

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The 3rd (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent (year A) - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

**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.

**Ministries at the Christmas Masses** if you are a reader or Eucharistic Minister please follow this link to indicate your availability: <https://forms.gle/hCmXKcNc3wkrRrh8>

**Poinsettia Offering for Loved Ones:** Please bring your poinsettia to St. Teresa's on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, thank you

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word:** on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 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

**Carol Service:** The Catenians will be hosting Carols in the PNL Parish Centre following the 17:30 Mass on Sat, 20th Dec. Everyone in the Parish is welcome to come and join in. No need to book—just come along!

**Carols in the Belfry** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm on the stage on the ground floor. All welcome.

**Candlelit Carols** At St Marys Church Bletchingley on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 3pm. All warmly welcome

**The 50/50 Club 2026:** This is a parish fundraiser where, 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, the winning numbers drawn at random by computer. To renew your subscription, join the scheme, or for details, email: [5050club.pnl@gmail.com](mailto:5050club.pnl@gmail.com).

**The Nativity Journey 16-21 December 2025.** Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. Wintershall, Bramley, GU5 0LR Book now at [wintershall.org.uk](http://wintershall.org.uk) or email [admin@wintershall.org.uk](mailto:admin@wintershall.org.uk)

**Parish Sunday Lunch** today Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 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.

**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

**Winter Night Shelter** is being hosted at St Joseph's PNL Centre on Tuesday nights, 27th Jan - 3rd March, and regular volunteers can book now online. If you would like to become a volunteer contact the parish office.

**Retrouvaille helps marriages.** It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 07887 296983

**Thinking of getting married** - Congratulations! Bishop Richard asks for at least 12 months' notice for marriages to allow for the necessary preparation and paperwork.

**Thinking of the Priesthood** - In our Diocese we have a St John Vianney Group meeting 4/5 Sundays each year. It is a group for men aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a 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](mailto:tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org.uk)

**St Joseph's 17th Reigate Scouts** Christmas raffle tickets for sale after the weekend masses next weekend, draw to be made at Teas/coffees after 11am Mass.

**The Collection** at Christmas is by tradition is your personal offering to your parish priest, and can be gift-aided. If you would like to contribute online rather than use cash/cheque, please email the parish office or go to <https://thenativityofthelord.org.uk/donate/> and use our parish bank details using the reference 'Christmas', thank you!

**Friends of the Holy Land.** This weekend 13th/14th December, Edmund Adamus of Friends of the Holy Land, will speak on 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](http://www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk)

**Last chances** for an extra Mass during advent!

### Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1561.14

### Retiring Collection

Christmas Flowers £519.35

This weekend: Friends of the Holy Land  
(Not gift aidable via the parish)

Thank you for your support and generosity

**PARISH CLERGY:**  
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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 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.

<b>Sat 13 Dec</b>		
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Alison Walker RIP
<b>Sun 14 Dec</b>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>09.00</b>	Marie Sawyer RIP
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11.00</b>	The people of the parish
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Private Intention

<b>Mon 15 Dec</b>		
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Susan Howell RIP

<b>Tue 16 Dec</b>		
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	

<b>Wed 17 Dec</b>		<b>O Sapientia – (O Wisdom)</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Anne Evans RIP

<b>Thur 18 Dec</b>		<b>O Adonai – (O Lord)</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Christopher Wheen RIP

<b>Fri 19 Dec</b>		<b>O Radix Jesse – (O Root of Jesse)</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Thanksgiving and special intention

## **The Fourth Sunday of Advent (year A)**

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**Response:** Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

<b>Sat 20 Dec</b>		<b>O Clavis David – (O Key of David)</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Peter Tilton RIP
<b>Sun 21 Dec</b>		<b>O Oriens – (O Dayspring)</b>
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>09.00</b>	Graham Cornick & Brian Cornick RIP
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11.00</b>	The people of the parish
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	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>Mon</b>	<b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer	St Teresa's Church
<b>Tues</b>	<b>19.00</b>	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>09.00</b>	Exposition before Mass	St Joseph's Church
<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**

**Charlie Maine RIP**, his funeral will take place on Tuesday 30th Dec at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

**Salvatore D'Amico RIP** his funeral has not yet been arranged

**Teresa Possumato RIP** her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers