

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The First Sunday of Advent (year A) - 30th November 2025

Advent: A Time to Prepare for the Coming of the Lord. All are warmly invited to the final inspiring session, which begins at 8pm on Thursday 4th Dec in the PNL Centre, St Joseph's Church. Bishop Robert Barron offers *Advent Reflections*. Light refreshments are provided, and we conclude by 9.30pm. All welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Advent: to help us prepare for the coming of the Lord from 7-8pm at St Joseph's Church on Fri 5th & 12th Dec. All welcome.

Advent Opportunities for Reconciliation the sacrament of God's Forgiveness will be offered with visiting priests at our Advent Service on Fri 19th Dec, 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church. There will also be priests visiting St Bede's on Wed 3rd during lunchtime, and St Joseph's Primary School on Thurs & Fri for years 5 & 6. You may like to encourage your children to come along.

Missio Red Boxes -- Please bring your boxes for counting and give them to the sacristans & take an empty box from the back of the Churches. Please leave your name and phone number inside the box and indicate if gift-aided & would like to know how much was inside, thanks!

St Catherine's Hospice: Our Justice & Peace group invite you to an introduction to our new parish charity at 8pm on Wed 10th Dec in St Joseph's Cafe. The Hospice Fundraising Coordinator will tell us about the work of the hospice and the various ways PNL can support them

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word: on Sat 24th Jan from 11am-4pm at St Michael's Church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary. To book please go to the Events of the diocesan website or <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5>

St Joseph's Supplementary Form signing will be in January 2026 - please submit your forms to the school first, and keep an eye on the newsletter

Christmas Trees available to pre order from St. Joseph's Pre-School. Available for collection from the Pre School on the 13th December. Trees at competitive rates (3-4ft £29, 4-5ft £33, 5-6ft £36, 6-7ft £42, 7-8ft £49). Each tree sold raises funds for the Pre School. For more information Debs Watson email secretary.stjosephsredhill@gmail.com or ring 07725183135). Orders by 3rd Dec.

St Joseph's Primary School: Christmas Fayre is on Sat 6th Dec, 11am-2pm. Christmas games, crafts, music, food and drink, and a fantastic raffle of Rainbow Coloured Hampers full of colourful treats! Please come along and help us raise funds for the school! All welcome

Our Annual Simbang Gabi (Mass at Dawn) will be on Saturday 20th December at 7am at St Joseph's Church, followed by shared Filipino breakfast- all are welcome.

50/50 Club: The winner of the November draw is no. 3.

Bereavement Coffee Morning - If you would like to come to our coffee morning, Sat 6th Dec from 10:30am, in the Meeting Room, St Joseph's PNL Centre, trained befrienders will be there & you will be very welcome.

Parish Youth Group for 13-18yrs meets every first Sunday of the month (next meeting Sun 7th Dec) **from 3-5pm** at the PNL centre at St Joseph's. We will be offering opportunities to have fun with new friends, time to explore faith and ask questions. If your child would like to attend please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com so that we can send a parental consent form & details.

Parish Sunday Lunch on Sun 14th Dec at the PNL Centre at St Joseph's from 12.30pm, hosted by our choir. Come with family & friends & your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

Carols in the Belfry on Sun 14th Dec from 3pm on the stage on the ground floor. All welcome.

Candlelit Carols At St Marys Church Bletchingley on Sun 21st Dec 3pm. All warmly welcome

ESOL teachers urgently needed If you have a TEFL or CELTA qualification, and time to teach English to (mostly women) refugees in Redhill for 90 mins on Monday or Wednesday mornings in term-time - please contact Rev Hazel Forecast at hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk.

PNL Book + Circle: The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th December at 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's to discuss "God Is Not Angry" by Ian Pettit. All welcome. For a flavour of our animated discussions, see the parish website under 'Parish Groups'.

St Joseph's Preschool & 17th Reigate Scouts invite the parish community to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 13th December from 10am -12.30pm in the main hall in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. Join us for family fun, live music, games, stalls and prizes! All welcome.

Cafod reminds us a better world need all of us and provides thoughts and prayers for living more simply this advent - check out their website for good ideas

Friends of the Holy Land. On Sun 13th Dec, Edmund Adamus of Friends of the Holy Land, will speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk

The 2nd Collection next weekend is for Christmas flowers in our churches. Thank you for your generosity.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £964.78
Cathedral Maintenance Fund £388.46

Retiring Collection next weekend: Christmas Flowers
Thank you for your support and generosity

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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

Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Andrew & Mary Wilson, Ron Smales, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick & 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 First Sunday of Advent (year A)

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rms 13:11-14a; Mt 24:37-44

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Sat 29 Nov		
St Joseph's	17.30	John Foxwell RIP
Sun 30 Nov		
Holy Family	09.00	Anne Motion RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The people of the parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 1 Dec		
St Teresa's	10.00	Peter Sharples RIP

Tue 2 Dec		
St Joseph's	no Mass	

Wed 3 Dec		St Francis Xavier
St Joseph's	10.00	Maureen Conroy RIP

Thur 4 Dec		
Holy Family	10.00	Justyna & John's 11th Wedding Anniv

Fri 5 Dec		
St Joseph's	10.00	Patrick Brady RIP

The Second Sunday of Advent (year A)

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rms 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Response: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

Sat 29 Nov		
St Joseph's	17.30	Orlando Villarreal Ahumada RIP
Sun 30 Nov		
Holy Family	09.00	Brigid Murphy RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The people of the parish
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

Mon	09.30	Morning Prayer	St Teresa's Church
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

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.
Henri J.M. Nouwen (1932-1996)