

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

St Teresa's  
Weldon Way,  
Merstham, RH1 3QA

St Joseph's  
(Parish Office)  
122 Ladbrooke Road,

Holy Family  
Yorke Road,  
Reigate, RH2 9HF

Tel: 01737 761017 - Email: [pnl@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pnl@abdiocese.org.uk) - Website: [www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk](http://www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk)

## 2nd Sunday of Christmas (year A) - 4th January 2026

### 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 Mon 2nd Feb 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 for serious emergency surgery. 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. Please see the parish newsletter and website for any updates. If you have any concerns please contact the parish office during normal working hours.

**Feast of the Epiphany** (A Holy Day of Obligation) on Tue 6th Jan, Mass will be at 11am in St Joseph's.

**Parish Youth Group for 13-18yrs** meets every first Sunday of the month (**TODAY Sunday 4th January**) from **3-5pm** at the PNL centre at St Joseph's. We will be offering opportunities to have fun with new friends, time to explore faith and ask questions. If your child would like to attend please email [pnyoungpeople@gmail.com](mailto:pnyoungpeople@gmail.com) so that we can send a parental consent form & details.

**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. **Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates.**

**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.

**Parish Sunday Lunch** Our next parish Lunch will be on Sunday 11th January 2026 and hosted by the Syro Malabar Community. All welcome.

**The 50/50 Club 2026:** This is a parish fundraiser with 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 welcome. You can also support the food bank financially via <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>.

**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."

**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 Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. To book please go to the Events of the diocesan website or <https://abdiocese.churcsuite.com/events/xqparvc5>

**Get Together Saturday Group** will resume on Saturday 10th January at 3pm in the Café area of St Joseph's

**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.

**PNL Book + Circle:** We have chosen "What Are We Waiting For? Finding Meaning in Advent and Christmas" by Richard Leonard SJ for our Advent and Christmastide reading. It's a small book of only 100 pages so maybe a great way to launch into some spiritual reading in the new year. Please come and join us on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's for a coffee and to chat about the book.

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

### Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £963.83

Thank you for your support and generosity

**PARISH CLERGY:**  
Fr Tony Bridson  
Dcn Tim Murrill (07545 175448)

**PARISH OFFICE**  
MON - FRIDAY 9.30AM - 3.30PM  
01737 761017  
[pnl@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pnl@abdiocese.org.uk)

**PARISH GIFT AID**  
[pnlgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:pnlgiftaid@gmail.com)

**HALL HIRE ENQUIRIES**  
[pnlhallhire@gmail.com](mailto:pnlhallhire@gmail.com)

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING**  
Katie Jones - c/o 01737 761017  
[Sg1.pnl@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Sg1.pnl@abdiocese.org.uk)

**SCHOOLS:**  
St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367  
[www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk](http://www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk)

St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373  
[www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk)

St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108  
[www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk)

**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
[www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk](http://www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk)  
[webmaster.pnlparish@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.pnlparish@gmail.com)

**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**

Fr Tony Bridson, Marion 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, Sheilanine 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.*

## **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

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

**Mon 5 Jan** **No Mass**

**Tue 6 Jan** **Feast if the Epiphany**  
**St Joseph's** **11.00** Alice & Albert Breen RIP

**Wed 7 Jan** **No Mass**

**Thur 8 Jan** **No Mass**

**Fri 9 Jan** **No Mass**

## **Baptism of the Lord (year A)**

Is 41:1-4,6-7; Ps 29; Acts: 10:34-38; Matt1:13-17

**Response:** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

<b>Sat 10 Jan</b>	<b>17.30</b>	Betty Murphy RIP
<b>St Joseph's</b>		
<b>Sun 11 Jan</b>	<b>09.00</b>	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Holy Family</b>		
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11.00</b>	Jack Healy RIP
<b>St Teresa's</b>	<b>17.30</b>	The People of the Parish

## **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Following the Saturday evening Mass,  
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

## **REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

<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**

**Teresa Possumato RIP** her funeral will take place on Wed 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