

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## Palm Sunday (year B) 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM ('three days')

#### Holy Thursday 8pm – Good Friday 3pm – Easter Vigil Saturday 8.00pm at St Joseph's Church

Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy... Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'feast of feasts', the Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments' (the Great Sacrament). St Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him. (Catechism 1168/9)

**Parish Reconciliation Service** a Lenten chance to celebrate God's forgiveness, with a number of visiting priests available, Mon 25th March 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church

**Easter Vigil Celebration** - following the vigil there will be a celebration in the parish centre and everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate of something to share if you can.

**Please continue to pray** for those among us who are to be baptised or received into full communion with the Catholic faith this Easter, may they continue to inspire us all.

**The Traditional Polish 'Blessing of Easter Baskets'** will take place on Holy Saturday 30th March at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church, all are welcome.

**Churches Together Easter Services:** the Good Friday March of Witness starts at 11am at Gloucester Rd car park and ends with an 11:15am service at the Harlequin steps. On Easter Sunday gather on Redhill Common at 7am by the King George V memorial for a short sunrise service.

**Rosary Group** Tuesdays at St Joseph's from 7pm – 8pm.

**17th Reigate Scouts:** 'Please join us after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday for tea, coffee and cakes. We will also be holding our annual Easter Egg hunt for all the young people. Weather permitting this will be outside.'

**Adoration** every Wednesday in Lent at St Joseph's from 7pm - 8pm with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Parish Sunday Lunch** Our next lunch will be on Sunday 14th April in the St Joseph's PNL Centre from 12.30pm hosted by the local Catenian group.- All are welcome, no charge, donations welcome. If you belong to a parish group or represent a nationality and could host a parish lunch please 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>

**Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group** from 10.30am Weds, at St Joseph's PNL Centre, term time, all families welcome.

**Don't forget and get caught out...** the clocks go forward next Saturday night, so less sleep for Easter Sunday Mass!

**Parish Easter Week Get Together** on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the PNL Café at St Joseph's between 10.30am and 3.30pm. This fun day is for all parents with children, (sorry, no unaccompanied children). Do come along and meet with and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners. Come for all or part of the day. Drinks provided - you may wish to bring a packed lunch, or something to share. Puzzles, board games, toddler toys & craft activities will be available but please feel free to bring your own games etc.

**UCM Next Meeting will be** on Wed 27th March at 7:30pm in St. Teresa's, with Stations of the Cross and the AGM

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

**Parish International Mass & Gathering** 19th May 11am Mass at St. Joseph's Church, celebrating the diversity of our parish community. Everyone is invited to wear traditional costumes and we will have multilingual bidding prayers. Following mass, there will be international food festival and entertainment. If you would like to participate by reading, preparing a multilingual bidding prayer and/or food preparation for this exciting event, contact the parish office.

**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. Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's. All welcome.

**The Easter Collection (gift-aidable)** is by tradition your personal offering to your parish priest. If you would like to donate online please email the parish office for details.

**The Good Friday Collection** is, as usual, for the upkeep of the Holy Places of Jerusalem.

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1354.40  
Flowers for Easter: £512.49

Retiring collection on Good Friday  
for Holy Places in the Holy land

Thank you for your support.

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
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**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**

Toni Sice, Rosa Godlewski, Mary Hickman, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, 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 Purcell, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan,, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the 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*

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)**

(Procession Jn 12:12-16) Is 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

**Response:** My God, My God, why have you forsaken me

**Sat 23 Mar**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 Michael and Elizabeth Ashe RIP  
**Sun 24 Mar**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 People of the parish  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 Marie Thurtle RIP  
**St Teresa's** 17:30 Private Intention

**Mon 25 Mar**  
**St Teresa's** 10.00 Michel Peter Nicoll RIP

**Tue 26 Mar**  
No Mass

**Wed 27 Mar**  
**St Joseph's** 10.00 John Foxwell RIP

**Thur 28 Mar**  
**St Joseph's** 20.00  
**The Easter Triduum**  
**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
Ex 2:1-6.11-14; Ps 115; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
People of the Parish

**Fri 29 Mar**  
**St Joseph's** 15.00  
**Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion**  
Is 52:13-53:12; ps30; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

**Sat 30 Mar**  
**St Joseph's** 20.00  
**Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter**  
Gn 1:1.26-31; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rm 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7  
People of the Parish

**Easter Sunday (year B)**  
Acts 10:34.37-43; Ps 117; 1Col 3:1-4; Mk 16: 1-7  
**Response:** This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad  
**Sun 31 Mar**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 Special Intention  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 People of the parish  
**St Teresa's** 17.30 Private Intention

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Following the Saturday evening mass,  
and by appointment, please contact the parish office  
**Reconciliation Service - Monday 25th Mar 6.30pm**

**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**

**Gerald Smith RIP** his funeral will take place on Wed 27th Mar at 9.30am at Leatherhead Crematorium

**Christina (Ina) Clarke RIP** her funeral will take place on Wed 3th Apr at 10:30am at St Teresa's, followed at the Surrey & Sussex crematorium

**Brigid Thomas RIP** Her funeral will take place on Wed 17th Apr at 10.30am at St Joseph's, followed at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium.

**Alan Rock RIP** His funeral service will take place on Fri 19th Apr at 11.30am followed at Redstone Cemetery.

**Michael Scoltock RIP** his funeral has not yet been arranged

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