

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### St Bede's Supplementary Information Form signing:

Fr Tony will be available to meet families and sign the forms returned to him by the school in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 4pm - 6pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 5pm - 7pm  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 4pm - 6pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 5pm - 7pm

No need to book just come along with your child, preferably with a copy of their baptism certificate. Please pass this message around as well.

(St Joseph's primary School form signing will take place in January, watch this space)

**Any spare religious objects or books?** Please hand them in after any Mass or bring them to the parish office. We will share them with families who come to the school signings to help nurture the faith in the home.

**Parish Sunday Lunch** - a wonderful thanks to the African community for the great success of last Sunday—about 120 people enjoyed the meal! Next lunch, 10th Dec.

**Discovering the Diaconate** we will have an information evening on Friday 1st Dec 7pm in the meeting room at St Joseph's presented by members of our Diaconate Formation Team led by our very own Deacon Tim. This ordained ministry was renewed in the Church by the 2nd Vatican Council nearly 60 years ago. Might you feel called to serve the Church in this way or just like to know more. Come along and find out, no strings attached!

**Advent is coming.** Why not take up an opportunity to focus on what matters by signing up for the Advent Simplicity Challenge at [ignatiansolidarity.net/advent-simplicity](http://ignatiansolidarity.net/advent-simplicity)

**MISSIO - Red Boxes:** Can red box holders please bring their boxes in for emptying and counting. If you would like to know the amount in your box, then put your name and phone number on a slip and put inside the box. If you are a tax payer and want to gift aid, please contact the Parish office. Replace with an empty box from our supply.

**The Easter Project Lunch** is running again to the 8th Dec at All Saints Church Battlebridge Lane, Merstham. To book your free lunch or to volunteer, please contact Janet on 07736 299874 or [janetaslett@hotmail.com](mailto:janetaslett@hotmail.com)

**Coffee lids** - if you have any spare 'Douwe Egberts' glass jar lids, please donate them to the parish, thanks.

**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.

**Preparing for Advent:** The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton are delighted to be hosting 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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) to find out more.

**Book + Circle:** Pope Francis' "Laudate Deum" - a short follow on from Laudato Si' - (free on the Vatican website) is the next subject. We meet on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room. All welcome.

**The John Fisher School Vacancy:** We are currently looking to appoint a full-time **Finance Assistant**. Please visit the school's website for more information. <https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal:** Donate at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or t.0303 303 3030 to support those affected & get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza & Southern Israel working alongside communities helping those most in need by providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water & shelter. Thank you for your prayers.

**Pre order your Christmas Tree**, ready for collection from St. Joseph's Pre School, Ladbroke Rd on 9th Dec. The trees are great quality and a small amount of money from each tree sold will go towards raising funds for the pre-school. Sizes 3-8ft (1m-2.5m) prices £29-49. Please contact the pre-school secretary before 29th Nov to order your tree e: [secretary.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com) or tel. 07725183135

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

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

**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>

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word:** On Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary and practicalities Please register at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/9vii0inm>

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

**Vacancy:** P/T Education Officer - Admissions & Place Planning. The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Part-time (0.6 FTE), Salary £27,000-£33,000 depending on experience (FTE: £45,000-£55,000). Closing date 1st December 2023 For more information please email Julie Oldroyd at [julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk)

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

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1540.55

2nd collection this weekend is for:  
Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Thank you for your support.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

**Fr Tony Bridson**  
**Dcn Tim Murrill** (07545 175448)

**PARISH OFFICE**

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**SCHOOLS:**

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www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk

St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373  
www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108  
www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk

**PARISH WEBSITE:**

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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**

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 Purtell, 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, Sheilanine 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.*

**Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)**

Pro 31:10-13; 19-20;30-31; Ps 127; 1Thes 5:1-6; 2:14-30

**Response:** O blessed are those that fear the Lord

**Sat 18 Nov**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Francis Murphy RIP

**Sun 19 Nov**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Michael Glynn RIP

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Int.

**Mon 20 Nov**

**St Teresa's 10.00** The Bertano Family RIP

**Tue 21 Nov**

**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
No Mass

**Wed 22 Nov**

**St Joseph's 10.00** **St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**  
Marion Durnin RIP

**Thur 23 Nov**

**Holy Family 10.00** Special Int

**Fri 24 Nov**

**St Joseph's 10.00** **St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions**  
Lionel Bay RIP

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (year A)**

Ez 34:11-12.15-17; Ps 22; 1Cor 15:20-26.28; Mt 25:31-46

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

**Sat 25 Nov**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Deceased Catenian brothers

**Sun 26 Nov**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Lindsay Given

**St Teresa's 17.30** Tommy Goodwin RIP

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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**

**Fr Gerald Vann** RIP (a previous parish priest of Oxted) His funeral will take place at St John's Horsham on Thursday 23rd Nov at 1pm

**Pat Weller** RIP Her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Mon 18th Dec at 10.30am

**Henry Ainscough** RIP His funeral will take place at Holy Family on Wed 13th Dec at 10.30am followed at Sutton Cemetery

**Please remember them and their families in your prayers**