

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 5th Sunday of Easter (year A) 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

**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

**The National Day of Prayer:** For Victims and Survivors of Abuse falls on this Tuesday, 5 May 2026 when we are invited to join our fellow Catholic communities across England and Wales with our own personal prayer for the healing of survivors and for the courage of those still living in fear. The theme for 2026 focuses on the devastating impact of domestic abuse. While Jesus promised us "life in abundance" (John 10:10), abuse acts as a thief—stripping away the dignity, safety, and peace of mind of our brothers and sisters. For many, the fear and shame caused by domestic abuse can feel like a barrier to God and the Church. We are called to ensure our parish is a "safe haven" where support is always available and where every person is valued as a unique child of God. If you or someone you know is affected by abuse, support is available through Safe Spaces, a free and independent service: call 0300 303 1056 or visit [safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk).

**Communion for the Sick and Housebound:** Parishioners who are sick or housebound and unable to attend Mass may receive Holy Communion at home once a month. If this applies to you or someone you live with or someone you know, and with their permission, please speak with Fr Tony or contact the parish office.

**Book + Circle:** Our next book is by Bishop Robert Barron "This Is My Body". A small book teaching on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic Christian faith. We will be meeting to talk about the book on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am in the Meeting Rm at St Joseph's - all welcome.

**Have you got an old ipad** going spare in a drawer? Please contact the office if you could donate it to the parish

**Life in the Spirit:** If you haven't been able to come yet, there's still plenty of time to join us! . Our next sessions are Tuesday 12th May, Tuesday 19th May, Tuesday 2nd June and Saturday 23rd May – a beautiful Pentecost Vigil at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. If you want to know more about the course click on the 'blue' sentence and then click on the link to open: [The Promise of the Father 2026](#)

**Date for your diary:** Join the Bereavement Team on Thurs 4th June, St Joseph's PNL Centre. 7pm arrival; 7:30– 9pm session. Refreshments provided. Topics: End of life planning - Funeral types & costs - Planning a Service/Mass - Power of Attorney - What to do when someone dies - Who to inform - Church teaching - Wills.

**Missio (Red Boxes):** Thank you to all who contributed and supported Missio (Red Boxes) the total donations raised by this parish in 2025 was £3,125.38.

**Parish International Mass & Gathering:** Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, at 11am Mass in St. Joseph's Church, we will be celebrating the diversity of our parish. Everyone is invited to wear traditional costumes, and we will have multilingual bidding prayers and music. Following Mass, there will be an international food festival and entertainment. We are looking for people to participate in organising the day by reading at Mass, preparing a multilingual bidding prayer, or contributing food and entertainment. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

**A&B Month of Prayer for Priestly Vocations:** Please pray for those called to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Suggested Prayer itinerary (weekly readings)

5th Week of Easter: John 14:15–21

6th Week of Easter: 1 Peter 4:13–16

7th Week of Easter: John 20:19–23

Pentecost Sunday: 1 Corinthians 12:4–13

To find out more about vocations to the priesthood, contact Fr Tristan Cranfield; email: [vocations@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish Lunch:** Our next parish lunch is next Sunday 10th May, hosted by members of our Justice & Peace Group. There is no charge, donations are appreciated. All welcome.

**PNL Youth Group (13 -18 yrs)** - meeting this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, PNL centre in St Joseph's, 3 - 5pm. All welcome! For more information email [pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com](mailto:pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com).

**50/50 Club:** April's winner of £30 is no.4, congratulations!

**Grandparents Pilgrimage** – Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead. Wed 17 June, 11am–3pm. A day of prayer and friendship with other grandparents: Mass, Benediction, Rosary and tours of the secret chapel. Bring a packed lunch. Register: [Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(17-Jun-2026\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#). If you have any queries please contact: Deacon Simon South ([simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)).

**St Catherine's Hospice.** Thanks to your generosity, £601.86 was raised at the recent plant sales. More plants available at the Big Plant Sale, 83a Nutfield Road, Merstham RH1 3HD, Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>–Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May (in aid of St Catherine's). On 6<sup>th</sup> June, St Catherine's Midnight Walk (Horsham area) offers 2, 7, 13 or 17 miles; volunteers are also needed (marshalling, catering, welcoming, etc.). See [Midnight Walk 2026 - St Catherine's](#). If you can't take part, you can still support PNL members who will be walking (details to follow).

### Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,345.29  
Education of Future Priests £741.30

Thank you for your support and generosity

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
[www.17threigate.org](http://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**

Fr Tony Bridson, Marian Buck, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Andrew & Mary Wilson, Ron Smales, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Sarah Healy, Sheilanine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick & 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.*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (year A)**

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1Pt 2: 4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Response: May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O Lord

**Sat 02 May**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 John Davis RIP  
**Sun 03 May**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 The People of the Parish  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 Pat Donachie RIP  
**St Teresa's** 17.30 Private Intention

**Mon 04 May**  
**St Teresa's** 10.00 **The English Martyrs**  
John Foxwell RIP

**Tue 05 May**  
No Mass

**Wed 06 May**  
**St Joseph's** 10.00 Michael Ashe's wellbeing

**Thur 07 May**  
**St Joseph's** 10.30 Funeral Mass for Ellen Murphy RIP

**Fri 8 May**  
**St Joseph's** 10.00 Thomas Lyons RIP

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (year A)**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1Pt 3: 15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Sat 09 May**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 Brian O'Neill RIP  
**Sun 10 May**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 The People of the Parish  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 Alison Walker RIP  
**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**

<b>Tues</b>	<b>19.00</b>	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Prayer, tea and Coffee	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Prayer, Tea and Coffee	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
<b>Sat</b>	<b>15.00</b>	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

**Ellen Murphy RIP** her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thurs 7th May at 10.30am followed by burial at Redstone Cemetery.

**Sally Ferrao RIP** her funeral will take place at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium on Thurs 7th May at 4.30pm

**David Green RIP** his funeral service will take place at St Joseph's on Mon 11th May at 12noon.

**Pamela O'Reilly RIP** her funeral service will take place at St Joseph's on Tues 16 June at 10.30am followed by committal at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium

**Diane Kamel RIP** her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers