

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Second Sunday of Advent (year A) - 7th December 2025

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wed 24 th	6.00pm	St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)
Wed 24 th	Midnight	Holy Family (Midnight Mass)
Thur 25 th	9.00am	St Joseph's (Dawn Mass)
Thur 25 th	11.00am	St Teresa's (Day Mass)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Advent: to help us prepare for the coming of the Lord from 7-8pm at St Joseph's Church on Fri 12th Dec. All welcome.

Advent Reconciliation the Sacrament of God's Forgiveness will be offered with visiting priests at our Advent Service on Fri 19th Dec, 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

Our Annual Simbang Gabi (Mass at Dawn) will be on Saturday 20th December at 7am at St Joseph's Church, followed by shared Filipino breakfast- all are welcome.

St Catherine's Hospice: Our Justice & Peace group invite you to an introduction to our new parish charity at 8pm on Wed 10th Dec in St Joseph's Cafe. The Hospice Fundraising Coordinator will tell us about the work of the hospice and the various ways PNL can support them

Missio Red Boxes -- Please bring your boxes for counting and give them to the sacristans & take an empty box from the back of the Churches. Please leave your name & phone number inside the box & indicate if gift-aided & if you'd like to know how much was inside, thanks!

ESOL teachers urgently needed If you have a TEFL or CELTA qualification, and time to teach English to (mostly women) refugees in Redhill for 90 mins on Monday or Wednesday mornings in term-time - please contact Rev Hazel Forecast at hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word: on Sat 24th Jan from 11am-4pm at St Michael's Church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary. To book please go to the Events of the diocesan website or <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5>

St Joseph's Catholic Primary school - if you are interested in your child joining the school next September, each Thursday there is an 'Open Morning' tour of the school in action. See the school website for details

St Joseph's Supplementary Form signing will be in January 2026 - please submit your forms to the school first, and keep an eye on the newsletter

The 50/50 Club: We are now taking subscriptions for 2026. For an annual subscription of £12 per ticket, 50% of the total income goes to support the parish and 50% is given in monthly prizes, with the winning numbers drawn at random by computer. If you would like to renew your subscription, join the scheme, or like more information email: 5050club.pnl@gmail.com.

Parish Youth Group for 13-18yrs meets every first Sunday of the month (next meeting Today) **from 3-5pm** at the PNL centre at St Joseph's. We will be offering opportunities to have fun with new friends, time to explore faith and ask questions. If your child would like to attend please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com so that we can send a parental consent form & details.

PNL Book + Circle: Thurs 11th Dec, 8PM, in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's to discuss "God Is Not Angry" by Ian Pettit. All welcome. see the parish website under 'Parish Groups'. For examples of lively discussion

Parish Sunday Lunch on Sunday 14th December at the PNL Centre at St Joseph's from 12.30pm, hosted by our choir. Come with family & friends & fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations 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 December 10:30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre- Meeting Room. Trained befrienders will be there.

Carols in the Belfry on Sun 14th Dec from 3pm on the stage on the ground floor. All welcome.

Candlelit Carols At St Marys Church Bletchingley on Sun 21st Dec 3pm. All warmly welcome

St Joseph's Preschool & 17th Reigate Scouts invite the parish community to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 13th December from 10am -12.30pm in the main hall in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. Join us for family fun, live music, games, stalls and prizes! All welcome.

Cafod reminds us a better world need all of us and provides thoughts and prayers for living more simply this advent - check out their website for good ideas

Friends of the Holy Land. Next Sunday 13th December, Edmund Adamus of Friends of the Holy Land, will speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the Christian population in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza and Jordan. There will be a 2nd collection. For more information www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for Christmas flowers in our churches. Thank you for your generosity.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1214.00

Retiring Collection

This weekend: Christmas Flowers
(Gift aidable via the parish)

Next Weekend: Friends of the Holy Land
(Not gift aidable via the parish)

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

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, Sheilane 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.

The Second Sunday of Advent (year A)

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rms 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Response: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

Sat 6 Dec		
St Joseph's	17.30	Orlando Villarreal Ahumada RIP
Sun 7 Dec		
Holy Family	09.00	Brigid Murphy RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The people of the parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 8 Dec		The Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary
St Teresa's	10.00	Thanksgiving and special intention

Tue 9 Dec		
St Joseph's	No Mass	

Wed 10 Dec		
St Joseph's	10.00	thanksgiving

Thur 11 Dec		
Holy Family	10.00	Monica Peters RIP

Fri 12 Dec		
St Joseph's	10.00	Lita Trozado RIP

The Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent (year A)

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jm 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Response: Come, Lord, and save us.

Sat 13 Dec		
St Joseph's	17.30	Alison Walker RIP
Sun 14 Dec		
Holy Family	09.00	Marie Sawyer RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The people of the parish
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

Mon	09.30	Morning Prayer	St Teresa's Church
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

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.
Henri J.M. Nouwen (1932-1996)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Charlie Maine RIP, his funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember him and his family in your prayers