

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Twenty First Sunday of the Year (year B) 25th August 2024

2024/5 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

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

Parish Sunday Lunches. We would like to continue with Parish Lunch on Sunday 8th Sept and need a couple more volunteers to help host this event, simple skills required, please contact the parish office quickly if you can help.

Parents, babies and toddlers group is meeting over the summer - Weds from 1030am in PNL centre, St Joseph's

Diocesan weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese. Please click on the link below to sign up, it's a great way to stay in touch! <https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist>

Book + Circle: For our light summer reading we've chosen a novel by Mary Higgins Clark "The Lost Years". We will meet again in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's after 10am Mass on Friday 6th September. All welcome.

Thinking of getting married? Congratulations! Please note that Bishop Richard calls for at least twelve months notice for weddings planned to take place in a Catholic Church to allow for the necessary preparation.

Catechists' Formation Day on Saturday 21 September 11am - 4pm at Worth School. For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: Any queries please email E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

The Winter Night Shelter will be hosted at St Joseph's on Tuesday evenings, if you can help contact the parish office For information please visit: www.renewedhope.org.uk

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

CASH 4 COINS: An SVP fund raising project Do you have any old coins tucked in your cupboards or draws, or foreign coins from your holidays. Your parish SVP can turn them into cash for their funds which can be put to good use. Pop them in the collection bags and we'll do the rest.

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.

Farewell to Fr Stephen Hardaker, who is moving from Oxted and Warlingham parish to Rottingdean, and thanking him for his sterling work as our dean and supporter of many reconciliation services here. **Welcome** to Fr Stanislav Mycek who is moving from Tadworth to take up the appointment as parish priest of Oxted and Warlingham. Please keep them both in your prayers.

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>

Faith Formation: We return from our summer holidays, all parishioners and friends are invited to a Faith formation evening at Holy Family, Reigate, Thursday 5 September, enjoy refreshments and find out more about the history and structure of a Catholic church building. Deacon Tim will lead a Tour around the Church talking to us about different areas, symbols, objects that you will find in all Catholic churches, he will explain the reasons why they are there. Arrive by 8.00pm, refreshments in the parish hall and then we will start the Tour. We aim to finish by 9.15pm

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.

Church Library - a number of religious books have been donated to the parish and are available at the entrance of St Joseph's—please feel free to browse and borrow at no cost any that may be of interest - return them afterwards!

Bereavement Coffee mornings will resume on Sat 7th Sept. If you are grieving and would like to talk to a member of the bereavement team please contact the parish office

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 50th Anniversary Book: Our Lourdes Pilgrimage marks its 50th Anniversary this year with the launch of a special commemorative book. Over the book's c.130 pages, tales of faith, hope, love in action, journey and vocation are told with hundreds of photos to illustrate them, evoking memories from every decade of the pilgrimage. Copies cost £20 plus postage and can be pre-ordered here: forms.office.com/e/frQkZmDp9D

Lost Property at St Joseph's -The 'Lost Property Box' at the entrance of the Church contains toys, water bottles, reading glasses, etc. Please reclaim what is yours soon!

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: £1,376.82
Thank you for your support and generosity

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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**

John McGrath, Alison Walker, Madeleine McLean, Annie, Toni Sice, Rosa Godlewski, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, 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 be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.

The Twenty-First (year B)

Jos 24:1-2;15-18; Ps 33; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-65

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good

Sat 24 Aug 17.30 Thanksgiving & Special Int

Sun 25 Aug

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Dermott Doherty RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 26 Aug

St Teresa's 10.00 John Francis Tofield RIP

Tue 27 Aug

St Monica
No Mass

Wed 28 Aug

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor**
Ann & Richard Pierce RIP

Thur 29 Aug

Holy Family 10.00 **The Passion of John the Baptist**
Fr Barry Hughes RIP

Fri 30 Aug

St Joseph's 10.00 Mike Scoltock RIP, & family

The Twenty-Second (year B)

Deu 4:1-2.6-8; Ps 14; Jm 1:17-18; 21-22.27; Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Sat 31 Aug 17.30 Thanksgiving for new baby

Sun 1 Sept

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Betty and Joseph Murphy RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tues 19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed 10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri 09.00	Exposition before Mass	St Joseph's Church
Sat 15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun 10.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun 12.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

Prayer for Peace To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty I pray: Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations; Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war; Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship; Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace; Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace. O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace. (Pope Saint John Paul II)