

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Churches and lockdown easing Step 4

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July we entered Step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 Response Roadmap. The Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) has prepared new guidance for parishes accordingly, following discussions with officials from Public Health England and HM Government Places of Worship Task Force. They advise that care must be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship. A key element of the new guidance involves moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements, adopting a continuing cautious approach to easements. The key watchwords for the future steps are discernment of local prevailing conditions and careful consideration of what mitigations are needed in light of these, with a strong emphasis on common sense risk averse activities to continue to mitigate against the transmission of the virus.

After a meeting with our own Covid Response team the following guidance has been agreed for the parish:

- We are still asked to ensure the use of face coverings and also sanitization on entry and exit from Church.
- Track and trace is encouraged and people can continue to use the QR points or sign in themselves.
- Stewards are no longer required to manage movement of the congregation, on entry or for Communion
- There is no longer a requirement for social distancing within the Churches and all seating is available.
- Should people wish to socially distant we will maintain the use of the halls to ensure this.
- The physical sign of peace remains suspended and Communion continues to be under one kind only.
- We are able to re-introduce congregational singing gradually.
- The use of our PNL centres is still heavily restricted by our Diocesan requirements for Covid and so for the time being remain 'out of action' except for Mass overflow.
- From 1st August we will return to the normal weekday schedule for Mass to which all are welcome.
- St Joseph's Church will be open daily for visits and private prayer.

We will review these measures as necessary in the light of local conditions.

**Nurturing the growth of the Church** - along with lockdown easing comes more opportunity to enliven the parish again and for new folks to step up - can you gift some time to help the celebration of the liturgy, the nurturing of faith and sacramental preparation, the care of the building and grounds, visits to the housebound, or anything else? Please email the parish office with your offers of help.

**First Holy Communion programme 2021/22** - After discussion with our leaders, given the easing and the possibility of meeting in person we are preparing to start our First Reconciliation/First Communion course. We have decided, given we normally have about 100 children on the course that the best way forward is to run the programme with those children about to enter year 4 in September who have been waiting for a year now to start preparation. This will mean that those entering year 3 will now have to wait until times are hopefully more settled, though we are proposing to offer a few 'pop-up sessions' to help. 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, so, with lockdown easing hopefully continuing, let this be the family aim. If you have a child entering year 4 and would like to register interest email: [frfhcpnl@gmail.com](mailto:frfhcpnl@gmail.com)

**Justice and Peace meeting Wed 8th Sept 8pm** Find out more about social and environmental issues. Share your ideas about what we can do locally and in the wider field to promote and nurture a more just and peaceful world. Contact the parish office for the online meeting link.

**17th Reigate Scout Group are holding their AGM** on Saturday 11th September and will follow this with mass at which we will be especially remembering John Davis and Danny Fitzgerald and the considerable contribution they made before sadly passing away this last year. Following mass we will be unveiling The Davis Scout Centre in honour of John's contribution and a plaque to Danny. There will be BBQ with drinks and everyone is welcome - please note there will be some restrictions with the parking to ensure safety but traffic marshals will there to help.

....**Also exciting news, they are starting 'Squirrels'** a new section aimed at introducing 4-5 year olds to the scouting adventure. They will meet on Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm. If you would like your child to join or could offer to help send an email: [17th.groupscouter@gmail.com](mailto:17th.groupscouter@gmail.com)

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** ([www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)) is a international Catholic organisation founded in France in 1833. It works locally in parishes through volunteers helping anyone in need. Join them and work with them to help in whatever way you can. During this pandemic many people are suffering terrible hardship. There are families short of food, lonely people needing a friend, homeless individuals, families struggling with financial hardship or those facing illness. Contact the parish office for more details.

**The SVP** are still reaching out to those in need (who would normally receive a visit) and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back.

**CAFOD** is responding to multiple emergencies across the world, including, Haiti, Afghanistan and Africa - please visit their website <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>

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**St JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
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**EAST SURREY HOSPITAL**  
The hospital does not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Francis (01293 431703) of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either a patient or their family. This needs to be made clear to the staff on admission to the hospital.  
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 admission.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Margaret McBrien, Dilys Purtell, Brian O'Connor, Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, Anne Moon, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Jaden Sebastian, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, John Philmore, Maura Green, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Mary Carey, Peter Reade, and all sick and housebound of our parish.

*If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish on 01737 761017.*

## The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Is 35:4-7; Ps 145; Jm 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord

**Sat 4 Sept**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Michael Bourke RIP  
**Sun 5 Sept**  
**Holy Family 09.00** Fr Andrew Smith OP RIP  
**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish  
**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention  
**Mon 6 Sep**  
**St Teresa's 10.00** Margaret 'Jonnie' Bridson RIP  
**Tue 7 Sep**  
No Mass  
**Wed 8 Sept** **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Special Intention  
**Thur 9 Sept**  
**Holy Family 10.00** Thanksgiving for the gift of marriage  
**Friday 10 Sept**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Marie Hubbard RIP

## The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Is 50:5-9; Ps 114; Jm 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
In the land of the living.

**Sat 11 Sept**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** John Davis RIP  
**Sun 12 Sept**  
**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** Farrukh family int.  
**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

**Catherine Reed RIP** her funeral is to be arranged

**Fr Mario Sanderson RIP**, a retired priest of our diocese, his funeral is to be arranged

**Please remember them and their families in your prayers.**

**PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** Please use this prayer if you needing to isolate, or are unwell, or unable to come to Mass: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.* St Alphonsus Liguori