

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th 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.

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.

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.

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'.

50/50 Club September winner: number 98, well done!

(The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878)

Congratulations to our Syro-Malabar community who are officially declared as a mission within the Great Britain epharchy this weekend by Bishop Mar Joseph Srampickal. 2005 August it was started as a mass centre for SyroMalabar Catholics with 20 families and has grown into 95 families. It will be known as 'St Clare mission Redhill'. The community thanks all the parish for their support.

Music at Holy Family, 9am We are looking for musicians to join us in preparing and leading the music at the 9am mass at Holy Family. Could you help once or twice a month as we bring music back into our liturgy? If so, please email the parish office.

Nurturing the growth of Church - can you gift some time to help with the liturgy, the nurturing of faith and sacramental preparation, the care of the building and grounds, visits to the housebound, etc Please email the parish office

This is Great Big Green Week and Climate Action Reigate and Redhill (CARR) are holding various events to inform us about climate issues. Fairtrade Reigate will be outside M and S and there will be a Coffee Morning and stalls in the Methodist church community centre.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Friday 1 Oct, donations will help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website (www.cafod.org.uk) which can be gift-aided, or in the second collection next weekend.

Please pray for our priests (including Fr Tony) & deacons who are on the Diocesan retreat this week at St John's Seminary where many were trained. Please note there will be no weekday Mass on Wednesday or Thursday.

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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**

Bridget Steward, 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, Sheilaine 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 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
Mon 27 Sep **St Vincent de Paul**
10.00 Molly Ingram RIP
Tue 28 Sep
No Mass
Wed 29 Sept **Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
St Joseph's No Mass
Thur 30 Sept **St Jerome**
Holy Family No Mass
Friday 1 Oct **St Therese of the Child Jesus**
St Joseph's 10.00 Funeral Mass for Betty Murphy RIP

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 127; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10: 2-16

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our Life.

Sat 2 Oct
St Joseph's 17.30 Margaret McBrien's wellbeing
Sun 3 Oct
Holy Family 09.00 Mat Tunney RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish
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 will take place on Thursday 30th Sept at Midday 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

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