

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 27th February 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. 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. The full letter can be found on the Bishops website and attached to our parish website.

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, is the start of Lent. It is one of two days in the year when the Church asks us to fast and not eat meat (the other is Good Friday). Masses with the distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 10am at St Joseph's and 7.00pm at the Holy Family. If you have family or friends who are housebound blessed ash will be available to take home for them. Pope Francis said that his 'heart ached' in response to the situation in Ukraine, encouraging people across the world to observe Ash Wednesday, as a day of fasting and prayer for Ukraine.

World Day of Prayer, "I know the plans I have for you", prepared by the women of the UK, will be celebrated ecumenically at Merstham Baptist Church, Weldon Way on Friday 4th March at 11am & 7.30pm., and at Redhill Methodist Church at 10.30am. All are welcome.

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>
Helpers, Nurses and Doctors are needed this year to assist the pilgrims, if you would like to volunteer please check the website for information/application forms

The Bartimaeus Project 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening' with Fr Stephen Dingley, Tuesday, 1 March at 7.30pm, online & in person. The first in a series of engaging talks, delivered by Arundel & Brighton parish priests. For more details visit <https://bartimaeus-project.org/>

Confirmation Programme we are planning to start a preparation programme for current year 10 and older students with an initial meeting in March. The Bishop is planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish on 15th July in the evening. Please pass the word around to anyone concerned and register to join the programme by emailing confpnl@gmail.com

Synod Update 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>

Thinking of becoming a Catholic, we have Tuesday informal meetings, contact the parish office for details.

Our Scouts 107th birthday, Saturday 5th March! Despite the challenges of the last couple of years the 17th Reigate Scouts Group has continued to grow and now have over 200 youngsters on role, including the recently started Squirrel Scouts, the youngest and newest section. The Group will be holding their monthly parade and invite everyone to join them afterwards, in the Scout Centre, for refreshments and cake. Please come along, say hello to some of our young people and find out the Group's plans.

CAFOD'S Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k in time for Easter - and help people round the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk

Our parish SVP groups are reaching out to those in need of any kind and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2022, 12th-19th September, cost £630, if sharing a room, £130 single room supplement. This includes flights, transfers, guide and breakfast and evening meal. If you are interested please contact the parish office for further information, or ring Marian Pilgrimages direct on 02038085156.

Gift Aid 2022 - New boxes of numbered gift aid envelopes will be available to collect from the back of church on all Sundays until Easter. If you requested a box, please remember to pick it up. If you would like to know more about this scheme of claiming tax back for the parish please contact our team pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

Lenten Reflection for Young Adults (18-35) Facilitated by the House of Prayer team, this day will provide a time of quiet reflection during this season of renewal. Based on Ignatian spirituality, we will explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way. Saturday 12th March 10am-4pm House of Prayer East Molesey Cost £25 email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details

Family Fast day - Friday 11th March, Mass at St Joseph's 10.30am, followed by bread and soup in the centre

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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**

Zackery Tuffrey, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, 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.

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Ecc 27:4-7; Ps 91; 1Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Sat 26 Feb
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael Bourke RIP
Sun 27 Feb
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Fr Laurence Quin Morris wellbeing
St Teresa's 17.30 Anne Moon RIP
Mon 28 Feb
St Teresa's 10.00 John Scully RIP
Tue 1 Mar **St David**
St Joseph's No Mass
Wed 2 Mar **Ash Wednesday**
St Joseph's 10.00 The people of the parish
Holy Family 19.00 Special Intention
Thur 3 Mar
Holy Family 10.00 Mary Stacey RIP
Friday 4 Mar
St Joseph's 10.00 priests' intention

First Sunday of Lent (year C)

Deu 26:4-10; Ps 90; Rm 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Sat 5 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention
Sun 6 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 Marie Cameron & Stefania Wieckowska RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Dominico Phong Vo RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Martin & Teresa Davies RIP (former parishioners) their funeral will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 11.00am at Holy Innocents Parish Church, Horsham

Neil McCabe RIP his funeral will take place on Friday 4th March at 3pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Sami Halata RIP his funeral had to be postponed due to Covid and will now take place on Thursday 24th March at 10.00am at St Joseph's followed at the Sussex and Surrey Crematorium

Yvonne Goodridge, nee Larthe, RIP, (former parishioner) her funeral will take place in Bristol

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.