

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 6th August 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 will be running this programme 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 register interest to join the programme please email: frfhcpnl@gmail.com

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!

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'.

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

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

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>

Can you help with accommodation, possibly a room in a house: A Ukrainian mother living in Newcastle, would like to relocate to Redhill, Reigate, Merstham to be near her children who attend school locally. If you can help please contact the parish office.

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 have started the rotas but we need more volunteers to spread the load. If you would like to join the rota please email: pnlministries@gmail.com

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.

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.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has produced a pilgrimage themed summer edition of their regular podcast 'At the Foot of the Cross' - whether you're staying at home or travelling abroad, there's always time to walk with the Lord and deepen your faith. You can find out more and listen on their website

Thinking of buying a Sunday Missal or Bible - it has been announced that the much promised new translation of the scriptures contained within the Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024. This new edition uses the "English Standard Version – Catholic Edition" for the readings and 'The Abbey' translation for the psalms & canticles

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.

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

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

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: £1204.81
Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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

St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
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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**

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.

The Feast of the Transfiguration (year A)

Dan 7:9-10.13-14; Ps 96; 2Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth

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

Mon 7 Aug

St Teresa's 10.00 Paul Byrne RIP

Tue 8 Aug

St Dominic, Priest
No Mass

Wed 9 Aug

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**
Danny Lyons RIP

Thur 10 Aug

Holy Family 10.00 **St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**
Maureen Conroy 90th Birthday

Fri 11 Aug

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Clare, Virgin**
Anne Grier's wellbeing

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A)

1Kngs 19:9.11-13; Ps 84; Rms 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

Sat 12 Aug

St Joseph's 17.30 Virgilio Pineda Senior RIP

Sun 13 Aug

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Roy Peaston (40th Anniv) 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

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