

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Feast of the Holy Family (year A) 28th December 2025

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas Season and all the best for 2026!

...and many thanks for all the hard work of those who helped us celebrate Christmas, those who prepared the flowers and decorations, those who put up the trees and the crib scenes, those who cleaned the churches, the readers, servers and the musicians who enriched the liturgy, especially those who stepped in at the last minute to cover sickness, and everyone who helped in any way - around 1600 people passed through the doors over the 4 Masses! Thanks from Deacon Tim and Fr Tony for all your kind words, prayers, cards, and gifts. Thanks, also, for your kind Christmas offering. The Christmas season continues with the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend and then onto the Epiphany on Tuesday 6th January, finishing with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 11th Jan). We continue to leave the Crib scene until Monday 2nd February which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), you may like to do the same in your homes as a reminder that God has come to us and is with us always.

Prayers for Fr Tony: Please keep Fr Tony in your prayers, as he has been admitted to hospital on Christmas Day. We pray for his swift recovery, comfort, and for the medical team guiding his care. May he feel the support of our parish community during this time.

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

Parish Office Please note the parish office is closed till 5th January and there may be a delay in responding to email or messages. Please check for updates on times and dates of Masses on our parish website.

SVP Christmastide Tea: Please join us for the St Vincent de Paul Christmastide Tea on Thursday 8th January 2026 in St Joseph's Church Café at 2pm. Please call us if you would like a lift to the tea on 07918 980330.

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 3rd January at 10:30am in St Joseph's Meeting Room, trained befrienders will be there and you will be very welcome.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word: on Sat 24th 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>

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."

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.

Exploring the vocation to teaching on Tues 13th Jan in our diocesan schools – online event – 5.30pm to 6.30pm. If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running this online information event. This event would be suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please visit: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqrcnwzi

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.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. 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.

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

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, 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 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.

Sat 27 Dec		
St Joseph's	17.30	Margaret & Jospheh Norris RIP
Sun 28 Dec		
Holy Family	09.00	Fletcher's Golden anniversary
St Joseph's	11.00	The people of the parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 29 Dec
St Teresa's **No Mass**

Tue 30 Dec
St Joseph's **10.30am Funeral Mass for Charlie Main RIP**

Wed 31 Dec
St Joseph's **No Mass**

Thur 1 Jan
Holy Family **No Mass**

Fri 2 Jan
St Joseph's **No Mass**

2nd Sunday of Christmas (year A)

Sir 24:1-2; Ps 127; Eph 1:3-6 15-18; John 1:1-18

Response: The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us

Sat 3 Jan		
St Joseph's	17.30	Eileen Fox RIP
Sun 4 Jan		
Holy Family	09.00	The People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Alison Walker RIP
St Teresa's	17.30	Betty Ramsey RIP

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

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