

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Eighteen Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 3rd Aug 2025

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!

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.

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

The Book + Circle: Our summer reading is a novel by Holly Mitchel "Crooked Lines". We are not meeting until Thursday 4th September 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's Church. Please come along - all welcome.

Cancel the Debt Choose Hope: 54 countries from Kenya to Sri Lanka are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. **CAFOD**, together with the Caritas network is gathering a global church petition to world leaders, who could make a huge difference to this situation. The parish J & P group will be outside all Masses on 2/3rd August to invite parishioners to sign the petition.

Diocesan Festival of Hope at Ardingly Showground on 20th September 2025: celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, the 60th anniversary of the Diocese, and our renewed call to mission as laid out in Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan. Guest speakers include Michelle Moran (Sion Community), Dai Woolridge (Bible Society), Christine Allen (CAFOD). The day will conclude with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard. Coach transport is arranged with pick up at St Joseph's so that people are collected and dropped back locally. Anyone under 18yrs is to be accompanied by an adult. Please email james.uberoi@abdiocese.org.uk - Tickets are limited, and it is a 'First come first served' basis

Big Church Festival 2025 The Diocese is looking for volunteers aged 18+ to help at the Big Church Festival, 22-24 Aug - a family-friendly celebration of faith, music, and community. Volunteers will camp in a designated area, attend training on 21 Aug, and work in pairs supporting small groups each morning, with some afternoon chaperoning. Benefits include festival access, camping, and food while working. For Info Email bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk or visit www.bigchurchfestival.com/get-involved/volunteer

Get Together Saturday Group. We meet each Saturday in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's from 3pm for games, chat or socialising. All adults welcome.

New Parish Youth Group for 13-18yrs: We are launching a new youth group in the parish for those aged 13-18 years. The group will meet on the first Sunday of each month at the PNL centre at St. Joseph's Church from 3pm to 5pm. Our first meeting will be **Sunday 7th September** We will be offering opportunities to have fun with new friends, time to explore faith and ask questions and there will definitely be lots of snacks! If your child would like to attend please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com so that we can send a parental consent form and further details.

Bereavement Coffee Morning - If you would like to come along to our coffee morning this coming Saturday 9th August at 10:30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre, Meeting Room, befrienders will be there and you will be welcome.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass - On Sat 11 Oct 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us at 11.30am. Family and friends are very welcome. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Marriage Help:- Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th October. For more information please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call 07887 296983

Diocesan Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage of Hope from Saturday 9th August - 24th August 2025: The Diocesan walking pilgrimage is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Day One 13.20-14.20 Gathering and Welcome Service at Horley Catholic Church. 13.20-14.20, Lunch: Kings Head, Horley. 16.15-16.35 Prayers at St John the Evangelist, Earlswood. 18.00-19.00 Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church, Reigate. Parishioners are very welcome to join the pilgrimage at any of the above. For more information, please visit www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Wednesday 6 August 2024 is the 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Between 11.30 and 12.30, a local peace group will be either right in the centre of Redhill (Maple Square or under the Harlequin steps) - to reflect on what happened when the first nuclear bomb was used in warfare. Please visit and lend your support.

Thinking of the Priesthood - In our Diocese we have a St John Vianney Group exploring calling to the priesthood. If you would like to find out more or just chat generally about vocations contact our diocesan vocations director, Fr Tristan Cranfield: tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org.uk

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1317.69

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 & HOUSEBOUND**

Andrew & Mary Wilson, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Alison Walker, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczok-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.

The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

Sat 2 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	Sheila and Edward Bentall RIP
Sun 3 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	The people of the parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Guilherme Alves RIP
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 4 Aug		St John Mary Vianney, Priest
St Teresa's	10.00	Jean Longley RIP

Tue 5 Aug
No Mass

Wed 6 Aug		The Transfiguration of the Lord
St Joseph's	10.00	Margaret McBrien RIP

Thur 7 Aug		
Holy Family	10.00	Special Int

Fri 8 Aug		St Dominic
St Joseph's	10.00	Veronica Hall RIP

The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Sat 9 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	Margaret McBrien RIP
Sun 10 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	The people of the parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Thanksgiving for a positive journey
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

Prayer for Peace on the 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima

To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty I pray: Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations; Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war; Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship; Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace; Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace. O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace. (Pope Saint John Paul II)