

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (year A) 12th July 2026

PARISH DAY – TODAY 12th July 10.30AM

AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (RH1 1EA)

...and congratulations to our 40 newly Confirmed young people and 86 children who have received their First Holy Communion, who are helping us celebrate the day

Mass will be followed by a free BBQ cooked by the Scouts - Bring your own drinks and picnic blankets, parasols etc. There will be a variety of music performances and dance displays by our talented parishioners and fun and games for all the family, with a bouncy castle for the younger ones. Some parking is available at the school and there is easy access on the level for our less mobile parishioners, but please consider parking at St Joseph's Church, or nearby, and walking. Thanks to all who are helping to co-ordinate the day, and thanks to the many folks who have helped get the day ready. Bad weather contingency: - the parish Mass and fun will be at St Joseph's Church at 10.30am, check the parish website www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk for any last minute changes).

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Fr Stephen Wang as our Bishop. Ordained to the priesthood on 3rd January 1998. Bishop-Elect Stephen will receive episcopal ordination and take canonical possession of the Diocese at some point in the second half of October. On hearing of his appointment, Bishop-elect Stephen, said. *"This appointment has come as a huge surprise. I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I'm grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me, and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years. I'm sad to be leaving the Venerable English College, and the Diocese of Westminster. But I am overjoyed at the thought of coming to Arundel & Brighton, getting to know the people, and working together to build God's Kingdom. Coming from a landlocked diocese where the hills are no bigger than London buses, I look forward to some wild swimming and walks on the South Downs. I will need lots of prayers and support. I hope that even with all my weaknesses I can be a loving shepherd, a spiritual father, and a brother as well. I know that if we put the love of Jesus and Mary at the centre of everything we do, and always seek to love and serve one another, then we cannot go wrong. Jesus will guide us through his Holy Spirit, lead us to the Father, and help us to lead others along the same path."* Fr Stephen has also recorded a video message for parishes which can be watched here: <https://vimeo.com/1206416223> Please keep Bishop-elect Stephen in your prayers as he prepares for his move to Arundel & Brighton.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? We are running an informal 'Come and see' session on Mon 13th July at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of St Joseph's PNL Parish Centre, no need to book. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Next UCM Meeting: On Wednesday 29th July - Social with shared meal at 7pm.

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>

Our Annual Mass for our Sick and Housebound takes place at St Joseph's this Wednesday 15th July, 2pm, followed by afternoon tea. With our SVP group we make a special effort for this Mass to assist anyone who usually finds it difficult to come due to old age or frailty. If you know of anyone who would like to come, or you can help with lifts, or refreshments please contact the parish office.

St Joseph's Pre-School have written to us saying they are 'saddened to announce that St Joseph's Pre-School will be closing permanently at the end of this term. The Pre-School has been part of the parish community for over 40 years, and many families will remember with fondness the friendships, care and connections formed during their time with us. Unfortunately, a combination of ongoing financial pressures, reduced enrolment, and a lack of committee members means we are no longer able to operate sustainably or within our constitutional framework. As part of our closing procedure, we will be holding a sale on 25th July to rehome many of our much-loved toys and equipment. Further details will be shared in the parish newsletter in due course. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish, our families, and parishioners for their support over the years. We kindly ask you to continue to remember our families and staff in your prayers as they navigate this difficult transition.'

Southern Dioceses Environmental Network: On Monday 13th July 6.30pm Sr Margaret Atkins will be leading a conversation about how to integrate care for creation fully into the practice of our faith. Please register at <https://SDEN.eventbrite.co.uk>

Venezuela's earthquake To support those affected please go online at <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,172.26
Venezuela Earthquake appeal £ 853.13

Second Collection next weekend for Stella Maris (formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea)

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**

Joan Hodge, Fr Tony Bridson, Kathleen Hagerty, Jim Fox, Marian Buck, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Andrew & Mary Wilson, 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, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, 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 Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rms 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Response: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Sat 11 Jul
St Joseph's 17.30 Jim and Monica Peters RIP
Sun 12 Jul

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
10.30am Parish Outdoor Mass
Followed by BBQ and fun

Mon 13 Jul
St Teresa's 10.00 In Thanksgiving

Tue 14 Jul
No Mass

Wed 15 Jul
St Joseph's 14.00 **St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor**
Mass for Sick and Housebound

Thur 16 Jul
Holy Family 10.00 David Green RIP

Fri 17 Jul
St Joseph's 10.00 D'Monte family Int

The Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rms 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Sat 4 Jul
St Joseph's 17.30 Oksana, Alexander and Péter
Sun 5 Jul
Holy Family 09.00 The People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Orlando Villarreal Ahumada 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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Diane Kamel RIP her Memorial Service will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 21st July at 10.30am.

Larry Walker RIP his funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday 30th July at 10.30am followed at the surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Jorgen Lovbakke RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged..

Please remember them and their families in your prayers