

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 8th September 2019

WELCOME

We welcome Canon Jim Pannett who is celebrating Mass with us over the next few weekends.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you are applying for your child to attend St Bede's or St Joseph's, or another Faith School, in September 2020, in the relevant form please fill in 'Parish of the Nativity of the Lord' as your parish and 'Fr Tony Bridson' as Parish Priest. Some time in the autumn we will make arrangements to sign the supplementary forms, so watch this space!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019-2020

If your child is now in year 3 or above you can apply for him/her to join the preparation programmes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The application forms can be picked up from and returned to the parish office Mon- Fri 9am -3pm. Please return the forms by 15th Sept 2019.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick at the Holy Family Church at 2pm on Friday 11th October followed by refreshments in the hall.

PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH

Please join us today, Sunday 8th September, for our Parish Lunch at 1pm in the PNL Centre at Holy Family. All welcome.

CAN YOU HELP WITH HOSTING A PARISH LUNCH?

We are putting together the schedule for 2020 and are inviting existing or new groups or individuals to consider hosting a parish Sunday Lunch in 2020. If you or your group are interested please contact the parish office pnlparish@btconnect.com or 01737 761017.

PNL BOOK+ CIRCLE

'Confession' is the most talked about Sacrament in the Catholic Church. Our next book is by Fr Paul Farren.

'Freedom and Forgiveness:

A fresh look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation'

This little hand book (less than 100 pages) aims to help us understand what happens in the Sacrament and how we can celebrate it. We will meet to discuss the book on Wed 25th Sept at 8pm - venue TBC.

CAFÉ REOPENS MONDAY

The Retreat Café at St Joseph's will reopen after the summer break on Mon 9th Sept. Thank you to all the volunteers for their commitment & enthusiasm.

SVP AWARENESS MONTH

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity." *St Vincent de Paul.*

SAFETY & SECURITY IN A DANGEROUS WORLD

Caroline Lucas MP is speaking at 7pm, Thur 12th Sept 2019, at Friends Meeting House, 47 Reigate Road, Reigate, RH2 0QT. All welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH - REDECORATION

The painting of the interior of St Joseph's church is now completed and the times and places of Mass revert back to the original schedule, as overleaf.

UPDATE FROM SR HANNAH CLARE

Firstly thank you for all your prayers and good wishes. As some of you will remember, in January I entered the Sisters of Nazareth as a postulant to further discern my call to religious life. In a continuation of this discernment I was received as a Novice in Nazareth House, Hammersmith, on the Feast of Corpus Christ and have been given the religious name of Sister Hannah Clare. So far all is going well; life in the Novitiate is very busy but enjoyable. There are nine of us all together from all around the world. Our formation programme develops our spiritual life, our understanding of the teachings of the Church, and the Rules and Constitutions of the Congregation along with skills to live in community. If all goes well I will be here for two years before I make my first vows. I continue to keep you all in prayer; may you also keep me in yours.

Sr Hannah Clare

VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE OUR INTERCESSIONS

YOUR CHANCE TO BE A VOICE FOR THE FAITHFUL

For some time, the intercessions that form such an important part of our Masses have been written by a small team of parishioners. We would love to recruit new writers to our team to best represent our diverse congregation and its concerns. Bidding prayers are both an act of faith and a plea for God's intercession and, as such, a wonderful ministry in which to participate. Please give some thought to joining us; you don't need to be a literary genius and it will only require approximately an hour of your time every other month. We can offer full support to anyone who might be interested. Please email Jane at elizcrouch@aol.com or Vivienne at vivandpat@gmail.com

PARISH BASED FITNESS CLASS (ZUMBA)

A new parish based fitness class starts this week on Tue 10th Sept in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's starting at 7.30pm. The cost will be £2.50. A time to get together and get fit. All parishioners welcome.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend the second collection will be for Home Mission Sunday which provides us with the opportunity to focus on spreading the Gospel in our local areas.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service this weekend.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1882.29

2nd Collection today *Catholic Education Service*

2nd Collection next weekend: *Home Mission Sunday*

