

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 4th Sunday of Advent (year B) 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 5.30pm St Joseph's

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Family

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am St Joseph's

#### Christmas Masses

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Holy Family (Midnight Mass)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am St Joseph's (Dawn Mass)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am St Teresa's (Day Mass)

**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.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2024** - we will be running an 'Explore Confirmation' evening on Thurs 18th Jan for our young people in Yr. 10 or above to find out "What is Confirmation and how can we prepare for it?". Come, talk and listen with friends to see what God offers to us through this wonderful sacrament. If parents would like to register interest please email the team at [confpnl@gmail.com](mailto:confpnl@gmail.com)

**Adult Confirmation** if you have been baptised catholic but for whatever reason have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and would like to explore how to do this please contact the parish office.

**St Joseph's Pre-School** have spaces available for Jan 2024 intakes (those children born between Sep 2020 – Aug 2021). For further information and details, contact the Admissions Secretary (Chow Treadwell) on [admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk) or 07847 221367

**Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group** will resume on Wednesdays, from 10.30am, in the New Year - all welcome

**St Joseph's Primary School** If you are applying for a place please follow the instructions on the school website and return the supplementary forms to school before 15th Jan 2024. Watch the newsletter for the dates after the 15th Jan when Fr Tony will meet families to sign the forms.

**Winter Night Shelter** training session on Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm at the chapel based in Shrewsbury Road Redhill for any one who would like to volunteer.

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

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

**Marriage Care** write to say: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**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>

**Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan** for the Diocese which will be released in the New Year called 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The new Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website on Tuesday 2 January: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan) with hard copies available to read in each parish

Bishop Richard met with members of clergy, and will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on Wednesday 10 January at 7.30pm. There is no need to register for this event, please use the following the link to join the presentation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

**Book + Circle** have extended their meetings to bi-monthly for 2024 and next meet on Friday 2nd Feb 10.30am in St Joseph's PNL Meeting Room to discuss "Forming Intentional Disciples" by Sherry Weddell, as always books are available second hand on-line. Everyone welcome - even if you haven't managed to read the book.

**Life Ascending Parish Group** meet on Wed 3rd January at 11am-noon in St Joseph's PNL Meeting Room. All retired or semi-retired parishioners very welcome. More about Life Ascending on their website [www.lifeascending.org.uk](http://www.lifeascending.org.uk)

**50/50 Club:** For an annual subscription of £12 per ticket, 50% of the total income goes to support the parish and 50% is given in monthly prizes, with numbers drawn at random by computer. If you would like to renew your subscription, join the scheme or like more information, contact the parish office or email: [5050club.pnl@gmail.com](mailto:5050club.pnl@gmail.com)

**December Special Double Draw:** £30, tickets 34 and 96

**The Collection at Christmas** is by tradition your personal offering to your parish priest, and can be gift-aided. If you would like to contribute online rather than use cash/cheque, please email the parish office or check our website under donations and use our parish bank details & reference the transaction 'Christmas', thank you!

**Crib Collection** This year all monies donated will go to the Arundel & Brighton Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

**May the joy and peace of Christ  
be with you this Christmas,  
and throughout the coming year!**

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1331.51

Thank you for your support.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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**Dcn Tim Murrill** (07545 175448)

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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 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**

Angela Brett, Carmel Peaston, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, David Corcoran, Steven Biczok-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, 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, 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 on 01737 761017.*

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent (year B)**

Sam 7:1-5.8-12.12.16; Ps 88; Rms 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38.

**Response:** I will sing forever of your love, O Lord

**Sat 23 Dec**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Lorraine Byrne RIP

**Sun 24 Dec**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Roshika Fernando RIP

**The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (year B)****Sun 24th**

**St Joseph's 18.00** Vigil Mass - Parish deceased of 2023 RIP

**Mon 25th**

**Holy Family 00.00** Midnight Mass - Deceased clergy of the parish

**St Joseph's 09.00** Dawn Mass - People of the Parish

**St Teresa's 11.00** Day Mass - For Peace throughout the World

**Tue 26 Dec**

**St Joseph's 11.00** St Stephen, First Martyr

Special Intention

**Wed 27 Dec**

**St Joseph's 10.00** St John, Apostle and Evangelist

Betty Ramsey RIP

**Thur 28 Dec**

**Holy Family 10.00** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Chris Byrne RIP

**Fri 29 Dec**

**St Joseph's 10.00** St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

Roland Cambell RIP

**The Feast of the Holy Family (year B)**

Gen 15:1-6.21:1-3; Ps 104; Heb 11:8.11-12;.17-19; Lk 2:22-40

**Response:** He, the Lord is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever

**Sat 30 Dec**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Special Int

**Sun 31 Dec**

**Holy Family 09.00** Chris Fisher RIP

**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish

**St Teresa's 17:30** Catherine John RIP

**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 SOULS OF**

**Kay French RIP** her funeral will take place on Thurs 11th Jan at 10.30am at Holy Family Church followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

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