

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th September 2021

Churches and lockdown easing Step 4

On Monday 19th 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.

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 in the meantime. 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, or a child a bit older, and would like to register interest email: frfhcpnl@gmail.com The closing date for applications is Sunday 19th September.

School Admissions Forms

If you are applying for your child to attend St Bede's or St Joseph's, or another Faith School, in September 2022, in the relevant form please fill in 'Parish of the Nativity of the Lord' and 'Fr Tony Bridson' as Parish Priest. We will have to make arrangements to sign the supplementary forms depending on developments with the pandemic during the autumn so keep an eye on the newsletter.

Opportunities for job/volunteer roles within our locality to work with Women/baby Asylum seekers. Please contact the Parish Office for further details

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/ - with attempts before parliament for both start and end of life 'termination' this charity are looking to hire skilled professionals to strengthen their ability to oppose these efforts and protect life.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (www.svp.org.uk) 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. Contact the parish office for more details of how you can help the SVP's work.

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.

Redhill Women's Group - free open day Monday 20th Sep, 9.30am -12.30pm, at Surrey Choices Building - registration required, please contact tukes@smef.org.uk

Marriage Anniversaries Mass at St Joseph's Guildford, 9 October, 11.30am - 2.30pm. Are you celebrating a significant anniversary this year? Join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Volunteers Audit Following the Elliot Review, and the newly set up Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) we are asked to undertake a parish audit and most of our volunteers are required to DBS check and complete online training at least every three years. If you volunteer in the parish in any capacity please email the parish office so we can get 'our house in order'.

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St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367
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St JOSEPH'S 17TH 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, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilanine 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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Wis 2:12.17-20; Ps 53; Jm 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Sat 18 Sept
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael Bourke RIP
Sun 19 Sept
Holy Family 09.00 Special Intention
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention
Mon 20 Sep **St Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions St**
Teresa's 10.00 Margaret McBrien's well being
Tue 21 Sep **St Matthew**
No Mass
Wed 22 Sept
St Joseph's 10.00 Richard Wheddon RIP
Thur 23 Sept **St Pius of Pietreicino (Padre Pio)**
Holy Family 10.00 Special Intention
Friday 24 Sept **Our Lady of Walsingham**
St Joseph's 10.00 Chris Jupp RIP

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Num 11:25-29; Ps 18; Jm 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43.45.47-48

Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Sat 25 Sept
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention
Sun 26 Sept
Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Harry Peaston RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Richard Franklin RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Catherine Reed RIP her funeral will take place on Thursday 30th Sept at Midday at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium .

Chris Jupp RIP his funeral will take place on Friday 24th Sept at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

Betty Murphy RIP her funeral will take place on Friday 1st Oct at 10am at St Joseph's Church followed at Redstone cemetery

Fr Mario Sanderson RIP, a retired priest of our diocese, his funeral will take place on Tuesday 21st Sept at midday, at St Thomas of Canterbury, Mayfield

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