

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 30th January 2022

Churches and Covid - Update

The Prime Minister has confirmed that England has moved away from 'Plan B'. Whilst caution is still expressed, many restrictions have been lifted as we try to move from 'pandemic' to 'endemic', both nationally and globally. In this area numbers still remain high, for instance on Thursday the number of children absent from our primary school due to confirmed Covid-19 positive tests was 53, i.e. 9% of the school. 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. Over the next few weeks we aim to introduce the changes which the Bishops conference has directed for us. These include a return to holy water at the entrance of our Churches, a reduced use of sanitization, and exchanging a sign of peace, though this does not have to be shaking of hands. Other measures now permitted such as the prayers of the faithful and the use of hymn books we have already re-introduced. Bishop Richard has issued some guidelines which he strongly urges us to continue:

- The wearing of face coverings for the protection of others and particularly during 'congregational singing'.
- A provision for social distancing for those who prefer this option.
- The use of sanitization on entry and exit from Church buildings.
- A good ventilation of the buildings
- Communion under one kind only

The Bishops of England and Wales have not restored 'The Sunday Obligation' but have issued a rich reflection on 'The Day of the Lord' which they urge everyone to reflect on. Their letter emphasizes the importance of Sunday and our call to Mass, *"our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength.... When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over....As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely....We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays.... This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass"*. The full letter can be found on the Bishops website and attached to our parish website.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This Wednesday, 7pm, we will have an evening Mass at St Joseph's to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 40 days after Christmas Day. At Mass candles are blessed and lit and then can 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.

Synod update - responses can still be made online and our Diocese offers this link: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>. Responses by 4th February. Bishop Richard will be holding a webinar on 9th March at 7.30 pm to share feedback. To register to attend this meeting please visit <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6pon>

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

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'.

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>

Beginning Experience Weekend If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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.

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

Confirmation Programme starting soon - keep watching!

50/50 Club This month the winner of £25 is No. 14. The cost to join is £12.00 per number per year. As the name suggests, 50% of the money goes to the Parish and the other 50% goes out in monthly prizes.. For more information please email 5050club.pnl@gmail.com

A new issue of the Parish Justice & Peace Newsletter is available here: <https://thenativityofthelord.org.uk/news/newsletters/justice-peace>

This weekend 2nd Collection: "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 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**

Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dily's 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.

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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
Mon 31 Jan **St John Bosco**
St Teresa's 10.30 Funeral Mass of Anne Moon RIP
Tue 1 Feb
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Angel Guerra RIP
Wed 2 Feb **The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas**
St Joseph's 19.00 People of the parish
Thur 3 Feb **St Blaise**
Holy Family 10.00 Larry O'Shea RIP
Friday 4 Feb
St Joseph's 10.00 Special Intention

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Is 6:1-8; Ps 137; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Sat 5 Feb
St Joseph's 17.30 Farhana's int
Sun 6 Feb
Holy Family 09.00 Maura Green 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:

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
Josephine Seymour RIP her funeral will take place on Friday 11th Feb at 10.30am at Holy Family followed at Redstone cemetery
Nyakallo (Nina) Taole RIP her funeral will take place on Wednesday 16th Feb at 10.30am at St Teresa's followed at Redstone cemetery
Margaret Kirkaldy RIP her funeral will take place on Thursday 17th Feb at 3pm at the Sussex and Surrey Crematorium
Marjorie Flanagan RIP her funeral will take place on Monday 21st Feb at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone cemetery
Sami Halata RIP his funeral will take place on Wednesday 23rd Feb at 10.00am at St Joseph's followed at the Sussex and Surrey Crematorium
Maura Green RIP her funeral is to be arranged
Martin Davies RIP (former parishioner) his funeral is to be arranged
Please remember them and their families in your prayers.