

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## Pentecost Sunday (Year A) 28th May 2023

### Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful...

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, the continuing conflict in Ukraine continues to have a major place in the news and, I am sure, in the minds and hearts of us all. Neither do we forget Sudan, Yemen and the other parts of the world where conflict and tensions between peoples damage the lives of the innocent. Even when such conflicts do cease, so many will continue to carry the scars – both physical and mental – for a very long time. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and my own prayer this Pentecost is that a real openness to this gift will arise in the hearts of all, and especially those in positions of power and influence in this world. I know you will all join with me in this prayer. Our continuing welcome to those who seek refuge in our part of the world is a response, along with our continuing support. We must never forget those who are dispossessed and I would also encourage you to engage with the Refugee Project that continues in the Diocese, so that we can offer assistance to those who seek our help. Your generosity has facilitated grants to families in need, and this work must continue. The outreach of so many across the Diocese is itself a fruit of the Spirit in love, kindness and gentleness. May you be blessed on this great feast and, as we listen this Sunday to the account of the outpouring of the Spirit, may our hearts be ever more open to the Spirit's gifts, that we may continue to bear the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. With every prayer and blessing Bishop Richard

**The Pope answers**, a Spanish film, with English subtitles, in which Pope Francis speaks with young people about very current wide ranging issues facing them is available on Disney+, trailer [https://youtu.be/csQi\\_6BScNU](https://youtu.be/csQi_6BScNU)

**Renewed Hope Trust** are planning to restart the Winter Night Shelter and are looking for more volunteers. For further information please visit: [www.renewedhope.org.uk](http://www.renewedhope.org.uk)

**UCM** meeting Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30 pm St. Teresa's.

**CAFOD:** Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. For more see: [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

**Parish Sunday Lunches:** We are hoping to recommence parish lunches soon, please can any parish groups or individuals who might be hosts 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

**Mental Health Champions:** Our Parish communities should be places of comfort and solace for the troubled and weary. Would you like to support mental wellbeing in your Parish, ensuring that it reaches out to those in need? [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) to find out more about the upcoming Mental Health Champion training days.

**Bereavement Coffee morning:** will resume meetings 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.

**Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral** will be open on Wed 7th June 9.30am – 7pm and Thur 8th June 9.30am – 5.30pm. All welcome. Please contact us at 01903 882297 or [www.arundelcathedral.uk/corpus-christi](http://www.arundelcathedral.uk/corpus-christi)

**Caritas Social Action Network**, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

**A month of prayer for Vocations** Gather, pray, discern, for the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in our diocese. This week, people across our community of faith are invited to read about the variety of spiritual gifts that make the Church (1 Cor 12: 3-13) and pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on our Diocese, to produce many vocations. See the Diocesan website for information.

**Priestly Jubilarians**, everyone is warmly invited to join the annual Jubilarian Mass for priests of our Diocese celebrated at Arundel Cathedral next Thursday (1st June) at 12 noon. Canon Seamus Hester and Fr Anthony Shelley are celebrating 60 yrs of priesthood, Fr Gilmour McDermott: 50 yrs, Fr Aidan Murray OSB and Fr Thomas O'Loughlin 40 yrs, and Fr Rick McGrath and Fr Stanislaw Mycek 25 yrs. May God continue his blessings upon them.

**Congratulations to Eddie Hopkins**, former parishioner and catechist, who is to be ordained to the Diaconate for our Diocese in Westminster Cathedral on Sat 10th June at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend his ordination.

**Parish Grounds** - a few have mentioned that the grass needs cutting - it has been left to grow long deliberately as our J&P group guided us to 'No Mow May', a time to let nature have a chance to flourish. Of course, this means that soon we will need more work to tame things a bit - so if you can offer help please contact the parish office.

**Can you help?** A wild flower area has been proposed as part of our drive to "live simply" in the spirit of Laudato Si. If you have knowledge, skills or equipment that could help us to achieve this please contact the Justice and Peace group as soon as possible [pnljandp@gmail.com](mailto:pnljandp@gmail.com)

**Readers/EMHC's** If you would like to join the rotas across the parish please email: [pnlministries@gmail.com](mailto:pnlministries@gmail.com)

**Please keep our students** in your prayers as GCSE and A' Level exams continue in our schools.

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1021.97

World Communication Sunday: £434.21

Thank you for your support.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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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**

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.*

## The Solemnity of Pentecost (year A)

**Vigil:** Joel 3:1-6; Ps 103; Rms 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Cor 12:3-7.12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Response:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord  
and renew the face of the earth

**Sat 27 May**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Jim Peters RIP

**Sun 28 May**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** John, Anne & Percy Davis RIP

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

**Mon 29 May**

**Mary, the Mother of the Church**

**St Teresa's 10.00** Youngsters with mental health issues

**Tue 30 May**

No Mass

**Wed 31 May**

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**St Joseph's 10.00** Anne Evans RIP

**Thur 1 Jun**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

**Holy Family 10.00** Bishop Christopher Budd RIP

**Fri 2 Jun**

**St Joseph's 10.00** Michael & Trina Daly RIP

## The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (year A)

Ex 34:4-6.8-9; (Dan 3:52-56 r52) 2Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**Response:** To you glory and praise for ever more

**Sat 3 Jun**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Jim Howley RIP

**Sun 4 Jun**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Gratitude and God's protection 2023

**St Teresa's 17.30** Maria Bajada and deceased family members

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

**Sara Gosnell RIP** Her funeral has not yet been arranged.

**Ray Flanagan RIP** His funeral has not yet been arranged

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