

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 20th August 2023

New parish email address: pnl@abdiocese.org.uk

Please note that we have a new parish email address which has been given to us by the Diocese and helps with GDPR compliancy. The old address (pnlparish@btconnect.com) had been severely restricted by our supplier, BT Business, effectively being made obsolete, at short notice. Please amend your email address book.

2023/4 First Holy Communion Programme We will be running this programme for children entering school year 4 and above starting in the autumn. The best preparation comes from the family, and the growing presence/familiarity the children can have with the Mass and the 'rhythm of faith' that we celebrate Sunday by Sunday through the seasons of the Church's year. If you have a child entering year 4+ and would like to register interest to join the programme please email: frfhcpnl@gmail.com

CAFOD update: there is still time to sign a letter to the World Bank in support of small-scale farmers: see their website for more information: 'Fix the food system'.

The Winter Night Shelter will be hosted at St Joseph's on Tuesday evenings, if you can help contact the parish office

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>

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

Can you help with accommodation, possibly a room in a house: A Ukrainian mother living in Newcastle, would like to relocate to Redhill, Reigate, Merstham to be near her children who attend school locally. If you can help please contact the parish office.

Thinking of getting married.. congratulations! A reminder that Bishop Richard calls for a minimum of twelve months' notice for Marriages planned to take place in a Catholic Church to allow for the necessary preparation.

Readers/EMHC's Rotas—we have started the rotas but we need more volunteers to spread the load. If you would like to join the rota please email: pnlministries@gmail.com

Parents, babies and toddlers group have having a rest for the summer and will start again on Wed 13 September.

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

Moat House Surgery Car Park: can we remind all parishioners who attend Mass at St Teresa's Church **NOT** to park in the surgery car park opposite which is private.

Book + Circle Our summer book is a novel "Small Miracles" by Anne Booth about a community of nuns who win the lottery - make it your holiday read? Then, come & join us to chat about it: Fri 25th Aug at St Joseph's after Mass.

A Level & GCSE Results: Please keep in your prayers all those who receive their results at this time as they prepare for their next steps in God's plan for them.

Volunteers party! Plans are beginning for a celebration evening to which anyone and everyone who does anything in the parish is invited - keep an eye on the newsletter.

Quinquennial Inspections our 5 yearly property inspections by contracted surveyors are taking place soon - if you have noticed something structurally that needs attention please email the parish office with your observations.

A Memorial Service for our children: If you have lost a child of whatever age or stage of life, there will be a memorial service for them to which you are warmly invited. Please tell your friends. Thursday 14th September at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church. This will be followed by light refreshments in the Café. All are welcome.

Bereavement Coffee mornings will resume meeting on Saturday 9th September. If you are grieving and feel that you would like to talk to someone please contact the parish office and a member of the team will get in touch

Thinking of buying a Sunday Missal or Bible - it has been announced that the much promised new translation of the scriptures contained within the Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024. This new edition uses the "English Standard Version – Catholic Edition" for the readings and 'The Abbey' translation for the psalms & canticles

Crawley Open House - Big Sleep Out in Queen's Square or At Home, Thursday 26th October 2023. We are arranging another of our regular sponsored sleepouts. We are encouraging individuals or groups of friends/colleagues to join us for the night in Crawley's Queen's Square and get a glimpse of the discomfort and disorientation that too many have to face EVERY night. Alternatively, people can sleep out at home on the same night – anywhere except their beds. Sadly we are experiencing unprecedented demand for our services, whilst facing a marked drop in individual and community giving as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. To register interest please email ian.wilkins@crawleyopenhouse.co.uk

Enjoy the school holidays, safe travels and safe returns - maybe whilst resting come to an extra mass!

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1182.47

Thank you for your support.

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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 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**

David Corcoran, Margaret Leonard, Steven Biczók-Hardy, David Pitt, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, Zackery Tuffrey, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Rosaline Liberman, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine 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.

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Is 56:1.6-7; Ps 66; Rms 11:13-15.29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God:
Let all the peoples praise you

Sat 19 Aug

St Joseph's 17.30 Robert & Christine Butcher RIP

Sun 20 Aug

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 B Haisledene's Int

St Teresa's 17.30 Private int

Mon 21 Aug

St Pius X, Pope

St Teresa's 10.00 Father Jim Hurley RIP

Tue 22 Aug

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Wed 23 Aug

St Joseph's 10.00 Special Intention

Thur 24 Aug

St Bartholomew, Apostle

Holy Family 10.00 Mary Whalley RIP

Fri 25 Aug

St Joseph's 10.00 Kitty and Ray Sharpe RIP

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Is 22:19-23; Ps 137; Rms 11:33-36; Mt 16: 13-20

Response: Your love, O Lord, is eternal
Discard not the work of your hands

Sat 26 Aug

St Joseph's 17.30 Martin O'Connell RIP

Sun 27 Aug

Holy Family 09.00 Conversion and forgiveness in the World

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Private int

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated 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 50 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

Mary Steer RIP Her funeral will take place on Fri 1st Sept at 10.30am at St Joseph's Church followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium.

James McSorley His funeral will take place on Fri 1st Sept 2.30pm at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers