

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd October 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 Reconciliation/Communion Programme we are starting this week with a parents meeting on Thursday 7.45pm at St Joseph's PNL Centre. Families should have received details, if not please contact frfhc@gmail.com

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, on the relevant form please fill in 'The Nativity of the Lord' as the parish 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.

Francis of Assisi School, Crawley, Premises Officer Vacancy starting Dec 2021. Salary: £29,577-£32,234 (negotiable for exceptional candidate). Term time only + 4 weeks. Please contact Mary Morgan (School Business Manager) by email: mmorgan@stfrancisassisi.org.uk, or for an informal chat or to book a visit: 01293 521009. Deadline for applications: Friday 8th October.

The SVP continue their care work in the parish, please ring 07918980330 for support and they will call back.

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'.

A talk by Austen Ivereigh on the forthcoming Synod 10am Sat 23 Oct, Worth Abbey: parish@worth.org.uk

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

Marriage Care write to say: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. You can find out more and book counselling sessions at www.marriagecare.org.uk

Congratulations to our Syro-Malabar community who were officially declared as a mission within the Great Britain epharchy last weekend by Bishop Mar Joseph Srampickal. It will be known as 'St Clare mission Redhill'. The community thanks all the parish for their support.

St Joseph's School open mornings, prospective parents are invited to have a school tour in small groups of 6 adults, on either Saturday 9th Oct or 6th Nov. Tours will run by appointment every 15 min between 10am-12.45pm. Please contact: office@stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk or telephone 01737 765373. Unfortunately, they cannot accommodate tours outside those times at present.

COP26 - The UN Climate Change Conference, 1-12 November, aims to explore the issues contributing to climate change, and how to tackle the global ecological crisis, with 200 countries represented. Visit the Journey to 2030 website for a range of catholic resources including a Parish Guide to Laudato Si', Pope Francis' teaching on care for our common home: <https://journeyto2030.org/>

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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**

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 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

Mon 4 Oct **St Francis of Assisi**
St Teresa's 10.00 Private Intention

Tue 5 Oct
No Mass

Wed 6 Oct
St Joseph's 10.00 Farrukh family int.

Thur 7 Oct **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Holy Family 10.00 Ernest & Florence Hazel RIP

Friday 8 Oct
St Joseph's 10.00 Kitty & Ray Sharpe RIP

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Wis 7:7-11; Ps 89; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

Sat 9 Oct
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention
Sun 10 Oct
Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 David Daniel Holloway RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Ken MacNamara RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Climate Crisis Appeal. Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, please donate in the parish second collection, or online (gift aid possible) through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

You can also add your voice to the online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate.

Thank you for your generosity for the emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

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)