

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (year A) 26th November 2023

St Bede's School Signings - about 80 families came to last week's evenings to seek the support of the parish in their "faith child's" application to our "Faith School". Keep them in your prayers as they now wait till March '24 to hear if they have a place there. Meanwhile, pray also that the "faith school of the home" may grow stronger as well. **St Joseph's Primary School signing** will take place in January, please return forms to the school now.

Parish Sunday Lunch - thanks again to the African community for the great success of our last lunch - about 120 people enjoyed the meal! Given the increased numbers and larger space we will try using St Joseph's PNL centre for our next lunch (10th Dec) - this time an Italian theme.

Bereavement Coffee Morning - Grief is a very personal experience but it can help to talk to someone. If you feel that this would be of comfort please come along to our coffee morning on Saturday 9th Dec 10:30am-12noon, St Joseph's PNL Centre- Meeting Room. Trained befrienders will be there, just turn up and you will be most welcome.

Pre order your Christmas Tree, ready for collection from St. Joseph's Pre School, Ladbrooke Rd on 9th Dec. The trees are great quality and a small amount of money from each tree sold will go towards raising funds for the pre-school. Sizes 3-8ft (1m-2.5m) prices £29-49. Please contact the pre-school secretary before 29th Nov to order your tree e: secretary.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com or tel. 07725183135

Book + Circle: Pope Francis' "Laudate Deum" - a short follow on from 'Laudato Si' - (free on the Vatican website) is the next subject. We meet on Thurs 14th Dec at 8pm in St Joseph's Meeting Room. All welcome.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word: On Sat 20th Jan 2024 Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary and practicalities Please register at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/9vii0inm>

'Invited', Preparing for Advent: The Diocesan course continues this season with a series of short films to help you prepare this Advent. Each episode will take you on a journey through the themes of the Advent readings, and there are a great selection of guest speakers. They are also offering the opportunity for you to join an online small group where you can watch and then discuss the films with others, growing in fellowship and praying with like-minded people. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

Advent is coming. Why not take up an opportunity to focus on what matters by signing up for the Advent Simplicity Challenge at ignatiansolidarity.net/advent-simplicity

MISSIO - Red Boxes: Can red box holders please bring their boxes in for emptying and counting. If you would like to know the amount in your box, then put your name and phone number on a slip and put inside the box. If you are a tax payer and want to gift aid, please contact the Parish office. Replace with an empty box from our supply.

Discovering the Diaconate we will have an information evening on Friday 1st Dec 7pm in the meeting room at St Joseph's presented by members of our Diaconate Formation Team led by our very own Deacon Tim. This ordained ministry was renewed in the Church by the 2nd Vatican Council nearly 60 years ago. Might you feel called to serve the Church in this way or just like to know more. Come along and find out, no strings attached!

Our Advent Penitential Service will take place on Friday 15th Dec from 6.30pm - pop the date in your diary now!

Carols in the Belfry, led by The cross church "Enter" worship group with carols and readings, will take place from the ground floor of the Belfry 3-4pm Sunday the 10th of December—come along and join the singing.

Coffee lids - if you have any spare 'Douwe Egberts' glass jar lids, please donate them to the parish, thanks.

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.

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group meet Wednesdays, term time, at 10.30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre.

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

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>

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

Vacancy: P/T Education Officer - Admissions & Place Planning. The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Part-time (0.6 FTE), Salary £27,000-£33,000 depending on experience (FTE: £45,000-£55,000). Closing date 1st December 2023 For more information please email Julie Oldroyd at julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk

The 50/50 Club: We are now taking subscriptions for 2024 for this fun fundraising opportunity in the parish! 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 the winning numbers drawn at random by computer. The more tickets sold the bigger the prize money! 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.

50/50 Draw: The winner of November's £25 is ticket no.13

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1169.94

2nd collection Cathedral Maintenance Fund: £571.15
Next week: Christmas Flowers

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH 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

Angela Brett, Carmel Peaston, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, David Corcoran, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purcell, 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, Sheilaine 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

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Ez 34:11-12.15-17; Ps 22; 1Cor 15:20-26.28; Mt 25:31-46

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Sat 25 Nov

St Joseph's 17.30 Deceased Catenian brothers

Sun 26 Nov

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Lindsay Given

St Teresa's 17.30 Tommy Goodwin RIP

Mon 27 Nov

St Teresa's 10.00 Kitty and Ray Sharpe RIP

Tue 28 Nov

No Mass

Wed 29 Nov

St Joseph's 10.00 John Foxwell RIP

Thur 30 Nov**St Andrew**

Holy Family 10.00 Anne Motion RIP

Fri 1 Dec

St Joseph's 10.00 Justyna & John 9th Wedding Anniv

The First Sunday of Advent (year B)

Is 63:16-17;64:1.3-8; Ps 79; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Response: God of hosts, bring us back

Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

Sat 2 Dec

St Joseph's 17.30 Catherine McCorkell & children

Sun 3 Dec

Holy Family 09.00 Dorothy Gussin RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Int

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

Henry Ainscough RIP His funeral will take place at St Matthias, Worcester Park on Wed 13th Dec at midday followed at Sutton Cemetery

Pat Weller RIP Her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Mon 18th Dec at 10.30am

Please remember them and their families in your prayers