

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 23rd January 2022

### Churches and Covid

The Prime Minister has confirmed that England is moving away from 'Plan B'. As yet we have had no guidance as to what this means for Churches. 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 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.

**SYNOD process** 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. Responses by 4th February

**SYNOD Discussion** - the PNL Book + Circle are meeting this Wednesday 7.30pm in the meeting room at PNL St Joseph's to discuss in person the Synod questions and they welcome anyone else who would like to join them. They have prepared a discussion guide sheet which can be obtained from the parish office.

**Visiting Sick and Housebound** Our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are 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.

**St John's Horsham Sunday 6th Feb 2.45pm** All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are invited to come together with Bishop Richard for conversation, Evening Prayer and afternoon tea. details: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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'.

**Wednesday 2nd February** is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 40 days after Christmas Day. At Mass candles are blessed and shared to be taken home as a reminder of our faith in Christ as the light to the World whom we carry with us until we "reach that light which never fails". It is time, also, to take cribs down, or move them to somewhere else in the home. We will have an evening mass at St Joseph's at 7pm and everyone is welcome

**Pope Francis** has published an open letter to married couples as part of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, encourages families to turn to Jesus who is always near through the 'ups and downs' of daily family life. To find out more visit our diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/formation/family-life>

**Thinking about becoming a Catholic?** An informal group is meeting and you would be very welcome to come along with no commitment: contact the parish office for details

**The Lourdes Office** are very pleased to announce that online applications for the 2022 diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 29 July - 4 August, are now open. See the website for details <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**The parish SVP group** are still reaching out to those in need and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back

**Next weekend 2nd Collection:** "Crib Collection" - Catholic Children's Society Crisis fund, donate online: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/>

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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 Alban (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**

Sammy Halata, Margaret Kirkaldy, 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, Sheilane 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.*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)**

Neh 8:2-6.8-10; Ps 18; 1Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

**Sat 22 Jan**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Jim Peters RIP

**Sun 23 Jan**  
**Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** Tom Akpata RIP  
**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

**Mon 24 Jan** **St Francis de Sales**  
**St Teresa's 10.00** Fr Robert Ellis RIP

**Tue 25 Jan** **The Conversation of St Paul**  
**St Joseph's** no mass

**Wed 26 Jan** **Ss Timothy and Titus**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Billy & Paddy Wasson

**Thur 27 Jan**  
**Holy Family 10.00** Ewa Glab RIP

**Friday 28 Jan** **St Thomas Aquinas**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Leonardo Lacdao RIP

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)**

Jer 1:4-5.17-19 Ps 70; 1Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 4:21-30

**Response:** My lips will tell of your help.

**Sat 29 Jan**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Peter & Nora Reade 68th Anniv

**Sun 30 Jan**  
**Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** Tom Foley 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:**

**Anne Moon RIP** her funeral will take place on Monday 31st January at 10.30am at St Teresa's followed at Redstone Cemetery.

**Mr Angel Guerra RIP** His funeral will take place on Tuesday 1st February at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Sussex and Surrey Crematorium

**Carola Penruddock RIP** her funeral will take place on Monday 7th February at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone cemetery

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

**Nyakallo (Nina) Mphutlane-Taole RIP** her funeral is to be arranged

**Josephine Seymour RIP** her funeral is to be arranged

**Marjorie Flanagan 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)*