

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 23rd July 2023

Parish Day Last Sunday - Thank you!

It was lovely to see so many parishioners and visitors (well over 1000) who came to our Parish Day. Thanks for all the prayers for the weather—now remember to pray thank you as well! There have been many comments about the wonderful community feel to the day. All this would not have happened without lots of planning and volunteers. Grateful thanks to Mrs Tamsyn Lawlor (head teacher) for the use of St Joseph's Catholic school grounds, the Scouts, who did an amazing job feeding us at the never-ending BBQ, and Fr Binoy and the Syro-Malabar community, and all the others who shared wonderful food! Special thanks to Reena Clarke and her team and all those who worked hard in front of, or behind, the scenes: sacristan duties, ministers, our young readers, setting up, tidying up, looking after health and safety, providing entertainment, PA systems, music, running children's entertainment and games, the school PTA for the bouncy castle, dance displays, lifts, first aid, car parking and much more - Well done! If you have photos, or comments, or would like to volunteer to help next year, please contact to the parish office... and keep the date: 14th July 2024!

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 Sacramental programmes - Congratulations again to our newly confirmed young people and our First Holy Communion children, it is wonderful to see them coming again and again to the 'Table of the Lord' to keep His day holy. Our new programmes will be starting in the Autumn so keep an eye on the newsletter and listen out at mass for further details. The guide age for Confirmation will be school year 10+ and for Holy Communion will be children in school year 4+

Could you help with our sacramental programmes? With some 100 children each year preparing for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and nearly 50 youngsters approaching Confirmation we are always looking for folks who could help nurture their faith. Our baptism and marriage preparation programmes might also be places you could help—have a think, a pray, and then offer!

Parish Sunday Lunches: We are planning to start these in the autumn so watch this space!

Safeguarding Training: Creating a Safer Environment training sessions (all on Zoom). This training is aimed at PSR's, Group Leaders, and Coordinators of activities in parishes: Thur 10th, Wed 16th Aug; Wed 6th Sept. To register please visit: safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk

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

'The Saturday Group' meets Saturdays 3pm to 5pm in the Café at St Joseph's for chat/games, all adults welcome

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.

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>

Children's Liturgy of the Word, an update: we are looking to restart our children's liturgy within the requirements of our Diocesan Safeguarding policy. It will be run by DBS certified volunteers and children will need to be pre-registered and numbers will be limited to observe strict child to adult ratios in line with Diocese guidance. A number of volunteers have come forward and we are processing their DBS and online safeguarding training, but we need more in order to run a rota and ensure adequate backup. Please email the parish if you could help.

UCM next meeting Wed 26th July, 7:30 pm at St. Teresa - We will have a spiritual reflection following our meeting

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'.

Readers/EMHC's If you would like to join the rotas across the parish please email: pnlministries@gmail.com

Parents, babies and toddlers group has a rest for the summer and will start again on Wed 13 Sept.

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.

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: £300.49

Thank you for your support.

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St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
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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**

Victoria Pitt, Linda 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, Mary Steer, 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.

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Wis 12:13.16-19; Ps 85; Rms 8:9.26-27; Mt 13: 24-43

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving

Sat 22 Jul

St Joseph's 17.30 John Ward RIP

Sun 23 Jul

Holy Family 09.00 Robert Hodges RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Private intention

Mon 24 Jul

St Teresa's 10.00 Canon Martin Lee RIP

Tue 25 Jul

St James, Apostle

No Mass

Wed 26 Jul

Ss Joachim and Anne

St Joseph's 10.00 James Udoyeh RIP

Thur 27 Jul

Holy Family 10.00 Suzanne Doublet RIP

Fri 28 Jul

St Joseph's 10.00 Chris Fisher & Julie Stadden RIP

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Kgs 3:5.7-12; Ps 118; Rms 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Response: Lord, how I love your law

Sat 29 Jul

St Joseph's 17.30 Sally Gonzales RIP

Sun 30 Jul

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Ann & David Green

St Teresa's 17.30 Alf Tyrrell

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

Luz de Castro RIP Her funeral has not yet been arranged

Dorothy Gussin RIP Her funeral will take place on Mon 31st July at 11.45am at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

Mary Tilton RIP Her funeral will take place on Wed 2nd Aug at 10.30am at St Joseph's Church followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers