

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Time (year B) 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Thinking about becoming a Catholic?** An informal group meets regularly and you would be very welcome to come along, without any obligation, to find out more about the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

**Adoration** every Wednesday during Lent at St Joseph's starting 21st February 7pm – 8pm you are invited to spend time praying quietly in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**The Stations of the Cross during Lent** represent events from Jesus' passion and death. At each station we pause to reflect upon Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

**St Joseph's Church** Fridays at 7pm.

**Holy Family Church** Thursdays After 10am Mass.

**St Teresa's Church** Mondays after 10am Mass.

**St Mary's Bletchingley** Sunday 4.30pm.

**Our Catholic Faith** – During Lent the Faith Formation team are preparing 3 sessions for all to get involved with the Diocese Invited programme. Each session involves a short film and time to reflect on a few key questions.

**7<sup>th</sup> March** *What is the Church and how do we fit in?* (Fr Thomas Mannion)

**14<sup>th</sup> March** *A reflection on Reconciliation* (Fr Kevin Dring)

**21st March** *A talk about Holy Week and a reflection on the Paschal mystery* (Fr Gabriel Dobson)

Start time 8pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. Drinks and light refreshments provided. Attend one or all sessions.

**Yellow Bucket Collection.** The parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <https://www.redhill.foodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

**Parish Sunday Lunch** Thank you to the Couples for Christ for providing a wonderful Lunch to last Sunday.

**Book Club + Circle** -a suggestion for Lent. Our chosen book is "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen, available second hand on line. Thur 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's - . All welcome.

**Baptism Catechists' Day:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 9.30am-1.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. A formation day for those who deliver baptism catechesis locally (or would like to), with input from Bishop Richard and our Marriage & Family Life Advisor, Katherine Bergin. Sign up here <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/0ulncweo>

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024** Applications to join our 50th Anniversary Lourdes pilgrimage are now open! For more information or to make your application please visit our website. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**Union of Catholic Mothers UCM:** meeting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm at PNL Centre, Redhill (Meeting Rm) - Talk by Alex Hunter - St. Philip and Anne Howard.

**Thinking of getting married,** congratulations! A reminder; Bishop Richard calls for a minimum of 12 months' notice for Marriages planned to take place in a Catholic Church to allow for the necessary preparation & paperwork.

**Our Diocesan Invited Programme** enters the fourth season this lent with a deeper dive into our faith. Suitable for those who have already said yes to Jesus and are looking for concrete ways to conform their lives more closely to Christ (if you don't feel ready for that yet, why not watch season III? It will help you understand who Jesus is and just how much he loves you). Taking part is easy, you simply watch each week's film - and use the accompanying resources to help you watch, reflect, and pray. Go to the diocesan website at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

**Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass** is hoping to start in March. There will be limited places and more details will be in next weekend's newsletter, but if you would like to register interest email: [pnlchildliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:pnlchildliturgy@gmail.com)

**Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group** following the half term break, will resume this Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 10.30am.

**CAFOD Soup 'Brunch'** On Friday 23 February the J&P group will serve a simple soup brunch after morning Mass. with a collection for the annual CAFOD Lent Appeal.

**The National Novena to St Joseph** 10th -18th March at St Joseph's in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach. Masses are on Zoom, (via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena)) at 10am every day except Sunday, at 11am. You are welcome to send in petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gdns, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, email: [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com). More information on church notice

### Women's World Day of Prayer Services

This year the Women's Prayer has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. All are welcome to join this ecumenical service held locally at the **Holy Trinity Church, Carlton Rd.** on Friday 1st March at 10.30am. Or at **St Katharine's Church Hall, Merstham** on Friday 1st March at 11am and 7.30pm. All welcome.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal** on Fri 23rd Feb. This Lent, your donations will help hardworking people, like James the fisherman, in Liberia with resources, tools and training to safely feed their families for good. Give using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying that our brothers and sisters can feed their families.

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1161.58  
Lourdes Pilgrimage fund £714.65

Second Collection next weekend is for  
CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal.  
(Fast Day Envelopes available from back of church)

Thank you for your support.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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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**

Mary Hickman, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, 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, 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, Sheilane 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 First Sunday in Lent (year B)**

Gen 9:8-15; Ps 24; St Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Response:** Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love  
For those who keep your covenant.

**Sat 17 Feb**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Eileen Elizabeth Foxwell RIP

**Sun 18 Feb**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Norah & George Lade

**St Teresa's 17:30** Margaret Daly RIP

**Mon 19 Feb**

**St Teresa's 10.00** Michael Scoltock's wellbeing

**Tue 20 Feb**

No Mass

**Wed 21 Feb**

**St Joseph's 10.00** The Bolger Family RIP

**Thur 22 Feb**

**The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**

**Holy Family 10.00** Charles McCaffery, Kathleen & Liz RIP

**Fri 23 Feb**

**St Joseph's 10.00** Rita Walton RIP

**The Second Sunday in Lent (year B)**

Gen 22:1-2.9-13,15-18; Ps 115; St Paul 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

**Response:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Sat 24 Feb**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Albert Wagstaff RIP

**Sun 25 Feb**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Special Intention

**St Teresa's 17:30** Private Intention

**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 SOUL OF**

**Jean Greaves RIP** her funeral is yet to be arranged.

**Please remember then and her family in your prayers**