

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (year A) 2nd August 2026

St Joseph's Pre-School have written to us saying they are 'saddened to announce that St Joseph's Pre-School has 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. 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.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? Weekly sessions will start again in September. For information contact the Parish Office.

Book + Circle: Our summer reading is a novel, My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor. It is based on the true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, an Irish priest who saved thousands of Jews and escaped Allied prisoners from Nazi-occupied Rome in 1943. If you'd like to come along and chat about the book we will be meeting on Fri 4th Sep after the 10am Mass. Be sure to take advantage of buying a copy second hand on line.

Getting married: Just to remind any couples intending to marry that the Diocese requires that 12 months' notice is given so that marriage preparation can be undertaken.

Continue to pray for Fr Stephen Wang as the sixth Bishop of our diocese. Fr Stephen was born in London in 1966 and grew up in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. He read Theology and Religious Studies at Cambridge University from 1986 to 1989, before undertaking priestly formation at the Venerable English College in Rome from 1992 to 1997. He was ordained to the priesthood on 3 January 1998. His episcopal ordination will take place on Mon 19 Oct, the Feast of St Philip Howard. Space within the Cathedral is limited, with lay, religious and clergy representatives attending the Mass by invitation only. The celebration will be livestreamed, to enable as many people as possible to participate in the Mass online. On Sat 24 Oct at 11.30am, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey near Crawley, attended by representatives from diocesan deaneries, new parishes and schools. Further details will be shared soon. The Diocese will provide a coach from every deanery and new parish, to support participation from across our family of faith.

Thurs 6 August 2026 is the 81st Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Between 11.30 and 12.30, the local CND peace group will have a presence under the Harlequin steps (below Redhill Library) and reflect at midday on what happened when the first nuclear bomb was used in warfare. Please visit and lend your support.

Sacramental Preparation Programmes keep an eye on the newsletter and an ear to notices during the Sunday Masses for the start of the programmes of preparation for Holy Communion (those going into school year 4 and above) and Confirmation (those going into school year 10 and above). Naturally, the best preparation for our children is the faith and example of the family, and your prayers as parents are vitally important so get preparing!

Pray for Vocations: We continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. We pray for all who serve God in this way, and especially for any who may be experiencing challenges at this time.

Marriage Anniversary Mass on Sat 3rd Oct at 11.30am in Arundel Cathedral. Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. For info: Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

Young Adult Retreat Day, 26 Sept, 10am to 6.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EN (£20). Young Adults (18-35) are invited to a jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun - praying to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire. For details contact the parish office.

Parish Sunday Lunches. As usual, there is no lunch in August. If you or your group would like to offer to host a lunch please contact the parish office. Thank you for continuing to support this wonderful parish social event.

A new WhatsApp channel for our diocese, enabling members of our faith community who perhaps don't use social media to receive the latest news from the Diocese. Those who do use social media can still sign up - WhatsApp channels don't allow comments or replies so are very safe spaces. Go to <https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0Vyff0E>

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

Enjoy the school holidays! If you are travelling, safe journeys and safe returns. If you are resting here, maybe come to an extra Mass in the week and rest with the Lord.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,172.36

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 AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

Joyce Graham, Joan Hodge, Fr Tony Bridson, Kathleen Hagerty, Jim Fox, Marian Buck, 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, 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 Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rms 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Response: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Sat 1 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	In thanksgiving
Sun 2 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	T C Cooper & Family
St Joseph's	11.00	The People of the Parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 3 Aug		
St Teresa's	10.00	In thanksgiving

Tue 4 Aug		
		St John Mary Vianney, Priest
		No Mass

Wed 5 Aug		
St Joseph's	10.00	Roser Family

Thur 6 Aug		
Holy Family	10.00	The Transfiguration of the Lord
		Margaret McBrien RIP

Fri 7 Aug		
St Joseph's	10.00	Baby Willow Acton & Family

The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rms 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Response: Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Sat 8 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	Barrara Fronczyk RIP
Sun 9 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	Shanon Chambers 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

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

Sally Harding RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday 13th August at 10.30am followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Andrew Wilson RIP his funeral will take place at Holy Family on Friday 28th August at 10.30am followed by a family burial.

Jorgen Lovbakke RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged.

Maurice (Mo) Hartnett RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers