

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (year B) 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Sacramental Preparation Programmes** keep an eye on the newsletter and an ear at notices during the Sunday Masses for the start of the programmes of preparation for Holy Communion (those going into school year 4 and above) and Confirmation (those going into school year 10 and above). Naturally, the best preparation for our children is the faith and example of the family, and your prayers as parents are vitally important, so getting preparing!

**There is a new Sunday Missal** for the faithful in production with a starting price of about £20 which will be available in our Repository. For more details visit our Bishops Liturgy website: <https://liturgyoffice.org.uk>

**Reception Places at St Joseph's Primary School:** there are still places available for September resulting from a low birth rate across Surrey. Please contact the school office for any more information and an application pack.

**6th August 2024** is the 79th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Between 10.00am and midday on Tuesday August 6th a local peace group will have a stall near or under the Harlequin (where Redhill Library used to be) and reflect on what happened when the first nuclear bomb was used in warfare. Please visit and lend your support.

**Parish Sunday Lunches.** Please note there will not be a Parish Lunch during August. We are completing the new rota and if your group has any requests for specific months please contact the parish office asap. Thank you for continuing to support this great parish social event

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

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

**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.

**The Fourth World Day** for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 28 July 2024. Pope Francis has given the day the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" from Psalm 71:9. As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren. See the Bishops website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly/>

**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](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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 3rd Aug 10:30am-12noon, St Joseph's PNL Centre- Meeting Room. Trained befrienders will be there, and there is no need to book, just turn up and you will be most welcome. Please note the change of date, now the first Sat of the month until the end of the year.

**Pastoral Plan Update** - Bishop Richard has written to the parishes of the old Redhill deanery to confirm that in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan the parishes of Caterham, Oxted and Warlingham, and Redhill, Reigate & Merstham will in due course become one moderated parish. The previous parishes of the old Epsom deanery will likewise become another moderated parish. This is to replicate the plan across the Diocese to form 11 parishes from the existing 70+ parishes we currently have. Bishop Richard intends to appoint Fr Tony Bridson to be the moderator for this area in East Surrey when the new parish eventually comes into existence. As a first step on that path, the Diocesan pastoral planning team will be meeting with the clergy sometime in the autumn. For copies of the pastoral plan please see our Diocesan Website <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bishop-richards-new-pastoral-plan>

**Volunteers needed:** The Parish needs your support. Please consider volunteering, it does not have to be a big time commitment and can be as much as you are able to offer, many roles need only one or two hours a month. Examples where volunteers are needed are: church cleaning, flower arranging, children's liturgy, the sacramental preparation programmes, musicians, welcomers, fire marshals. Training and mentoring is available should you need.

**UCM Social Meeting,** Wednesday 31st July at 7pm in The Feathers, High Street, Merstham.

**50 50 Club:** July's £40 prize winner is no.76. If you would like to know more about this monthly fun way of raising money for the parish email [5050club.pnl@gmail.com](mailto:5050club.pnl@gmail.com)

**Thinking of the Priesthood** - In our Diocese we have a St John Vianney Group meeting 4/5 Sundays each year. It is a group for men aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. To find out more, or just chat about vocations contact our vocations director, Fr Tristan Cranfield: [tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org](mailto:tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org)

**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: £1293.68

Second Collection for Stella Maris £490.54

Thank you for your support and generosity

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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**

John McGrath, John Carey, 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, Tomasi-na 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 Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (year B)

2Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 144; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**Response:** You open wide your hand, O Lord and grant our desires

<b>Sat 27 Jul</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Seamus Keene RIP
<b>Sun 28 Jul</b>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>09.00</b>	People of the parish
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11.00</b>	T C Maximillion RIP
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Private Intention
<b>Mon 29 Jul</b>		<b>St Martha, Mary, &amp; Lazarus</b>
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Ina Clare RIP
<b>Tue 30 Jul</b>		No Mass
<b>Wed 31 Jul</b>		<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, priest</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Monia Peters RIP
<b>Thur 1 Aug</b>		<b>St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Funeral Mass for Matthew Carroll
<b>Fri 2 Aug</b>		
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	In Thanksgiving

## The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (year B)

Ex 16:2-4; Ps 77; Eph 4:17.20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**Response:** You open wide your hand, O Lord and grant our desires

<b>Sat 3Aug</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Margaret McBrien RIP
<b>Sun 4 Aug</b>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>09.00</b>	Chris Fisher RIP
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11.00</b>	People of the parish
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	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

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

**Matthew Carroll RIP** his funeral will take place on Thurs 1st August at 10.30am at Holy Family followed at Redstone cemetery

**Please remember him and his family in your prayers**