

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B) 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Bishop Richard** has issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, marking an important new stage in the development of diocesan parish structures, creating new pathways for apostolic mission and meeting the challenges of an increasingly secular society with renewed confidence and openness to the Holy Spirit.

The Call to Mission focusses on the significant potential of diocesan parish communities to act as "beacons of light... not in an era of change, but in a change of era" consolidating the work already undertaken across the diocese to place prayer, formation, and mission at the heart of diocesan parish and school community life.

The plan reorders the diocese radically: in the coming months, the present 11 deaneries will be re-configured as 11 parishes; priests & deacons will work together, with one of the priests appointed Moderator for each new parish.

The new Pastoral Plan is available on the diocesan website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan) and hard copies are available at the back of the churches.

Bishop Richard also hosted a Pastoral Plan Webinar with Q&A and it is available to watch on the diocesan website.

**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.

**Faith Formation** plans are being made for a short Lenten course for adults - watch this space

**Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group** meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, termtime Wednesdays 10.30am. All welcome

**The Saturday Group** for adults meets on Saturdays 3pm-5.15pm, for chat, games and refreshments. Please join us.

**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)

**Parish Sunday Lunch** a big thanks to our Justice & Peace Group for the wonderful lunch they produced last Sunday. Our next Parish Lunch will be on Sunday 10th February 2024 in the St Joseph's PNL Centre from 12.30pm.

**Book + Circle** now meet bi-monthly, next on Fri 2nd Feb 10.30am, in St Joseph's PNL Meeting Room to discuss "Forming Intentional Disciples" by Sherry Weddell. As always, books are available secondhand on-line. Everyone welcome - even if you haven't managed to read the book.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024** Applications to join our 50th Anniversary Lourdes pilgrimage are now open! For more information or to make your application please visit our website. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**Yellow Bucket Collection.** The parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <https://www.redhill.foodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

**This Friday is The Presentation of the Lord**, known as Candlemas as candles are blessed and handed out during the Mass, It is forty days after Christmas day, and marks an old tradition of the time to take down the crib scene, We will celebrate the Mass at 7pm at St Joseph's, and Fr Stephen Hardaker, our Dean, has kindly agreed to preside. The celebration will continue in the café afterwards so if you can bring a plate of something to share please do.

**Ash Wednesday** is just around the corner, 14th Feb and the morning Mass will be followed by a simple soup lunch—if you can help please contact the parish office.

**Race Night:** Suitable for all ages please join us on Sat 10 Feb for a family race night in the Davis Scout Centre. Tickets are £3 per person with first race at 7pm. There will be refreshments including a light supper but please bring your own drinks. Tote available at 50p per bet. Being run jointly by 17th Reigate Scout Group & 10th Redhill Guides.

**CAFOD Lent Parish Appeal:** Parishioners are invited to hear a talk from Jenny Finlayson the diocesan CAFOD rep about this year's Lent Appeal. The meeting is at the PNL Centre, Redhill on Thur 1 Feb at 7.45 for 8pm. Refreshments. Pray, fast, walk, give - lots of ideas to hear & share.

**Warm Spaces** - during half term week (12-16th Feb) we will be leaving the St Joseph's PNL Centre open 10am-5pm for anyone who wants to come along for a while, either on their own or as a family (no unattended children will be permitted) Wi-Fi available, and the SVP and others will be on hand with a simple lunch and refreshments.

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

**Next Sunday's retiring Collection:** Crib Collection This year all monies donated will go to the Arundel & Brighton Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund.

**Today is Racial Justice Sunday (28 Jan)** The theme is: "Seeing one another in the life of the Church". It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action on our theme and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday. For this year we are celebrating the diversity of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. Our Catholic saints walked in this world as we do and were men and women of heroic virtue that can intercede for us to bring our prayers to the Lord.

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1142.90

Second Collection this weekend:

For Racial Justice Sunday

Next Sunday: Catholic Children's Society crisis fund

Thank you for your support.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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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**

Michael Wood, 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, 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, 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*

**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)**

Deut 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:20-28

**Response:** O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts

**Sat 27 Jan**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Heather Matthews RIP

**Sun 28 Jan**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Annette Purcell and Dennis Ong Int

**St Teresa's 17:30** Private Int

**Mon 29 Jan**

**St Teresa's 10.00** Farrukh family Int

**Tue 30 Jan**

No Mass

**Wed 31 Jan**

**St John Bosco**

**St Joseph's 10.00** no Mass

**Thur 1 Feb**

**Holy Family 10.00** Charlies McCafferty, Kathleen & Liz RIP

**Fri 2 Feb**

**The Feast of Presentation of the Lord**

**St Joseph's 19.00** Celebrant's Int

**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)**

Job 7:1-4.6-7; Ps 146; 1Cor 9:16-19.22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Response:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted

**Sat 3 Feb**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Joan Gale RIP

**Sun 4 Feb**

**Holy Family 09.00** Anne & Tony Trolley 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**

**Gerard Kherbeguian RIP** his funeral will take place on Wed 31st Jan at 11.15am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

**Cynthia Hayes RIP** her funeral will take place on Thurs 1st Feb at 2.30pm at Worth Abbey.

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