Violent anti-immigration protests have erupted across the UK, with demonstrations taking place in a number of towns and cities including Bristol, Leicester, London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Plymouth and Belfast. The Catholic Church teaches that we are one human family, that every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and that all human life is sacred. Speaking on Tuesday, he said: "The violent demonstrations we are witnessing at this time are a cause of immense distress and concern to us all. A violent approach will increase tension, fear and resentment for all in our communities, at a time when we should seek reconciliation and understanding. It is vitally important that we recognise the innate dignity and value of every human person. I call on all those within our Catholic family and beyond to pray for a rapid end to the present difficulties and a renewed openness and commitment to peace."

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>

Faith Formation: We return from our summer holidays, all parishioners and friends are invited to a Faith formation evening at Holy Family, Reigate, Thursday 5 September, enjoy refreshments and find out more about the history and structure of a Catholic church building. Deacon Tim will lead a Tour around the Church talking to us about different areas, symbols, objects that you will find in all Catholic churches, he will explain the reasons why they are there. Arrive by 8.00pm, refreshments in the parish hall and then we will start the Tour. We aim to finish by 9.15pm

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 50th Anniversary Book: Our Lourdes Pilgrimage marks its 50th Anniversary this year with the launch of a special commemorative book. Over the book's c.130 pages, tales of faith, hope, love in action, journey and vocation are told with hundreds of photos to illustrate them, evoking memories from every decade of the pilgrimage. Copies cost £20 plus postage and can be pre-ordered here: forms.office.com/e/fRQkZmDp9D

Lost Property at St Joseph's -The 'Lost Property Box' at the entrance of the Church contains toys, water bottles, reading glasses, etc. Please reclaim what is yours soon!

Enjoy the school holidays! If you are traveling, safe journeys and safe returns. If you are resting here, maybe come to an extra Mass in the week and rest with the Lord.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,269.35

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**

John McGrath, Alison Walker, Madeleine McLean, Annie, Toni Sice, 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, Jean Longley, 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.

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Pr 9:1-6; Ps 33; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good

Sat 17 Aug	17.30	John Carey RIP
Sun 18 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	People of the parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Anna & Stuart Cooper's 30th Anniv
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention
Mon 19 Aug		
St Teresa's	10.00	Anne Grier's Int
Tue 20 Aug		St Bernard, Abbot, Bodtor No Mass
Wed 21 Aug		St Pius X, Pope
St Joseph's	10.00	O'Connor Family Int and RIP
Thur 22 Aug		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Family	10.00	Special Int
Fri 23 Aug		
St Joseph's	10.00	Breda Witherol RIP

The Twenty-First (year B)

Jos 24:1-2;15-18; Ps 33; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-65

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good

Sat 24 Aug	17.30	Thanksgiving & Special Int
Sun 25 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	People of the parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Dermott Doherty RIP
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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

Prayer for Peace To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty I pray: Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations; Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war; Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship; Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace; Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace. O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace. (Pope Saint John Paul II)