

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (year B) 8th September 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is seeing some changes as they start the new year. Mrs Tamsyn Lawlor has been promoted to the role of executive headteacher within the Xavier Multi-Academy Trust, with oversight of St Joseph's and the Sacred Heart (Caterham) Primary Schools, and we welcome Mr Thomas Hall who has been appointed Head of School. We wish the children and all the staff a happy return to school - keep them in your prayers.

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

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 Sep - 4th Oct This year's theme is "to hope and act with Creation"; an invitation to transform our damaging behaviours into ones that bring about the fruitfulness of Creation. More info and ideas on the Journey to 2030 website including an invitation to CAFOD's Pioneering Parishes webinar on Wed 4th Sept 7-8pm.

Parish Exposition – Bishops, clergy, & people from across England and Wales are journeying to St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham on Sat 14 Sept. On Sunday 15 Sept the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

Parents, babies and toddlers group meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, on Wednesdays 10.30am. All welcome

Marriage Encounter For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment experiences. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and discover God's desire for their marriage. The Marriage Encounter weekend and on-line experience are an opportunity to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter Experience. Our next experience is: Non-Residential at Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ 21-22 Sept 2024

Diocesan weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese. Please click on the link below to sign up, it's a great way to stay in touch! <https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist>

Welcome to Fr Richard Madders who will be covering Masses this weekend.

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

Parish Sunday Lunch today Sunday (8th Sept) 12.30pm in the PNL Centre, St Joseph's. All welcome - come with family & friends and meet your fellow parishioners. There is no need to book, bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome. If you can help with preparations for any of the Sunday lunches please contact the parish office

Volunteers Party Plans are beginning for a celebration evening to which anyone and everyone who does anything in the parish is invited - keep an eye on the newsletter and if you can help organise the evening or offer entertainment, then just volunteer by contacting the parish office.

Catechists' Formation Day on Saturday 21 September 11am - 4pm at Worth School. For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: Any queries please email E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

The Winter Night Shelter will be hosted at St Joseph's on Tuesday evenings, if you can help contact the parish office. For information please visit: www.renewedhope.org.uk

Weekday Masses - please check the newsletter and website for weekday Masses for the next while as occasions for Mass may vary - check local parish's times as well.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass: on Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

What is the Price of Modern Slavery; Do you want to know the answer to this and other questions such as What is it? Where is it? What can I do? Why should I care? Then come to Southwark Against Modern Slavery's event at Reigate Methodist Church Saturday 19th October 2024 10.00am – 3.00pm We have invited some experts in the field of Modern Slavery, including Bishop Richard Moth.

Mission Appeal next weekend. Fr. Robert Sowa, a priest of the Xaverian Missionaries, will make a Mission Appeal for the work of the Xaverians at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous in supporting the work of the Church throughout the world.

The Second Collection today **Sunday 8th September** is for Education Sunday and the Catholic Education Service.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £939.54
2nd Collection this weekend is for Education Sunday
2nd Collection next weekend is Mission Appeal
Thank you for your support and generosity

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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**

John McGrath, Alison Walker, Madeleine McLean, Annie, Toni Sice, Rosa Godlewski, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, 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 the sick and housebound of our parish.

If you, or someone you know, is sick & housebound and would like to be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.

The Twenty-Third (year B)

Is 35:4-7; Ps 145; Jm 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Response: My soul give praise to the Lord

Sat 7 Sept 17.30 Carmel Peaston RIP
Sun 8 Sept
Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Laura Lievano Bezdil, thanksgiving
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 9 Sept
St Teresa's No Mass

Tue 10 Sept No Mass

Wed 11 Sept
St Joseph's No Mass

Thur 12 Sept
Holy Family No Mass

Fri 13 Sept St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor
St Joseph's 10.00 Private Intention

The Twenty-Fourth (year B)

Is 50:5-9; Ps 114; Jm 2:14-8; Mk 8:27-35

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

Sat 14 Sept 17.30 Moya McCormick RIP
Sun 15 Sept
Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 In thanksgiving for Maria Plazas and Roberta Garzon
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tues 19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed 10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri 09.00	Exposition before Mass	St Joseph's Church
Sat 15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun 10.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun 12.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

Prayer for Peace To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty I pray: Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations; Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war; Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship; Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace; Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace. O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace. (Pope Saint John Paul II)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Jean Longley RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember her and her family in your prayers