

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Feast of the Holy Family (year B) 31st December 2023

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas season and all the best for 2024!

And many thanks for all the hard work of those who helped us celebrate Christmas, those who prepared the flowers and decorations, those who put up the trees and the crib scenes, those who cleaned the churches, the readers, servers and the musicians who enriched the liturgy, and everyone who helped in any way - around 1500 people passed through the doors over the 4 Masses! Thanks from Deacon Tim and Fr Tony for all your kind words, prayers, cards, and gifts. Thanks, also, for your kind Christmas offering. The Christmas season continues with the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend and then onto the Solemnity of the Epiphany next weekend, finishing with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Monday 8th Jan). We continue to leave the Crib scene until February 2nd which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), you may like to do the same in your homes as a reminder that God has come to us and is with us always.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024 - we will be running an 'Explore Confirmation' evening on Thurs 18th Jan for our young people in Yr. 10 or above to find out "What is Confirmation and how can we prepare for it?". Come, talk and listen with friends to see what God offers to us through this wonderful sacrament. If parents would like to register interest please email the team at confpnl@gmail.com

Adult Confirmation if you have been baptised catholic but for whatever reason have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and would like to explore how to do this please contact the parish office.

St Joseph's Pre-School have spaces available for Jan 2024 intakes (those children born between Sep 2020 - Aug 2021). For further information and details, contact the Admissions Secretary (Chow Treadwell) on admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk or 07847 221367

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group will resume on Wednesdays, from 10.30am, in the New Year - all welcome

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School If you are applying for a place please follow the instructions on the school website and return the supplementary forms to school before 15th Jan 2024. Fr Tony will be available to meet families and sign the forms in St Joseph's PNL Centre on the following dates:

Wednesday 17th January - 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 18th January - 4pm - 7pm

Friday 19th January - 4pm - 7pm

No need to book just come along with your child. Please pass this message around as well.

Winter Night Shelter training session on Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm at the chapel based in Shrewsbury Road Redhill for any one who would like to volunteer.

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

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese which will be released in the New Year called 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The new Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website on Tuesday 2 January: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan with hard copies available to read in each parish. Bishop Richard met with members of clergy, and will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on Wednesday 10 January at 7.30pm. There is no need to register for this event, please use the following the link to join the presentation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

Life Ascending Parish Group meet on Wed 3rd January at 11am-noon in St Joseph's PNL Meeting Room. All retired or semi-retired parishioners very welcome. More about Life Ascending on their website www.lifeascending.org.uk

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

December Special Double Draw: £30, tickets 34 and 96

Crib Collection This year all monies donated will go to the Arundel & Brighton Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Second collection on the Epiphany to raise funds for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem to support its outreach to those affected by the conflict in the Holy Land.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1253.84

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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SCHOOLS:

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St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk

PARISH WEBSITE:

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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 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 Purcell, 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 Feast of the Holy Family (year B)

Gen 15:1-6.21:1-3; Ps 104; Heb 11:8.11-12;.17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Response: He, the Lord is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever

Sat 30 Dec

St Joseph's 17.30 Special Int

Sun 31 Dec

Holy Family 09.00 Chris Fisher RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17:30 Catherine John RIP

Mon 1 Jan 2024

St Joseph's 11.00 **The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

Deceased priests and benefactors

Tue 2 Jan

St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

No Mass

Wed 3 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 Nina Mphutlane-Taole RIP

Thur 4 Jan

Holy Family 10.00 Bob & Chris Daly RIP

Fri 5 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 Bourke & Reade Family RIP

The Epiphany of the Lord (year B)

Is 60:1-6; Ps 71; Eph 3:2-3;5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Sat 6 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Margaret McBrien RIP

Sun 7 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 Tom Schrogter RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17:30 Anne Moon RIP

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

Kay French RIP her funeral will take place on Thurs 11th Jan at 10.30am at Holy Family Church followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Joan Gale RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers