

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (year C) - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### The Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

**'Returning to Mass at Pentecost'** - the Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter about the Sunday Obligation, "A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity... It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world... The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass.... this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation... 'Virtual viewing' of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person". The full letter can be found on the CBEW website and our own parish website

**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.

**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** continues and it's not too late to get involved. You can 'binge-watch' the films so far or simply join in the next episode. There are a couple of ways to get involved: you can watch the weekly film online, using this link <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> or join us for 'come and watch' sessions in St Joseph's Church hall on a Wednesday morning (10.30am) during May. 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. Any questions contact the parish office

**Lourdes Pilgrimage-Helpers Needed**, subsidies are available. We may have to turn down some pilgrims who require assistance if we do not get fit helpers so please do apply. Please contact the Pilgrimage Office with any questions, 01403 740110, [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org) - Helpers apply now - [lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk](http://lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk)

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**Yellow Bucket Collection.** The weekly parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very much appreciated. Check [www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk) You can also support the food bank with a financial donation via the website. Many thanks.

**Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse**, Tuesday this week. We are invited not only to pray for them, but also to listen to their voice and learn about how the Church is responding to them.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** from 12th-19th September 2022 Cost £630 if sharing, £130 single room supplement. Includes flights, transfers, guide, breakfast and evening meal. Please contact the parish office if interested.

**Bereavement coffee morning** - Grief is a very personal experience but it can help to talk about one's feelings to someone who is not family or a close friend. If you feel that this would be of comfort to you then please come along to our Bereavement Coffee morning on Saturday 11th June 10:30-12:00 in the Parish Meeting Room at St Joseph's. Trained Befrienders will be there to support you

**Grandparents Day 8 June at West Grinstead** For more information please E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Union of Catholic Mothers UCM:** Next meeting is on Wednesday 25th May in St. Teresa's Community Room, on the theme of 'The Word Who Is Life' which is a Diocesan initiative on the vision for mission, looking at The God Who Speaks, through St. Matthew's Gospel. The meeting is open to all ladies of the Parish.

**Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?** Would you like to attend the monthly diocesan Mass signed in BSL, with specific Liturgical Mass Signs for the Mass? If you would like further information about our Signed Mass or the diocesan Deaf Group please text or email the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher; M: 07508459315 or E: [margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk)

**theASCENT for teenagers, 24 May 7.30pm – 8.30pm** This amazing discipleship process is open to anyone in years 10, 11 or 12. With residential retreats and online gatherings with others of the same age, this is a great opportunity to explore your faith in a safe and friendly environment. If you want to find out more, join our online information evening. E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Fix the Food System** CAFOD's new campaign - many who provide our food don't have enough food themselves.

#### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1112.24

Education of Future priests: £454.59

#### Retiring collection this weekend:

Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (giftaidable)

Thank you for your generosity

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**

www.17threigate.org

**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**

Chris Fisher, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, 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, 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.*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (year C)**

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

**Response:** I will bless your name forever, o God my King.

**Sat 14 May**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Malcolm Tadd RIP

**Sun 15 May**

**Holy Family 09.00** Mgr Canon Cyril Murtagh RIP

**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

**Mon 16 May**

**St Teresa's 10.00** Farhara's Int

**Tue 17 May**

No mass

**Wed 18 May**

**St Joseph's 10.30** Funeral Mass for Malcolm Tadd RIP

**Thur 19 May**

**Holy Family 10.00** Fr Christopher O'Brien RIP

**Fri 20 May**

**St Joseph's 10.00** Martin & Kate Folan RIP

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (year C)**

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps 66; Apoc 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**Response:** Let the peoples praise you, O God

Let all the peoples praise you.

**Sat 21 May**

**St Joseph's 17.30** Peter Reade RIP

**Sun 22 May**

**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish

**St Joseph's 11.00** John Philmore RIP

**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Intention

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:**

**Malcolm Tadd RIP** his funeral will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

**Olive Regan RIP** her funeral will take place on Monday 6th June at 11.45am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

**Saviour (Sam) Francalanza RIP** his funeral will take place on Wednesday 8th June at 10.30am at Holy Family followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

**Chris Byrne RIP** his funeral has not yet been arranged

**Please remember them and their families in your prayers.**