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The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (year B) 7th January 2024

Happy New Year 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 Solemnity of the Epiphany this weekend and finishes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Monday 8th Jan). We continue to leave the Crib scene until Friday 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 remains dwelling amongst us always.

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 in a radical way: 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 parish.

The new Pastoral Plan is available on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan and hard copies are available at the back of the churches.

Bishop Richard will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar with Q&A for 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>.

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

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) on admissions@stjosephspre-schoolredhill.co.uk or 07847 221367

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group will resume on Wed 10th Jan, from 10.30am. All welcome.

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 13th January 10:30am-12noon, St Joseph's PNL Centre - Meeting Room. Trained befrienders will be there, no need to book, just turn up.

The Saturday Group for adults will resume meeting Saturday 13 January 3pm—5.15pm. Please join us.

St Joseph's Catholic 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 24. Fr Tony will be available to meet families and sign 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.

Parish Sunday Lunch next Sunday 14th January at the PNL Centre at St Joseph's 12.30pm start and hosted by our Justice & Peace Group. Everyone is welcome so come with family and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

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

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

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: £1425.55

Second Collection this weekend:
To support outreach in the Holy Land
Next weekend for Pax Christi

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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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 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 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

Mon 8 Jan

The Baptism of the Lord

St Teresa's 10.00 Special Int

Tue 9 Jan

No Mass

Wed 10 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 Eileen Durnin Int

Thur 11 Jan

Holy Family 10.30 Funeral Mass for Kay French RIP

Fri 12 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 In Thanksgiving

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)

1Sm 3:3-10.19; Ps 39; 1Cor 6:13-15.17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Response: Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will

Sat 13 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Rita Powell RIP

Sun 14 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 Special Int

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish

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

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 will take place on Mon 22nd Jan at 11am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, followed at The Baptist Church Woodhatch

Valerie Richards RIP, who died on 30th December after a very short illness. Valerie was an active member of the Parish until she moved away and will be remembered by many. Her funeral will be in Rugby on 24th January.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers