

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B) 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Bishop Richard** has issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, marking an important new stage in the development of diocesan parish structures, creating new pathways for apostolic mission and meeting the challenges of an increasingly secular society with renewed confidence and openness to the Holy Spirit.

The Call to Mission focusses on the significant potential of diocesan parish communities to act as "beacons of light... not in an era of change, but in a change of era" consolidating the work already undertaken across the diocese to place prayer, formation, and mission at the heart of diocesan parish and school community life. The plan reorders the diocese radically: in the coming months, the present 11 deaneries will be re-configured as 11 parishes; priests & deacons will work together, with one of the priests appointed Moderator for each new parish.

The new Pastoral Plan is available on the diocesan website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan) and hard copies are available at the back of the churches. Bishop Richard also hosted a Pastoral Plan Webinar with Q&A and it is available to watch on the diocesan website.

**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.

**Adoration** every Wednesday during Lent at St Joseph's starting 21st February 7pm – 8pm you are invited to spend time praying quietly in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Our Catholic Faith** – During Lent the Faith Formation team are preparing 3 sessions for all to get involved with the Diocese Invited programme. Each session involves a short film and time to reflect on a few key questions.

**7<sup>th</sup> March** *What is the Church and how do we fit in?* (Fr Thomas Mannion)

**14<sup>th</sup> March** *A reflection on Reconciliation* (Fr Kevin Dring)

**21st March** *A talk about Holy Week and a reflection on the Paschal mystery* (Fr Gabriel Dobson)

Start time 8pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. Drinks and light refreshments provided. Attend one or all sessions, just come along.

**Life Ascending Parish Group.** This Wednesday 7th February we are not holding our usual meeting as it is our turn to host the Southwark and Arundel/Brighton Leaders meeting. Parish Life Ascending members are very welcome to come to the meeting 11.30am to 1.30pm (or sooner) but can leave when you wish of course.

**Race Night:** Suitable for all ages please join us on Sat 10 Feb for a family race night in the Davis Scout Centre. Tickets are £3 per person with first race at 7pm. There will be refreshments including a light supper but please bring your own drinks. Tote available at 50p per bet. Being run jointly by 17th Reigate Scout Group & 10th Redhill Guides.

**Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group** meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, termtime Wednesdays 10.30am. All welcome

**Parish Sunday Lunch** next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the **PNL Centre at St Joseph's** at 12.30pm and hosted by our 'Couples for Christ' group. Everyone is welcome so come with family and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

**Ash Wednesday** is just around the corner, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb and the morning Mass will be followed by a simple soup lunch—if you can help please contact the parish office.

**CAFOD Soup 'Brunch'** On Friday 23 February the J & P group will serve a simple soup brunch after morning Mass. There will be a collection for the annual CAFOD Lent Appeal.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am in 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.

**Warm Spaces** - during half term week (12-16th Feb) we will be leaving the St Joseph's PNL Centre open 10am-5pm for anyone who wants to come along for a while, either on their own or as a family (no unattended children will be permitted) Wi-Fi available, and the SVP and others will be on hand with a simple lunch and refreshments.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024** Applications to join our 50th Anniversary Lourdes pilgrimage are now open! For more information or to make your application please visit our website. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal:** Our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes is a significant event in our Diocesan Calendar. Each year, we take around 700 pilgrims to Lourdes, including 150 Assisted pilgrims who need our help to make the journey. As a Pilgrimage family we travel together in response to the call of Our Blessed Mother to St Bernadette. The Pilgrimage relies on the efforts of volunteers and generous donors to enable it to offer financial assistance to Assisted Pilgrims. The second collection next weekend 11<sup>th</sup> February is for the Diocesan Lourdes Appeal. Please be generous. For more information please visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**This Sunday's retiring Collection:** Crib Collection This year all monies donated will go to the Arundel & Brighton Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund.

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1141.51  
Racial Justice Sunday 418.39

Second Collection this weekend is for  
Catholic Children's Society crisis fund

Second Collection next weekend is for  
Lourdes Pilgrimage fund.

Thank you for your support.

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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**

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 Purtell, 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)

Job 7:1-4.6-7; Ps 146; 1Cor 9:16-19.22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Response:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted

**Sat 3 Feb**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Joan Gale RIP  
**Sun 4 Feb**  
**Holy Family 09.00** Anne & Tony Trolley RIP  
**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish  
**St Teresa's 17:30** Private Int

**Mon 5 Feb St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
**St Teresa's 10.00** Rita Eardley RIP

**Tue 6 Feb** No Mass

**Wed 7 Feb** No Mass

**Thur 8 Feb** No Mass

**Fri 9 Feb** No Mass

## The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)

Lev 13:1-2.44- 46; Ps 31; 1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Response:** You are my refuge,  
O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation

**Sat 10 Feb**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Peggy Wheeldon RIP  
**Sun 11 Feb**  
**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** Ben Conneety RIP  
**St Teresa's 17:30** Private Int

## 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

**Peter Weston** his funeral will take place on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.30pm at St Joseph's Church at 10.30am

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