

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The Fourth Sunday of Advent (year A) - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 The Nativity of the Lord (year A) 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

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| 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)      |

**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>

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

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

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

**Epiphany Evening Mass** - at the last few Masses on Holy Days at Holy Family Church the carpark has been overrun. It is suggested that we try moving the 7pm Mass to St Joseph's and bigger carpark - any thoughts or comments please email the parish office.

**Applications for St Joseph's Catholic School:** If you are applying for a place follow the instructions on the school website and return the supplementary forms to school **before 15th January 2026**. Fr Tony will meet families to sign the forms on the following dates.

**Monday 19th January from 4-6pm;**

**Wednesday 21st January from 5-7pm, and**

**Thursday 22nd January from 4-5.30pm**

**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).

**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

**Bereavement Coffee Morning** - If you would like to come along to our coffee morning, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 10:30am in St Joseph's Meeting Room, trained befrienders will be there and you will be very welcome.

**Parish Sunday Lunch** Thank you to our hosts for a wonderful parish lunch. Our next parish Lunch will be on Sunday 11th January 2026. All welcome.

**Winter Night Shelter** is being hosted at St Joseph's PNL Centre on Tuesday nights, 27th Jan - 3rd March, you can book now online. To volunteer contact the parish office.

**Pope Leo XIV has appointed The Right Reverend Richard Moth** as Archbishop of Westminster, Bishop Richard said: "It has been a real privilege for me to serve you all during these last ten years and I shall be sad to leave the Diocese. May I thank you for all the support, patience and understanding you have shown to me over these years as we have journeyed together. "I know I can rely on your prayers as I prepare for new responsibilities and I assure you of my prayers for all that you do in the service of the Church in the Mission that the Lord has entrusted to us all."

**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.

**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. To book please go to the Events of the diocesan website or <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5>

**Friends of the Holy Land**, thanks to Edmund for making the appeal on behalf of the charity, the total given was £2360.85, excluding gift aid - thanks for your generosity.

**Crib Collection** This year all monies donated will go to the Arundel & Brighton Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

**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!

**Wishing all in the parish** a very happy and holy Christmas. If you are visiting from elsewhere, you are very welcome. If you are travelling, safe journey and safe return.

**May the joy and peace of Christ  
be with you this Christmas,  
and throughout the coming year!**

### Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,090.32

Friends of the Holy Land: £ 1,255.85

Thank you for your support and generosity

**PARISH CLERGY:**  
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St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373  
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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
[www.17threigate.org](http://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**

Marrion Buck, 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 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.

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| <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                  |

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| <b>Mon 22 Dec</b>  |   |
| <b>St Teresa's</b> | <b>10.00</b> Burke & Reade families RIP |

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| <b>Tue 23 Dec</b>  |                |
| <b>St Joseph's</b> | <b>No Mass</b> |

## **The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

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| <b>Wed 24 Dec</b>  |                                       |
| <b>St Joseph's</b> | <b>18.00</b> Parish Deceased 2025 RIP |
| <b>Thur 25 Dec</b> |                                       |
| <b>Holy Family</b> | <b>00.00</b> People of the Parish     |
| <b>St Joseph's</b> | <b>09.00</b> Special Int              |
| <b>St Teresa's</b> | <b>11.00</b> For Peace in the World   |

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| <b>Fri 26 Dec</b>  | <b>St Stephen, First Martyr</b> |
| <b>St Joseph's</b> | <b>10.00</b> Peter Sharples RIP |

## **The Feast of the Holy Family (year A)**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Response:** Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

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| <b>Sat 27 Dec</b>  |  |
| <b>St Joseph's</b> | <b>17.30</b> Margaret & Joseph Norris RIP  |
| <b>Sun 28 Dec</b>  |  |
| <b>Holy Family</b> | <b>09.00</b> Fletcher's Golden anniversary |
| <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**

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| <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 Main RIP**, his funeral will take place on Tuesday 30th Dec at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

**Teresa Possumato RIP** her funeral will take place on Wednesday 14th Jan at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed by the burial at Redstone Cemetery

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

**Alison Rose RIP** her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers