

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 1st Sunday in Lent (year A) - 22nd February 2026

**Update from Fr Tony:** *Firstly, I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers, and the many cards, emails, and messages which have been relayed to me over the last few weeks – they have been a tremendous support and encouragement. I am very grateful, also, to the quickly formed team who have kept the parish ticking over, to Deacon Tim especially for stepping in to care for the liturgical/pastoral needs where he can, and the kindness of the visiting priests, particularly Fr Richard, who have ensured weekend cover of the Masses.*

*As you know, I was admitted to Hospital as an emergency and had surgery over Christmas. In brief, a large tumour was identified in my stomach and thanks to the skills of the consultant surgeon and medical team, both the tumour and my stomach were removed in a lengthy operation, saving my life. I have been making a good recovery from this life changing moment but it is still early days as I am learning a new way of eating and processing nutrition, managing energy and regaining strength.*

*There is more treatment to come, but my aim is to continue recovery towards taking up light work in the parish as I get better. With this in mind, I hope to recuperate at home, in the presbytery at Redhill, though I hope you understand that I need to manage this carefully and will not be receiving visitors for the time being.*

*The interim arrangements for the provision of Mass and management of administrative matters (through the Parish Office) will remain in place and I ask you to pray for my continued recovery and for the medical team guiding my care.*

**Baptism Preparation:** For those who have made contact regarding having their child baptised, please note that it is no longer possible to run the session listed for 25<sup>th</sup> February. Next Session B will now be March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Book Club + Circle.** Our next 'read' is "Delexi Te" "I have loved you" - Pope Leo's first Apostolic Exhortation which is a formal pastoral document to encourage us in our faith with practical advice. We will meet to discuss the document, which is freely available on line on the Holy See's official website or in printed form from the Catholic Truth Society, on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> 8pm

**Parish Lunch** Thank you to our hosts Peter & Rosey Dias last Sunday for providing a wonderful flavour of Sri Lankan cuisine at our lunch. Our next parish lunch will be on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**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). Subscriptions for 2026 will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to enable prize money to be calculated and draws for January and February to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Join us every Thursday and Friday during Lent as we follow Jesus on His Way of the Cross. All welcome.

**Holy Family** at 10am on Thursdays during Lent  
**St Joseph's** at 7pm on Fridays during Lent  
Please keep an eye on the newsletter for any changes.

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament** will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church from 7-8pm. All are welcome.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** is an international, inter-church organisation led by women this year by the women of Nigeria. Services will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the following times and venues. All welcome.

**St Mary's Church, Chart Lane Reigate at 2pm**

**National Novena to St. Joseph,** 10-18 March. Join St. Joseph's Missionary Society (Mill Hill Missionaries). Novena Masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead, at 10am on weekdays and on Sundays 11am These will be shown on Zoom. Please visit for more information [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena)

**UCM:** Next meeting Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at St. Teresa's at 7:30pm. A talk on WRNS (Women's Royal Naval Service)

**Lent: A time to deepen our Faith** - All parishioners are warmly invited to pause and reflect at our one Lenten Faith Formation session on Thursday 12 March at 8pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. Listening to an inspiring sermon by Bishop Robert Barron we will discover simple, practical ways to deepen prayer, renew spiritual focus, and return to the essential practices that help us grow closer to God. There will be time for discussion, refreshments will be provided, concluding by 9.30pm.

**Big Lent Walk:** Mary Barrett is asking for sponsors for the Big Lent Walk. She is walking 200 km over 40 days, in solidarity with those who walk each day just to access safe water. Your sponsorship will help bring clean safe water to communities around the World. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/mary-walks-yet-again>

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February :** Your support this Fast Day will help our neighbours grow enough food to eat. Around the world – despite farmers' best efforts – crops are failing and families are going hungry - but there is hope and there is a solution. Please support CAFOD this Lent. Fast Day Envelopes should be available this weekend with the second collection next weekend, the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> Mar, for Family Fast Day. You can also give online (& gift-aid) [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

### Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £933.51  
Next weekend CAFOD Fast Day collection  
Thank you for your support and generosity

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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 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 speak after Mass to the Priest covering to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Pompea Tarsitano, Fr Tony Bridson, 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, 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.*

**1st Sunday in Lent (year A)**

Gen 2:7-9; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11.

**Response:** Have mercy on us O Lord, for we have sinned

**Sat 21 Feb**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 Norah Reade  
**Sun 22 Feb**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 People of God  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 Ina Clarke RIP  
**St Teresa's** 17.30 Margaret Daly RIP

**Mon 23 Feb**  
No Mass

**Tue 24 Feb**  
No Mass

**Wed 25 Feb**  
No Mass

**Thur 26 Feb**  
No Mass

**Fri 27 Feb**  
No Mass

**2nd Sunday in Lent (year A)**

Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-09.

**Response:** *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.*

**Sat 28 Feb**  
**St Joseph's** 17.30 Peter Reade RIP  
**Sun 1 Mar**  
**Holy Family** 09.00 Anne Giles RIP  
**St Joseph's** 11.00 People of God  
**St Teresa's** 17.30 Private Intention

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Please contact the parish office

**A Prayer for our Bishops**

*For Archbishop Richard Moth: We give thanks for the appointment of Bishop Richard Moth as the next Archbishop of Westminster. We ask the Lord to grant him wisdom, peace, and joy as he prepares to shepherd God's people in his new diocese.*

*For Cardinal Vincent Nichols: We offer our gratitude for the ministry of Cardinal Vincent Nichols. We keep him in our prayers for his pastoral care, wisdom, and dedication over many years of faithful service.*

*For the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton: We pray for our own Diocese during this time of transition. May we continue to build upon the firm foundations established here, and may the Holy Spirit guide us as we await a new shepherd to lead us in the mission of the Gospel.*

**REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
<b>Thur</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Stations of the Cross	Holy Family Church
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19.00</b>	Stations of the Cross	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**

**Maureen Thatcher RIP** her funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember her and her family in your prayers