

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 10th Aug 2025

Sacramental Preparation Programmes keep an eye on the newsletter and an ear to notices during the Sunday Masses for the start of the programmes of preparation for Holy Communion (those going into school year 4 and above) and Confirmation (those going into school year 10 and above). Naturally, the best preparation for our children is the faith and example of the family, and your prayers as parents are vitally important so get preparing!

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

Parish Sunday Lunches. As usual, there is no lunch in August. If you or your group would like to offer to host a lunch please contact the parish office. Thank you for continuing to support this wonderful parish social event.

The Book + Circle: Our summer reading is a novel by Holly Mitchel "Crooked Lines". We are not meeting until Thursday 4th September 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's Church. Please come along - all welcome.

Cancel the Debt Choose Hope: 54 countries from Kenya to Sri Lanka are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. **CAFOD**, together with the Caritas network is gathering a global church petition to world leaders, who could make a huge difference to this situation. You can sign the petition online: <https://act.debtjustice.org.uk/canceldebt>

Diocesan Festival of Hope at Ardingly Showground on 20th September 2025: celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, the 60th anniversary of the Diocese, and our renewed call to mission as laid out in Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan. Guest speakers include Michelle Moran (Sion Community), Dai Woolridge (Bible Society), Christine Allen (CAFOD). The day will conclude with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard. Coach transport is arranged with pick up at St Joseph's so that people are collected and dropped back locally. Anyone under 18yrs is to be accompanied by an adult. Please email james.uberoi@abdiocese.org.uk - Tickets are limited, and it is a 'First come first served' basis

Big Church Festival 2025 The Diocese is looking for volunteers aged 18+ to help at the Big Church Festival, 22-24 Aug - a family-friendly celebration of faith, music, and community. Volunteers will camp in a designated area, attend training on 21 Aug, and work in pairs supporting small groups each morning, with some afternoon chaperoning. Benefits include festival access, camping, and food while working. For Info Email bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk or visit www.bigchurchfestival.com/get-involved/volunteer

The Solemnity of the Assumption, Friday this week, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be 10am at St Joseph's and 7pm at Holy Family. The Café will be open following the morning Mass if you'd like a cup and a chat!

New Parish Youth Group for 13-18yrs: We are launching a new youth group in the parish for those aged 13-18 years old. The group will meet on the first Sunday of each month at the PNL centre at St. Joseph's Church from 3pm to 5pm. Our first meeting will be **Sunday 7th September** We will be offering opportunities to have fun with new friends, time to explore faith and ask questions and there will definitely be lots of snacks! If your child would like to attend please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com so that we can send a parental consent form and further details.

Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, holiday time, Weds 10.30am. All welcome

Marriage Anniversaries Mass - On Sat 11 Oct 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us at 11.30am. Family and friends are very welcome. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Marriage Help:- Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th October. For more information please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call 07887 296983

Thinking of the Priesthood - In our Diocese we have a St John Vianney Group exploring calling to the priesthood. If you would like to find out more or just chat generally about vocations contact our diocesan vocations director, Fr Tristan Cranfield: tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org.uk

Get Together Saturday Group. We meet each Saturday in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's from 3pm for games, chat or socialising. All adults welcome.

Lost Property at St Joseph's -The 'Lost Property Box' at the entrance of the Church contains toys, water bottles, reading glasses, etc. Please reclaim what is yours soon!

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

Yellow Bucket Collection. The parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <http://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1525.22

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**

Andrew & Mary Wilson, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Alison Walker, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczok-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, Margaret Byrne, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine 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 Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Sat 9 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	Margaret McBrien RIP
Sun 10 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	The people of the parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Thanksgiving for a positive journey
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 11 Aug		St Clare, Virgin
St Teresa's	10.00	Mila Goodwin RIP

Tue 12 Aug
No Mass

Wed 13 Aug		
St Joseph's	10.00	Amelia de Gamma Int

Thur 14 Aug		St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Holy Family	10.00	Special Int

Fri 15 Aug		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St Joseph's	10.00	John Burke RIP
Holy Family	19.00	The people of the parish

The Twentieth Sunday of the Year

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12: 49-53

Response: Lord, make haste to help me!

Sat 16 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	In thanksgiving for prayers answered
Sun 17 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	The people of the parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Anna Lusack 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

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

Prayer for Peace on the 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima

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)