

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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St Philip Howard, Patron of the Diocese - 19th October 2025

Confirmation Programme 2026 - we will be holding an 'Explore Confirmation' session on Mon 24th Nov at 7.15pm at the St Joseph's PNL centre for those youngsters interested in finding out a bit more about the Sacrament and to meet the team. To join youngsters must be in year 10 or above and their parent/carer must complete a short consent form. Please email the Confirmation team at confpnl@gmail.com for more information.

St Bede's Supplementary Information Form signing: Fr Tony will be available to meet families and sign forms sent to him by the school in St Joseph's PNL Centre on:

Monday 10th November	4pm - 6pm
Wednesday 12th November	5pm - 7pm
Thursday 13th November	4pm - 6pm
Friday 14th November	5pm - 6pm

(St Joseph's primary School form signing will take place in January, watch this space)

Any spare religious objects or books? Please hand them in after any Mass or bring them to the parish office. We will share them with families who come to the school signings to help nurture the faith in the home.

Welcome to Clare Catolico, our new Senior Parish Manager. Clare has been part of the parish since 2017 and will be involved in the financial/operational running of the parish.

Book + Circle: Our next book is "The Full Catastrophe" by Tracey Leonard. Please join us on Fri 24th Oct at 10.30am in St Joseph's. All are welcome.

St Joseph's PNL Centre - the commercial boiler has failed after just 12 years & is beyond economic repair. The good news is a replacement has been sourced/installed ready for the winter. Continued thanks to those who contribute regularly to our Maintenance fund making this possible

Lighthouse: Illuminate your life in Christ, 15 Nov, 10.30am onwards, St Joseph's Church, Guildford. Join a day of charismatic renewal; worship together, be immersed in the Holy Spirit and receive prayer ministry from experienced teams. Theme: "Pilgrims of Hope: Love that Builds Bridges". <https://www.abcharismatic.org/>

Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Fatima Relics, 8th Nov, Arundel Cathedral. is hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes Mass, a procession opportunities to venerate the saints' relics, with the rosary and a number of talks. For details, see 'events' on our Diocesan website

The Catholic Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into neurodiversity and faith experience. If you are a Catholic neurodivergent adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), they would like to hear from you. Project organisers are collecting information through two short (10-20 minute) anonymous online surveys, which are available to complete until 12 January 2026 - please contact the parish office for more information and links.

Pope Leo XIV has signed his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te* ("I Have Loved You"), on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The document, which focuses on love for the poor, was presented at a press conference in Rome earlier today. *Dilexi te* was begun by Pope Francis and completed by Pope Leo; its title echoes Pope Francis' fourth and final Encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.

Writing in *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo explains that the love of Christ is incarnated in love for the poor: caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, promoting access to education, accompanying migrants, and more. The Pope also highlights the Church's "preferential option... for the poor", explaining that this "preference" never indicates exclusivity or discrimination towards other groups", but instead emphasises "God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity".

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 Sat 8th Nov at 10am in St Joseph's Church. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Café. Everyone is welcome.

The dates for the Blessing of Graves are as follows

Sun 2nd Nov, 3pm - Redhill: Redstone Cemetery
Mon 3rd Nov, 10.30am St Teresa's Church
Thur 6th Nov, 10.45 Reigate: Garden of Remembrance

Next UCM Meeting, Wednesday 29th Oct at 7:30pm, St. Teresa's, Rosary with a focus on Our Lady, also with a guest visitor - UCM Diocesan President.

The Rosary will be said at St Teresa's on Mondays after the morning Mass during October. All welcome.

Diocesan Jobs: Financial Controller (P/T) Based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, with travel across the Diocese. The Diocese is looking to recruit a Financial Controller to oversee a finance team of 5, supporting cloud-based accounting for 80 parish sites & providing finance functions for central operations. Application deadline: 31st October. See the diocesan website for more details

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday This day of prayer, solidarity and giving, unites all Catholics to share the Good News of God's love which has power to transform lives. To donate use the mission envelopes or visit mission.org.uk for more information and to gift aid

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,407.33
Prisons Sunday (PACT) £633.85

This weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your support and generosity

PARISH CLERGY:
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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

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, 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.

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Wis 3:1-9; Ps 30; 2Cor 4:7-15; Mt 10:17-22

Response: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

Sat 18 Oct		
St Joseph's	17.30	Linda Bryne RIP
Sun 19 Oct		
Holy Family	09.00	The people of the parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Mark Pearson RIP
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 20 Oct		
St Teresa's	10.00	In Thanksgiving

Tue 21 Oct
No Mass

Wed 22 Oct		
St Joseph's	10.00	special Int

Thur 23 Oct		
Holy Family	10.00	Jim Diffley RIP

Fri 24 Oct		
St Joseph's	10.00	Tommy Campbell RIP

The Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

Sir 35:15b-17, 20-22b; Ps34; 2Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Response: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him

Sat 25 Oct		
St Joseph's	17.30	Frances & Eileen Dennehy RIP
Sun 26 Oct		
Holy Family	09.00	Mark Cornwell RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The people of the parish
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Fr John Horn RIP a retired priest of this diocese, his funeral has not yet been arranged.

Fr Kevin Taggart OSB RIP, the fifth abbot of Worth Abbey, his funeral will take place at Worth Abbey at 1.30pm on Sat 1st Nov followed by burial.

Mark Pearson RIP, his funeral will take place at 11am on Thur 30th Oct at St Cuthbert Mayne Church in Launceston.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers