

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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5th Sunday of Easter (year C) - 18th May 2025

Pope Leo XIV: The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton welcomes the election of Pope Leo XIV, the 267th Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church. Responding to the news, Bishop Richard said: *"We give thanks that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Cardinals have elected Pope Leo XIV. 'Pope Leo brings to the office of the Holy Father considerable experience as a bishop and pastor including in Chulucanas, so closely associated with our diocese, together with his more recent service as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. His prayer for peace in his first words from the balcony at St Peter's will resonate with Catholics and all people of good will. 'This is a significant moment for the Catholic Church and for the world, and we offer our prayers for the Holy Father as he begins his Pontificate.' More details on our diocesan website*

Ordination to the Priesthood, Arundel Cathedral, 5 July at 12pm. Deacons Scott Coleman and Gary Carter will be ordained to the Priesthood. All are welcome to attend the Mass. Those unable to attend are invited to watch the ordination on the cathedral's livestream.

Fr Binoy N Thomas, formerly priest for the St Clare's Syro-Malabar Mission based at Merstham, and a great help to our parish, is moving back to India to work in a mission diocese of the Syro-Malabar Church after 11th May. Please keep him in your prayers, he will be greatly missed. **Fr Jimmy** will be coming as his replacement for the care of the mission and to help out a bit in the Parish - please give him a warm welcome.

Worth Abbey: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Abbey Church on Saturday 12th July. We are delighted to invite you to join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey Church on Saturday 12th July. This milestone marks five decades of faith, hope, and unity, during which the Abbey Church has served as a spiritual home for countless individuals. We have planned a day of prayer and celebration, and we hope you will join us for this special occasion. For more information or to sign up please visit <https://worthabbey.net/latest-news/>

Thank you to those who hosted the Parish Lunch last Sunday. Over 100 enjoyed a wonderful lunch. If you could host a lunch please contact the parish office.

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

New youth group – volunteers needed! There are a number of young people who have asked us to set up a youth group. However, we need adults to help run it Full training will be provided, and you will be amongst a team of people who have lots skills – just bring the gifts that God has given you. For details contact the Parish office

Our SVP groups are reaching out to those in any kind of need, please call 07918980330 and they will call back.

Parish International Mass & Gathering: Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, 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.

Book + Circle: "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything. A Spirituality for Real Life" by Fr James Martin S.J. Please come and join in discussion of the book in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's on Thursday 22 May 8pm.

Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the very successful plant sales in aid of Practical Action. A huge number of plants of all descriptions was donated and purchased resulting in a total of £356.97.

Pilgrimages to Fatima for 7 night retreats in June and July details on church notice boards. Please call the parish office for more information.

Senior Parish Manager: The Parish of the Nativity of the Lord seeks a motivated, skilled team-orientated professional to provide high quality financial, administrative & operational services to support the parish in the successful delivery of its mission. Hours: 15-21 hours p/w (negotiable); salary: £45k to £50k p/a FTE. Please contact the parish office for link to more details, or check the diocesan website/e-bulletin and follow the hyperlink.

Grandparents Pilgrimage: On Wednesday, 11-Jun-2025 from 10:00am - 3:30pm at Worth Abbey, Crawley. A day of sharing and prayer with other grandparents to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10am for refreshments. Please dress appropriately for the weather. If you have questions or concerns, please email communications@abdiocese.org.uk

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

Second Collection next weekend: For the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese. This collection goes to help Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,731.63

Education of Future Priests £600.15

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Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

Thank you for your support and generosity

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS
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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 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, 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (year C)

Acts 14:21b-27; Ps 145; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Response: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king

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| Sat 17 May | | |
| St Joseph's | 17.30 | In Thanksgiving |
| Sun 18 May | | |
| Holy Family | 09.00 | Charles O'Brien RIP |
| St Joseph's | 11.00 | The People of the Parish |
| St Teresa's | 17.30 | Private Intention |

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| Mon 19 May | | |
| St Teresa's | 10.00 | In Thanksgiving |

Tue 20 May
No Mass

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| Wed 21 May | | |
| St Joseph's | 10.00 | Amelia de Gamma Int |

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| Thur 22 May | | |
| Holy Family | 10.00 | Julie Staddon RIP |

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| Fri 23 May | | |
| St Joseph's | 10.00 | Dorothy Hickman RIP |

Sixth Sunday of Easter (year C)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rev 21:10-14; 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you

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| Sat 24 May | | |
| St Joseph's | 17.30 | Corcoran & Wakeling families wellbeing |
| Sun 25 May | | |
| Holy Family | 09.00 | The people of the parish |
| St Joseph's | 11.00 | Catherine Afi Zoblewoy 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

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| 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 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Paula Bashford RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's at 10:30am on Wednesday 28th May followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Maria Chelvanayagam RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's at 10.30am on Wednesday 18th June followed at Redstone Cemetery

Christopher Wheen RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers