

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17<sup>th</sup> October 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 and our Sacramental programmes.
- We have returned 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** this weekend the children have their first session. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare to receive the Lord in a special way through the Sacrament of his forgiveness. Pray also that they (and all of us) may hear more attentively the weekly invitation of the Lord to participate in the Mass, the rhythmic heartbeat of faith that we celebrate Sunday by Sunday through the seasons of the Church's year as God's children gather to the table of the Lord.

**Confirmation Programme** please keep in your prayers our 25+ candidates who are making their final preparations for the coming Gift of the Holy Spirit at the celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Richard at the end of this month.

#### 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.

**Invited - the Diocesan programme** Online groups will continue next Eastertime. Meanwhile a new series of short films are offered <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/nvited>

**Parish Volunteers Audit** 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](mailto:parish@worth.org.uk)

**Thinking about becoming a Catholic?** We are running an informal 'Come and see' session on Tuesday evening 19th October - email the parish office for information

**17th Reigate Scout Group – Cleaner required** As we now return to regular meeting in the Scout Centre we are looking to employ someone, on a weekly basis, to ensure that our facilities are clean and fit for purpose. Favourable rates on offer and some flexibility as to times. If you are interested email [17th.groupscoutleader@gmail.com](mailto:17th.groupscoutleader@gmail.com)

**A novena (nine days of prayer)** to help defeat the 'Assisted Dying Bill' which goes before the House of Lords for its Second Reading next week, on Friday 22 October. If successful, the Bill will allow terminally ill adults with less than six months to live, assistance to commit suicide. Catholics are encouraged to pray the novena with short daily reflections to uphold the infinite worth of each human person, through proper investment in palliative care. For more details: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Marriage Care** write to say: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**St Josephs' Pre-School** have a few spaces left for January 2022 intakes (those children born between Mar 2019 – Aug 2019). The preschool is Ofsted registered and in receipt of Free Early Education funding, and is a place where your child will learn through play in an environment where caring, friendship, co-operation, a love of God and respect for others is encouraged. Children start from 2 and 1/2 years old: [admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk) or call 07847 221367

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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 Albion (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, 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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Is 53:10-11; Ps 32; Heb 4:44-16; Mk 10:35-45

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you

**Sat 16 Oct**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Sylvester Addley RIP  
**Sun 17 Oct**  
**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** John Mannion RIP  
**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention  
  
**Mon 18 Oct** **St Luke, Evangelist**  
**St Teresa's 10.00** Blessed Jorzy Popieluszko RIP  
  
**Tue 19 Oct** **St Philip Howard, Martyr**  
No Mass  
  
**Wed 20 Oct**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Special Intention  
  
**Thur 21 Oct**  
**Holy Family 10.00** Jim Diffley RIP  
  
**Friday 22 Oct**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** UCM intentions

## The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 125; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad

**Sat 23 Oct**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Michael Clarke RIP  
**Sun 24 Oct**  
**Holy Family 09.00** Mark Cornwell 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 SOUL OF:

**Maeve Welsby RIP** her funeral is to be arranged.

**Please remember her and her family 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)*