

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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2nd (Low) Sunday of Easter (year C) - 24th April 2022

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

The mourning, sadness and silence of the sealed tomb is past. All questioning is gone. Now Peter and John understand the teaching of scripture that He must rise from the dead.

Today, we rejoice with Peter and John, with Mary of Magdala and with the others who heard the news on that first Easter morn. The Lord's rising was not only for them – it is for us and for every person who ever lived. Death is swallowed up in victory, the ways of the past have gone and we look forward in hope and in the life that Jesus has won for us.

This is the Good News – and our task, as at any time in the history of the Church, is to proclaim this new life to the world around us. There has never been a time when the world has not needed this Good News, and we must pray that all will be touched by the peace that the Risen Lord brings to us, that the world be transformed in His love

*May we all be blessed with peace on this day of Resurrection.
With every Blessing, + Richard, Bishop of Arundel and Birghton*

Churches and Covid - though restrictions have been lifted in England we are encouraged to exercise caution and consideration for others in the parish, especially those who are more vulnerable and anxious. Bishop Richard has issued some guidelines which he strongly urges us to continue: the use of **sanitization** on entry and exit from Church buildings, the wearing of **face coverings** for the protection of others, **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 or the Lord' which they urge everyone to reflect on. For the full letter see the Bishops website and our parish website.

With great thanks for all who helped with the Easter liturgy, it was wonderful to see the crowds. With thanks also for your kind wishes and prayers, cards, presents and your Easter collection. Happy Easter!

Welcome & Congratulations to Beverley, Fope, Janine, and Jonathan who have been welcomed into the Catholic faith through the Easter Sacraments. Please keep them in your prayer as they continue their journey with the Lord.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? We run informal 'Come and see' sessions on Tuesday evenings - contact the parish office for information

Holy Hour for Ukraine - Sunday afternoons 3pm at St Joseph's Church - come and pray in quiet before the Lord in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Why not bring the children for a few minutes visit before the Lord?

The Invited mission – brings people together across the Diocese through a series of films and discussions to help all parishioners in the A&B Diocese explore what it really means to be a follower of Jesus. Each week a film explores a different topic, followed later in the week with zoom discussion. There are a couple of ways to get involved: either you can watch the weekly film online, using this link <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> OR join us for a '**come and watch**' session in **St Joseph's Church hall on a Wednesday morning (10.30am)**. The film lasts up to one hour and coffee/tea is provided. Everyone is welcome to pop along, after morning mass, or before picking up a child at playgroup, or between work or other appointments. We hope you can join in. No need to book. Every Wednesday until end May. Any questions contact the parish office Email: pnlparish@btconnect.com

Our Flower arrangers are looking for more volunteers to build up the rota of helpers. Why not give it a try? Help and support is available - contact the parish office.

Young Adults (18-35) - A Day at the Seaside, East Preston, Saturday 7 May. Join our diocesan young adult community for a day with Fr Stephen Ortiger. Mass will be followed by a walk on the beach and lunch - a great opportunity to get to know Catholics your age. For more details contact: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage-Helpers Needed We have received several applications from Pilgrims who will require assistance to join this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, but at this point we are short of helpers, and we are looking for more helpers than usual who are fit and well to support others. Subsidies are available to go towards costs of the pilgrimage. As we currently stand, we will have to turn down some pilgrims who require assistance, if we do not get a significant number of fit helpers applying in the next few weeks, so please do apply. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions prior to applying, please contact via 01403 740110, office@ablourdes.org - Helpers apply now lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk

Grandparents Day 8 June at West Grinstead For more information please E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Gift Aid 2022/3 - please pick up your new box of envelopes from the back of church after mass if you use these.

How to gift aid to the parish if you would like to know more about this scheme of claiming tax back for the parish (which increases offerings you make by 25%) please contact our team: pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

St Joseph's Dorking deputy head teacher, full time. For more details follow <https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-headteacher-1229470?lang=en-GB&firmsrh=Y>

Are you 18-30? CAFOD offers a 'Step into the gap' 10-month programme of youth work, where you can new skills, developing as a leader and gaining work experience. www.Cafod.org.uk

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the staff or contact him directly yourself.
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 Hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Lønbakke
Chris Bayley, Zackery Tuffrey, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Pur-tell, 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, Sheilaine Barrientos, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, 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.

Second (Low) Sunday of Easter (year C)

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 117; Apoc 1: 9-13.17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.

Sat 23 Apr
St Joseph's 17.30 Rourke & Reade Family RIP
Sun 24 Apr
Holy Family 09.00 The People of Ukraine
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention
Mon 25 Apr **St Mark the Evangelist**
St Teresa's 10.00 Anna, Mark and families
Tue 26 Apr **St George, Martyr, Patron of England**
No mass
Wed 27 Apr
St Joseph's 10.00 Farhana's int
Thur 28 Apr
Holy Family 10.00 Françoise Shaby RIP
Fri 29 Apr **St Catherine of Siena**
St Joseph's 10.00 Keneth Flanigan - wellbeing

Third Sunday of Easter (year C)

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41; Ps 29; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Sat 30 Apr
St Joseph's 17.30 Fr Paul Sanders RIP
Sun 1 May
Holy Family 09.00 private intention
St Joseph's 11.00 John Davis RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Lena Goodwin RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment
Please contact the parish office

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION Please use this prayer if you need 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)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Fr Anthony Hale (CP) RIP, a Passionist priest, who had retired in this parish. His funeral has not yet been arranged.

Malcolm Tadd RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

James (Jim) O'Reilly RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.