

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Easter Sunday (Year A) 9th April 2023

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia Alleluia!

Today, we rejoice with Peter and John, as they understand the meaning of the scriptures, that He must rise from the dead. We rejoice with Mary of Magdala as she encounters the Risen One. The sadness of Good Friday, the silent waiting of Holy Saturday – these are transformed into the overwhelming joy of Easter. We rejoice very specially with all those who are baptised or received into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter night. Theirs is a particular joy, as they come to new life in Christ. Death is swallowed up in victory, the ways of the past have gone and we look forward in hope, in the life that Jesus has won for us. This is the Good News – and our task, as at any time in the history of the Church, is to proclaim this new life to the world around us. As we reflect on the sufferings of the world, our encounter with the Risen Christ calls us to be beacons of hope, bearers of the Good News, living examples of the peace that was the first gift of the Risen Lord to the Apostles. May our Easter joy overflow to our brothers and sisters, that all may find new life. May we all be blessed with peace on this day of Resurrection.

With every blessing, Bishop Richard

Easter Egg Hunt Please join our scouts after 11.00am Mass on Easter Sunday for tea, coffee and cakes, and the annual Easter Egg hunt for all the young people

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? We run informal 'Come and see' sessions looking at different aspects of our faith. Please contact the parish office for more information

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 May 10:30am-12noon, 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.

Gift Aid 2023 - Whilst many parishioners have standing orders with the parish, those who asked for numbered gift aid envelopes will find their boxes at the back of the churches. Thank you for your offerings however you give them. To find out more about this scheme of the parish claiming income tax back (which increases offerings you make by 25%) contact our team: pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

Book+ Circle Our next book is the novel "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. We will discuss it at 8pm, Wed 19th April, in the Meeting Room in the parish centre at St Joseph's.

Justice and Peace: You are invited to the Justice and Peace meeting at 8pm in St Joseph's meeting room on Wednesday 12 April. This will be an opportunity to see the short UN selected film "Dear Matafele Peinem" and discuss our steps towards the Live Simply award for our parish. Come and share your ideas and actions as we strive to attain the ideals of Laudato Si.

Plant Sale in aid of Practical Action 22 & 23 April Our new parish charity campaign supports a programme to decrease the disastrous environmental and social effects of plastic waste in Bangladesh. Please help us to raise money by bringing and buying plants (vegetables, indoor and outdoor plants and flowers etc) for the weekend Masses 22/23rd April- for details contact pnljandp@gmail.com

The 'Saturday Group' with games & chat meets Saturdays 3pm in the Café at St Joseph's, all adults welcome

Mental Health Training: The Diocese is offering a range of courses to anyone involved in ministry to help walk alongside those who struggle with mental health issues. Suitable for Catechists, Welcomers, Ministers of Consolation The next course is running in April both on-line and in person, at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. For further information contact E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk or go to the diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral As part of your journey to marriage we invite you to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. [Mass for Engaged Couples \(16-Jun-2023\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

Yellow Bucket Collection. The weekly parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. You can also support the food bank financially via the website <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>. - Please note they have changed their bank details

Marriage Care write to say: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. You can find out more and book counselling sessions at www.marriagecare.org.uk

The Easter Collection (giftaidable) is by tradition your personal offering to your parish priest. If you would like to donate by online banking please email the parish office for bank details.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1491.82
Good Friday - Holy Places of Jerusalem £820.13
Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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 St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
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 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 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

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, Mary Steer, 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.

Easter Sunday (year A)**Sat 8 Apr****Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter**

Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rm 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

St Joseph's 20.30

People of the Parish

Sun 9 Apr

Acts 10:34.37-43; Ps 117; 1Cor 5:6-8; Mt 28: 1-10

Response: This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad**Holy Family 09.00** Special Intention**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention**Mon 10 Apr****St Teresa's 10.00** James Udoyeh RIP**Tue 11 Apr**

No Mass

Wed 12 Apr**St Joseph's 10.00** Lorine Shaby RIP**Thur 13 Apr****Holy Family 10.00** Francoise Shaby RIP**Fri 14 Apr****St Joseph's 10.00** John McCorkell RIP**Easter Sunday (year A)**

Acts 10:34.37-43; Ps 117; 1Cor 5:6-8; Mt 28: 1-10

Response: This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad**Sat 15 Apr****St Joseph' 17.30** Thomas Lyons RIP**Sun 16 Apr****Holy Family 09.00** David Flynn RIP**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

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

Rodney Secluna RIP His funeral will take place on Friday 14th April at 10.15am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Rita Goacher RIP Her funeral will take place on Thursday 20th April at mid-day at Redstone Cemetery Chapel followed by burial in the cemetery

Richard Burford RIP His funeral will take place on Monday 24th April, at 11:45am at Randalls Park Crematorium

Elizabeth Hawkins RIP her funeral will take place on Thursday 27th April at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Kathleen Leigh RIP Her funeral is yet to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers