

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 3rd September 2023

New parish email address: 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) had been severely restricted by our supplier, BT Business, effectively being made obsolete, at short notice. Please amend your email address book.

2023/4 First Holy Communion Programme We are running this course for children entering school year 4 and above starting in the autumn. The best preparation comes from the family, and the growing presence/familiarity the children can have with the Mass and the 'rhythm of faith' that we celebrate Sunday by Sunday through the seasons of the Church's year. If you have a child entering year 4+ and would like to join the programme please email: frfhcpnl@gmail.com before 24th September

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

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

Our Catholic faith – do you want to learn a little more about our Faith? Do you have questions you would like to explore in an informal, friendly setting with other parishioners for about an hour, with drinks and light refreshments provided. We are delighted to run 3 new sessions this autumn focusing on eternal life and our hope for Heaven: Week 1, Thurs 28 Sept: *The Holy Spirit – no one gets into Heaven alone.* Week 2, Thurs 5 Oct: *Forgiveness, healing and the Sacrament of the Sick.* Week 3, Thurs 12 Oct: *Mary and the hope of Heaven – our longing for eternal life* The sessions includes a short film, with Fr Stephen Wang, who has a real gift for sharing the richness of the Catholic faith. Start time 8.00pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. All welcome, for information: pnlfaithformation@gmail.com

Enquirers group (RCIA) if you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or as an adult catholic you would like to 'catch-up' on the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and Holy Communion) a group meets regularly on a Monday evening and you would be most welcome. For more information please email rcia.pnl@gmail.com

Season Of Creation 1st Sept-4th Oct - Webinar invite Tues 12th Sept 7pm - Call of Creation: Reading the Signs of the Times - with Cafod in conversation with Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Fiji and Sr Margaret Atkins. Please go to <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/signsoftimes> to register. Please go to laudatosimovement.org for more information about this ecumenical season - and/or come along to the parish Justice and Peace group on Wed 13th Sept in the meeting room at St Joseph's.

Church Library - a number of religious books have been donated to the parish and are available at the entrance of St Joseph's—please feel free to browse and borrow at no cost any that may be of interest - return them afterwards!

Volunteers Party Plans are developing for a celebration evening to which anyone and everyone who does anything in the parish is invited - the evening is planned for Fri 20th Oct in the PNL Centre St Josephs, details to follow.

Life Ascending Parish Group meet on Wed 6th Sept 11am - noon in St Joseph's meeting room. All retired or semi-retired parishioners very welcome. More about Life Ascending on their website www.lifeascending.org.uk

A Memorial Service for our children: If you have lost a child of whatever age or stage of life, there will be a memorial service for them to which you are warmly invited. Please tell your friends. Thursday 14th September at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church. This will be followed by light refreshments in the Café. All are welcome.

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

A "Magical Music Marathon" in aid of Practical Action- Can you help to fill St Joseph's Church with music on Saturday 21 October from 10am to 10pm? Music makers of all types and ages are invited to participate - single instruments, groups, choirs will all be welcome. Welcomers, refreshment helpers etc will also be needed. Fill in a form (in churches) or contact pnljandp@gmail.com

Have you ever thought about being a priest, or know someone who has? Our diocesan vocations director, Fr Tristan Cranfield, is planning several days of reflection for men to start discerning God's call in earnest. It's not always easy to know if God is calling you to priesthood; these days will aim to explore some simple tools for finding out, time for prayer and an opportunity to learn more about the diocesan priest, along with other men following the same path. Certainty is not required - the day may be just a chance for you to start your thinking, pray and ask questions. The first such day is Saturday 14th October - please contact vocations@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

Parish safeguarding - please note our parish safeguarding has a new email address: sg1.pnl@abdiocese.org.uk

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

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

Readers/EMHC's - new rotas for the autumn are being prepared and we need more volunteers to spread the load. Please email: pnlministries@gmail.com

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1092.42
Second collection next Weekend: Education Sunday
Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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SCHOOLS:

St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367
www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk

St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

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

PARISH WEBSITE:

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH 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**

Francesco Ambrosio, David 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 Purcell, 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, Sheilaine 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.

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62; Rms 12:1-2; Mt 16: 21-27

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

Sat 2 Sep

St Joseph's 17.30 Kevin Gavin RIP

Sun 3 Sep

Holy Family 09.00 Zillah Pittock's int

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Private int

Mon 4 Sep

St Teresa's 10.00 Susan & Kelvin Jackson 50th Wed Annv

Tue 5 Sep

No Mass

Wed 6 Sep

St Joseph's 10.00 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thur 7 Sep

Holy Family 10.00 Farrukh family Int

Fri 8 Sep

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Joseph's 10.00 John Tan & Anna Pak, and family RIP

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

Jer 33:7-9; Ps 94; Rms 13:8-10; Mt 18: 15-20

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts

Sat 9 Sep

St Joseph's 17.30 Manuel Oliveveira RIP

Sun 10 Sep

Holy Family 09.00 John Tofield RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

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 SOUL OF

Robert Flanagan RIP His funeral will take place on Monday 18th Sept 2.45pm at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Please remember him and his family in your prayers