

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th 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 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.

Confirmation Programme please keep in your prayers our candidates who are making their final preparations for the coming Gift of the Holy Spirit at the celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Richard this Friday evening. You may have noticed prayer intentions they have prepared hung around the grounds of St Joseph's - Why not take a moment to visit and reflect and pray.

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, our Formation Team have devised a series of five 'deep dive' films. Films One, Two and Three explore the themes of Invited Season One in greater depth, with films Four and Five providing a 'How to' guide to prayer and Scripture. You can watch the films in a group, or on your own, in any order, find them here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

Parish Volunteers Audit we are asked to have a complete list of those who help. If you volunteer in the parish in any capacity please email the parish office so we can get 'our house in order'.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? We are running informal 'Come and see' sessions on Tuesday evenings - email the parish office for information

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 or call 07847 221367

Deanery Station Masses For those who have died: During this pandemic grieving those who have died as been particularly difficult. With this in mind we are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard as he comes to each deanery this November for the intention of those lost. For this deanery: Sacred Heart Church Caterham, Friday 19th at 7.30pm

COP26 31 October - 12 November - The United Nations climate talks (also known as the Conference of Parties), will begin at the end of this month in Glasgow. COP26 will be biggest summit ever hosted in the UK (Covid permitting) with around 30,000 attendees expected. There are a wide range of events and initiatives planned in the coming weeks. See our Diocesan Website for details.

'Missio' World Mission Sunday – today the entire global Church comes together in support of our mission to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. You can give via our retiring collection, or via their website where you can also gift-aid: <https://www.missio.org.uk>

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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, 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 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

Mon 25 Oct
St Teresa's 10.00 Francis & Eileen Dennehy RIP

Tue 26 Oct
No Mass

Wed 27 Oct
St Joseph's 10.00 Mary O Anyanwu RIP

Thur 28 Oct **Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles**
Holy Family 10.00 Founders Benefactors, Priests RIP

Friday 29 Oct
St Joseph's 10.00 Jim Allanson RIP

The Solemnity of All Saints (Year B)

Apoc 7:2-4.9-14; Ps 23; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

Response: Such are the men who seek your face, oh Lord

Sat 30 Oct
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael Clarke RIP
Sun 31 Oct
Holy Family 9.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Special Intention
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:

Fr Ken McCarthy RIP, a retired priest of this diocese, who supplied here many times over the years, his funeral is to be arranged

Maeve Welsby RIP her funeral is to be arranged.

Miles O'Connor RIP 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)*