

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th November 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.

#### NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

##### Blessing of Graves:

Sun 7th Nov 3.00pm - Redstone Cemetery, Redhill.

Mon 8th Nov 10.30am St Teresa's, Merstham

Thur 11th Nov 10.45am Garden of Remembrance Bancroft Rd, Reigate

**Mass for the Bereaved** will take place on Saturday 13th Nov 10am at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome, please encourage anyone who has suffered a recent loss to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to chat with our parish bereavement team for any who wish to do so.

**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

**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** has new 'deeper dive' films available: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/nvited>

**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'.

**SYNOD process Update-** The deadline for contributions from Bishop's conferences has been extended by Rome, and we hope to receive materials in the next few weeks.

**17<sup>th</sup> Reigate Scouts – Archery taster session** Ever wanted to have a go at archery? Come and join us on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November between 8.30pm and 10.00pm in the Davis Scout Centre. Just turn up and have a go. Refreshments provided.

**The St John Vianney Group** is for men 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting is Sunday 21 November 3-7pm at 2 Falkland Grove, Dorking, RH4 3DLF. For more information please contact Fr Con Foley T: 01932 842643 or E: [con.foley@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:con.foley@abdiocese.org.uk).

**St Josephs' Pre-School** has a few spaces left for January 2022 intakes and is a place where your child will learn in an environment where caring, friendship, co-operation, a love of God and respect for others is encouraged: [admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk) or 07847 221367

**COP26 31 October - 12 November** - The United Nations climate talks (also known as the Conference of Parties), is the biggest summit ever hosted in the UK. For prayer ideas see our diocesan website.

**Visiting Sick and Housebound** as our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are recommencing bringing Communion to our parish's frailer members if you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

**2nd Collection this weekend** Retired priests of the diocese fund which is gift aidable)

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**St JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
www.17threigate.org

**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 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Kngs 17:10-16; Ps 145; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord

**Sat 6 Nov**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** In Thanksgiving  
**Sun 7 Nov**  
**Holy Family 9.00** Jim Diffley RIP  
**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish  
**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

**Mon 8 Nov**  
**St Teresa's 10.00** Special Intention

**Tue 9 Nov** **Consecration of the Lateran Basilica**

**Wed 10 Nov** **St Leo the Great**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** McBrien Family intention

**Thur 11 Nov** **St Martin of Tours**  
**Holy Family 10.00** James Delaney RIP

**Friday 12 Nov** **St Josaphat**  
**St Joseph's 10.30** John Treacy RIP

**Saturday 13 Nov** **Mass for the Bereaved**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** For all who mourn

## The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Dan 12:1-9; Ps 15; Heb 10:11-14.18; Mk 13:24-32

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you

**Sat 13 Nov**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Betty Murphy RIP  
**Sun 14 Nov**  
**Holy Family 9.00** People of the parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** Michael b Anigekwu RIP

**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:

**Fr Ken McCarthy** RIP, a retired priest of this diocese, who supplied here many times over the years, his funeral will take place on Friday 12th Nov at St John's Church, Tadworth.

**Jean Miles** RIP her funeral will take place on Friday 12th Nov at 2.00pm at Bletchingley Church.

**Maeve Welsby** RIP her funeral will take place on Tuesday 16th Nov at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium.

**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)*