

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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3rd Sunday in Lent (year A) - 8th March 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.

Stations of the Cross Walk: From Holy Family to St Joseph's will take place on Saturday 28th March starting at 11am in the car park of Holy Family Church and finishing at around 1pm inside St Joseph's Church. All children attending must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Walkers must bring their own drinking water.

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

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 28th 8pm

St Catherine's Hospice: Everyone can play a part in supporting St Catherine's (see J&P newsletter for details). Make St Catherine's Hospice on Station Rd in Redhill your favoured charity shop, participate in the Lego Walk or the Fire Walk at Crawley Stadium on March 8th, join a golf event or run a half-marathon. Find details on Find an Event - St Catherine's

Holy Thursday – Washing of feet, this ancient imitation of Jesus washing his disciples' feet is a sign of serving those who were to serve others. If you offer some service in the parish and would like to volunteer your feet, or someone else's (please ask them first), please contact the parish office.

Parish Lunch: Our next parish lunch is TODAY Sunday 8th March, hosted by members of our Portuguese community and led by Maria. There is no charge, donations are appreciate. All welcome.

Congratulations to some of our Adults who recently attended the Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral, please keep them in your prayers this lent as they prepare to be received at the Easter Vigil.

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 2026 at 8.00pm**. 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 9.30 pm.

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Applications are now open for the 2026 A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage! Visit our website to find out more, please go to abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

Parish Key Audit The parish office is conducting a key audit to ensure our buildings remain safe and accessible. If you are a current holder of any parish keys (including main church doors, halls, sacristies, or storage areas, etc.), please email the parish office, in your email, please provide your name and contact number and a list of which keys you currently hold. Thank you for your help.

CAFOD would like to say thank you for your generous support for Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,284.92
This weekend CAFOD Fast Day collection £1,291.64

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 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**

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.

3rd Sunday in Lent (year A₂)

Ex17:3-7; Ps 95; Rm 5:5-8; Jn 4: 5-42.

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

Sat 7 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Margaret Byrne RIP
Sun 8 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 People of God
St Joseph's 11.00 Legnel Rubiano Muñoz RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 9 Mar
No Mass

Tue 10 Mar
No Mass

Wed 11 Mar
No Mass

Thur 12 Mar
No Mass

Fri 13 Mar
No Mass

4th Sunday in Lent (year A₂)

Sam 16: 1b,6-7; Ps 23; Eph 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41.

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want*

Sat 14 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Jillian Dobrska and Anthony Dobrska RIP
Sun 15 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 Margaret Drury's Intention
St Joseph's 11.00 People of God
St Teresa's 17.30 Michael Henderson RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please contact the parish office

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tue	19.00	Rosary	St Joseph's Church
Wed	10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Thur	10.00	Stations of the Cross	Holy Family Church
Fri	19.00	Stations of the Cross	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

Maureen Thatcher RIP her funeral will take place in St Richards Chapel, Surrey & Sussex Crematorium at 13.30 on 27th March 2026.

Peter Gray RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Maria Wojtanowski RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember her and her family in your prayers