

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (yr A) 18th October 2026

Bishop-elect Stephen Wang to be installed as the sixth Bishop of A&B on Monday 19 October at 12 noon. The Mass of Episcopal Ordination, which takes place on the Feast of St Philip Howard, will include invited representatives from across our community of faith and will be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral. Click here to watch the livestream on Monday, from 11.15am; w: abdiocese.org.uk/livestream.

Mass of Welcome for Bishop Elect Stephen on Saturday 24th October at 11.30am in Worth Abbey. Following his Ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass at Worth Abbey. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks. Free coach travel is arranged as parking is restricted. Please email the parish office if you would like to attend pnl@abdiocese.org.uk

School Admissions Forms - If you are applying for your child to attend St Bede's in September 2027 in the relevant form please fill in 'Parish of the Nativity of the Lord' and 'Fr Tony Bridson' as Parish Priest and return to the school. We will be making arrangements to sign the supplementary forms in November so keep an eye on the newsletter.

FLAME Catholic Youth Festival (14-18 yr old) - the parish has provisionally booked tickets to take a group of teens to Wembley for this hugely popular festival on Saturday 6th March 2027. If your young person is interesting in attending please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com asap for more information. Numbers needed soon, so don't delay!

Parish Sunday Lunch: Thank you to the Scouts for hosting last weekend's wonderful parish lunch. Please join us for our next parish lunch on Sunday 8th November, in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. All welcome!

OPERATION ELF (SVP Christmas Appeal): Operation Elf enables parents in HMP High Down prison to choose and wrap a donated Christmas gift for their child, strengthening family bonds. Please bring a £10-£15 gift to Mass on 7th/8th or 14th/15th November and place it in the SVP box. Suggestions include books, games, puzzles, vouchers or gift cards for teenagers. Toys must not contain magnets, tin foil, sharp objects, batteries or glass.

PNL Book+Circle: We are going to read Pope Leo's Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. We have heard what the media reported - let's hear it directly from His Holiness. Available from CTSbooks.org or free on the Vatican website. We will be meeting to discuss on Thursday 22nd October 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's.

UCM Next Meeting 28th October 2026 at 7:30pm in St. Teresa: A talk from Travel Made Easy.

Thinking of the Priesthood - In our Diocese we have a St John Vianney Group for men aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. To find out more contact our diocesan vocations director, Fr Tristan Cranfield tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org.uk

Our Parish Bereavement Mass, when we pray for those who have died and ask God's comfort for those who mourn, will take place on Saturday 7th November at 10am in St Joseph's Church. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Café area and hall. Everyone is welcome.

Dates for the Blessing of Graves are as follows

Sun 1st Nov, 3pm - Redhill: Redstone Cemetery.

Mon 2nd Nov, 10.30am St Teresa's Church.

Thur 5th Nov, 10.45 Reigate: Garden of Remembrance.

Confirmation Programme - We will be holding an 'Explore Confirmation' evening at St Joseph's PNL Centre for young people in Year 10 or above who would like to learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please look in the newsletter for further details over the next few weeks.

PNL Youth Group (13 - 18 yr olds) next meeting Saturday 7th November at PNL Hall, Holy Family, Reigate - a whole date off grid - no expectation, no pressure - just you, your mates, and space to actually breathe. Whether your faith feels strong, uncertain, or you're simply curious, you're welcome. Come as you are...Leave refreshed. More information and sign up, email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com

Young Adults' Retreat-Worth Abbey: Jesus Youth London Region warmly invites you to a weekend retreat from 30 October - 1 November 2026 at Worth Abbey (RH10 4SB). Open to young adults aged 18-30, the retreat offers a special opportunity to encounter God through prayer, worship, talks, Mass and reflection, and to grow in faith and experience His love. All are welcome! Register here - <https://stewardstack.com/o/jesusyouthuk/the-summit-83cb23dfcff244a99e79ce92a885ec25> or contact the parish office for more information

Diocesan Events: visit the Diocesan events calendar: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocesan/events>

World Mission Sunday - 18 October (This weekend): The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission - through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. For more information on Missio please visit.

[Missio Parish Resources](#)



Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,671.99
PACT £ £420.10

2nd Collection this weekend for
World Mission Sunday

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 request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. 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 AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

Margaret McGettrick, Peter Gilchrist, Baby Naarah, Pat Russell, Joyce & Terry Graham, Joan Hodge, Kathleen Hagerty, Jim Fox, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, 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, Chris Bayley, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, 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 Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1Thes 1:1-56; Mt 22:15-21

Response: Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Sat 17 Oct		
St Joseph's	17:30	Joseph Sabaratnam RIP
Sun 18 Oct		
Holy Family	09:00	Linda Bryne RIP
St Joseph's	11:00	People of the Parish
St Teresa's	17:30	Private Int
Mon 19 Oct		St Philip Howard, Martyr, Diocesan Patron
St Teresa's	No Mass	
Tues 20 Oct		
	No Mass	
Wed 21 Oct		
St Joseph's	10:00	In thanksgiving
Thurs 22 Oct		
Holy Family	10:00	Mark Cornwell RIP
Fri 23 Oct		
St Joseph's	10:00	Heldt Family RIP

The Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Ex 22:21-27; Ps 18; 1Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Sat 24 Oct		
St Joseph's	17:30	Thanksgiving
Sun 25 Oct		
Holy Family	09:00	People of the parish
St Joseph's	11:00	Claire Ekins
St Teresa's	17:30	Wendy Sambadop

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mon 10.30	Rosary (<i>during October</i>)	St Teresa's Church
Tues 19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed 10.30	Parents/Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
10.30	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri 09.00	Eucharistic Adoration	St Joseph's Church
10.30	Tea & Coffee	PNL Café at St Joseph's
Sat 15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Café 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

Stewart Lumgair RIP His funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday 12th November at 10.30am

Delia Lehane RIP her funeral will take place in Ireland.

Marian Buck RIP Her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers