

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) - 9th January 2022

### Churches and "Plan B"

The Prime Minister has confirmed that England has moved to Plan B following the rapid spread of the Omicron variant in the UK. In this parish, within the context of our comparatively large congregations, we have tried to maintain a measured steady approach to changes we have introduced as the pandemic seemed to ease. For some this has been very frustrating, for many of the more vulnerable and anxious this has meant they have felt able to return and participate in the Mass feeling safe. Rather like the emphasis on face coverings at the moment, it is important that we are thinking more about others than ourselves. The Bishops of England and Wales have not restored 'The Sunday Obligation' but have issued a rich reflection on 'The Day or the Lord' which they urge everyone to reflect on. It is available on our website and the Bishops own website, alongside other resources. 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 their guidance involves moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements, adopting a continuing cautious approach to easements. The key watchwords remain: 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.

The response our Parish has adopted remains in line with the latest requirements:

- 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.

### As our Christmas Season comes to an end, many thanks to all who helped us celebrate Christmas this year,

those who prepared the flowers and decorations, those who put up the trees and the crib scenes, those who helped clean and sanitize the churches, the readers and the musicians who enriched the liturgy, and everyone who helped in any way...thank you!

**With thanks also**, from Deacon Tim and Fr Tony for all your kind thoughts, words, prayers, cards, and gifts, and for your kind Christmas collection.

**Christmas Crib** We continue to leave the Crib scene until February 2nd which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), you may like to do this at home as well as a reminder that God is truly with us, a message of hope and comfort particularly for our times during this pandemic.

**...and wishing you all blessings for a better 2022!**

**School Admission Signings** - St Joseph's School (SIF) For parents who wish to apply for admission for their child under the Catholic Faith Criteria please send your completed SIF (leaving only the Priest's section unfilled) directly to the school **before 15th January**, Fr Tony will then view these applications and support as applicable.

**SYNOD process Update** - 10 questions have been posed for the Universal Church to answer in groups or individually. Our Diocese has arranged them into three sessions which can be found following this link: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>. It is possible to answer these via the online booklet but we will also be organising a group discussion, please email the parish office if you are interested in joining a group, online or in person.

**Are you part of our Invited Mission community?** The latest Invited Monthly Reflection is out now, with exciting plans for Season 2: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

**PNL Book + Circle** Following Fr Stephen Ortiger's recommendation in the Invited series, our next book is "Praying the Truth" by William A. Barry S.J. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26th January at 8pm, venue to be confirmed

**Next Sunday is Peace Sunday.** The theme chosen for 2022 by Pope Francis is: "Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace" In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, <https://paxchristi.org.uk/> with plenty of resources and information. Our retiring collection next weekend will be for their work.

**To a safer shore - A& B Justice and Peace assembly**, next Saturday (15th) 9.45am - 2pm online. For information and to register: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/jp2022>

**Crib Collection** - Catholic Children's Society Crisis fund, donate online: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/>

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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**

Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Brian O'Connor, Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, 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, 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 Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5.9-11; Ps 103; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16.21-22

**Response:** Bless the Lord my Soul! Lord God how great you are.

**Sat 8 Jan**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Ray Bluett RIP  
**Sun 9 Jan**  
**Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** Enrique Vasquez' wellbeing  
**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention  
**Mon 10 Jan**  
**St Teresa's 10.00** special Intention  
**Tue 11 Jan**  
No mass  
**Wed 12 Jan**  
**St Joseph's 10.30** Funeral for Lionel Bay RIP  
**Thur 13 Jan**  
**Holy Family 10.00** Fr Robert Ellis RIP  
**Friday 14 Jan**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Fr. John Slater RIP

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Is 62:1-5; Ps 95; Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Response:** Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

**Sat 8 Jan**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Michael Bourke RIP  
**Sun 9 Jan**  
**Holy Family 09.00** For all who have died of Covid 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:

**Lionel Bay RIP** His funeral will take place on Wednesday 12th Jan at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone Cemetery.

**Kim Marden RIP** her funeral will take place on Tuesday 18th January at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone Cemetery.

**Anne Moon RIP** her funeral is to be arranged.

**Maura Green RIP** her funeral is to be arranged

**Carola Penruddock RIP** her 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 are 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)*