

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### New parish email address: [pnl@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pnl@abdiocese.org.uk)

Please note that we have a new parish email address which has been given to us by the Diocese and helps with GDPR compliancy. The old address ([pnlparish@btconnect.com](mailto:pnlparish@btconnect.com)) had been severely restricted by our supplier, BT Business, effectively being made obsolete, at short notice. Please amend your email address book.

**2023/4 Sacramental Programmes:** Congratulations again to our newly confirmed young people and our First Holy Communion children, it is wonderful to see them coming again and again to the 'Table of the Lord' to keep His day holy. Our new programmes will be starting in the Autumn so keep an eye on the newsletter and listen out at Mass for further details. The guide age for Confirmation will be school year 10+ and for Holy Communion will be children in school year 4+

**Could you help** with our sacramental programmes? With some 100 children each year preparing for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and nearly 50 youngsters approaching Confirmation we are always looking for folks who could help nurture their faith. Our baptism and marriage preparation programmes might also be places you could help—have a think, a pray, and then offer!

**Parish Sunday Lunches:** We are planning to start these in October, might you volunteer with a group to host one of them? Please contact the parish office to find out more

**Safeguarding Training:** Creating a Safer Environment training sessions (all on Zoom). This training is aimed at PSR's, Group Leaders, and Coordinators of activities in parishes: Thur 10th, Wed 16th Aug; Wed 6th Sept. To register please visit: [safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Parents, babies and toddlers group** has a rest for the summer and will start again on Wed 13 Sept.

**The Winter Night Shelter** will be hosted at St Joseph's on Tuesday evenings, if you can help contact the parish office

**Book + Circle** Our summer book is a novel "Small Miracles" by Anne Booth about a community of nuns who win the lottery - make it your holiday read? Then, come & join us to chat about it: Fri 25th Aug at St Joseph's after Mass.

**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>

**Children's Liturgy of the Word, an update:** we are looking to restart our children's liturgy within the requirements of our Diocesan Safeguarding policy. It will be run by DBS certified volunteers and children will need to be pre-registered and numbers will be limited to observe strict child to adult ratios in line with Diocese guidance. A number of volunteers have come forward and we are processing their DBS and online safeguarding training, but we need more in order to run a rota and ensure adequate backup. Please email the parish if you could help.

**Readers/EMHC's Rotas**—we are starting the rotas this weekend but we need more volunteers to come on board. If you would like to join email: [pnlministries@gmail.com](mailto:pnlministries@gmail.com)

**Moat House Surgery Car Park:** can we remind all parishioners who attend Mass at St Teresa's Church **NOT** to park in the surgery car park opposite which is private.

**Quinquennial Inspections** our 5 yearly property inspections by contracted surveyors are taking place soon - if you have noticed something structurally that needs attention please email the parish office with your observations.

**50 50 Club:** July's £25 prize winner is no. 22. 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)

**CAFOD update:** there is still time to sign a letter to the World Bank in support of small-scale farmers: see their website for more information: 'Fix the food system'.

**Bereavement Coffee mornings** will resume meeting 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.

**How Catholics can prepare for a funeral,** our Bereavement team are planning an information evening in the Autumn to consider some of the aspects involved - watch this space for more details nearer the time

**The Saturday Group** is a social group for adults and we meet at St Joseph's, Saturdays 3pm—5.15pm. Please join us for a chat, games, a drink, & sometimes even singing

**Life Ascending Parish Group** meet on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 11 to noon in the PNL Meeting Room. All retired or semi-retired parishioners very welcome. We share a spiritual reading and finish with the Angelus & prayers for any intentions we may have. More about Life Ascending on their website [www.lifeascending.org.uk](http://www.lifeascending.org.uk)

**Diocesan Catechists' Day Sat 23rd Sept:** At Worth School from 10:30am – 4pm - A day of formation, prayer, and conversation for existing catechists (Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage and RCIA) or those interested in this vocation. Please contact Jon Harman 01293 651146 - Register: [www.abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fz3ea0s3](http://www.abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fz3ea0s3)

**Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon** in aid of The Passage - Sunday 8th October 2023 <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

**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: £1275.49  
Thank you for your support.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373  
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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:**

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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**

Victoria Pitt, Linda Corcoran, 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, 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, Sheilane 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.*

**Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)**

Kgs 3:5.7-12; Ps 118; Rms 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

**Response:** Lord, how I love your law

**Sat 29 Jul**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Sally Gonzales RIP

**Sun 30 Jul**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Ann & David Green

**St Teresa's 17.30** Alf Tyrrell

**Mon 31 Jul**

**St Ignatius Loyola, Priest**

**St Teresa's 10.00** Special Int

**Tue 1 Aug**

**St Alphonus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor**

No Mass

**Wed 2 Aug**

**St Joseph's 10.30** Funeral Mass for Mary Tilton RIP

**Thur 3 Aug**

**Holy Family 10.00** Special Int

**Fri 4 Aug**

**St Joseph's 10.00** Monica Peters RIP

**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)**

Is 55:1-3; Ps 144; Rms 8:35.37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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

**Sat 5 Aug**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Jennifer Healy RIP

**Sun 6 Aug**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** Margaret McBrien RIP

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Int

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**

**Luz de Castro RIP** Her funeral has not yet been arranged

**Dorothy Gussin RIP** Her funeral will take place on Mon 31st July at 11.45am at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

**Mary Tilton RIP** Her funeral will take place on Wed 2nd Aug at 10.30am at St Joseph's Church followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

**Mary Steer RIP** Her funeral will take place on Fri 1st Sept at 10.30am at St Joseph's Church followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium.

**James McSorley** His funeral will take place on Fri 1st Sept 2.30pm at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

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