

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (year A) 6th September 2026

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 Sep. The Church believes in the dignity and value of every human life. This Bill, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured to end their lives and risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? Weekly sessions will start again in September. For information contact the Parish Office.

Please Continue to pray for Fr Stephen Wang His episcopal ordination for our Diocese will take place on Mon 19 Oct, the Feast of St Philip Howard, with limited spaces, and the celebration will be livestreamed to enable as many people as possible to participate in the Mass online. On Sat 24 Oct at 11.30am, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey near Crawley. Further details will be shared soon.

Parish Sunday Lunches Thank you to Michelle who has very generously come forward and volunteered to host the Parish Lunch next Sunday 13th September. If you would like to host a lunch please contact the parish office.

PNL Yellow Bucket Collection. The donations which go to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

Café St Joseph's: Please feel free to come along and join your parish community on a Wednesday and Friday at 10-11.30am in the PNL cafe area, for the readings of the day with discussions and prayers/ intercessions. All Welcome.

Week 2 The Season of Creation: On Tuesday 8th September at 7pm in St Joseph's our Rosary group will be offering the Luminous Mysteries with reflections on Creation. Please come along to pray for our world, or maybe pray at home with your family? <https://www.trocaire.org/documents/an-ecological-rosary/>

Also the follow up meetings for the Jubilee Garden Project take place at 1pm and at 7pm on Thursday 10th September – to sign up please go to <https://jubileegarden.org/workingparty/>

A New WhatsApp channel for our diocese, enabling members of our faith community who perhaps don't use social media to receive the latest news from the Diocese. Those who do use social media can still sign up - WhatsApp channels don't allow comments or replies so are very safe spaces. Go to <https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0Vff0E>

Pray for Vocations: We continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. We pray for all who serve God in this way.

2026/7 First Holy Communion Programme We will be running this programme for children entering school year 4 and above starting in the autumn. The best preparation comes from the family, and the growing presence/familiarity the children can have with the Mass and the 'rhythm of faith' that we celebrate Sunday by Sunday through the seasons of the Church's year. If you have a child entering year 4+ and would like to register interest to join the programme please email: frfhcpnl@gmail.com

School Admissions Forms - If you are applying for your child to attend St Bede's in September 2027 in the relevant form please fill in 'Parish of the Nativity of the Lord' and 'Fr Tony Bridson' as Parish Priest and return to the school. We will be making arrangements to sign the supplementary forms in November so keep an eye on the newsletter.

PNL Youth Group - for school aged children (13-18 years old) - if you want to explore your faith alongside other young people your age, and discover more about what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life, we would love to invite you to join us. Each meeting is a mix of social time and faith focus, snack provided. Next meeting is Sunday 6th September, from 3-5 pm at PNL hall at St Joseph's email: pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com for more information, or just turn up on the day.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11am Mass at St Joseph's on the first Sunday of every month - the next meeting will be on Sunday 6th September - To comply with diocesan safeguarding rules we must adhere to the appropriate adult/child ratios meaning limited numbers; each child must have a consent form pre-filled by their parent or guardian, and a registration of children attending is required for each session. We welcome new volunteers, please contact pnchildliturgy@gmail.com - Submit consent forms here: <https://forms.gle/XJgWreVksmvK7Pwv9>

Lourdes in 2027? Save these dates now, if you are considering joining our 2027 diocesan pilgrimage! Friday 23 to Thursday 29 July for those travelling by air, and Thursday 22 to Friday 30 July for those arriving in Lourdes by coach or Jumbulance (these dates differ from those given in the 2026 handbook).

Education Sunday Collection: There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend, 12th/13th September to mark Education Sunday. This annual collection supports the critical work of Catholic/Christian education. Thank you for your generosity.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,404.70

2nd Collection next weekend for
Education Sunday

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 AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

Stewart Lumgair, Pat Russell, Joyce & Terry Graham, Joan Hodge, Fr Tony Bridson, Kathleen Hagerty, Jim Fox, Marian Buck, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Mary Wilson, 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, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Chris Bayley, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, , 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 Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (year A)

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rms 13:8-10; Mt18:15-20

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Sat 5 Sep		
St Joseph's	17.30	Thanksgiving
Sun 6 Sep		
Holy Family	09.00	The People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Ron Smales RIP
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 7 Sept
No Mass

Tue 8 Sept
No Mass

Wed 9 Sept
No Mass

Thur 10 Sept
No Mass

Fri 11Sept
No Mass

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Ps 103; Rms 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Response: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Sat 12 Sept		
St Joseph's	17.30	Larry Walker RIP
Sun 13 Sept		
Holy Family	09.00	The People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Special Intention
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

Tues	19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed	10.00	Prayers, Coffee/Tea	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Wed	10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri	10.00	Prayers, Coffee/Tea	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sat	15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun	10.00	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun	12.00	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Joan Rose RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Monday 21st September at 10.30am

Sarah Healy RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 22nd September at 10.30am

Rita Diffley RIP her funeral will take place at Holy Family on Wednesday 30th September at 10.30am.

Maurice (Mo) Hartnett RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged.

Patricia Blackwell RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers