

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The Solemnity of Christ the King (Year A) - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

### OPENING THE DOORS OF OUR THREE CHURCHES

Following the instructions for our lockdown we are permitted to open the Churches for private prayer and we are organising our volunteer stewards to cover periods when we can do so. More volunteers are needed to enable this to happen, please see the reverse of this newsletter for more details on how you can help.

**Sunday 22nd Nov: Holy Family and St Teresa's, 10 - 11am; St Joseph's 11 - Midday**

**Wednesday 25th Nov: Holy Family 10.30-11.30am; St Joseph's 5.30-6.30pm**

**Friday 27th Nov: St Joseph's 10-11am**

**Saturday 28th Nov: St Joseph's 5.30-6.30pm**

**The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales** issued a statement on Friday 20th Nov on the publication of the IICSA report which began by saying:

*The account given in the IICSA Report of abuse known to be inflicted on children in the Catholic Church in England and Wales in the past 50 years is shocking and overwhelming. At our meeting this week, we Bishops have stood together in profound shame. We express our sorrow and contrition before God.*

*We have reflected on our need to reach out afresh to those who bear the wounds of permanent damage caused by this abuse. We commit ourselves to listen more intently to those who have been abused so as to learn from them and benefit from their wisdom. It is through learning from their testimony that hearts are changed.*

The statement continues by speaking of the measures to be put in place and concludes by saying:

*Today, however, we acknowledge without hesitation, our failings, our mistakes, our lack of adequate cooperation. We express our deep sorrow and ask forgiveness, especially from victims and survivors. We affirm our resolve to effect the next step in our work of safeguarding and care for survivors. In prayer we turn to Christ the Good Shepherd, the fount of healing and compassion, asking that this moment of painful truth becomes a time of grace as we strive to fulfil the ministry entrusted to us as bishops in an unshakeable unity of purpose.*

The full statement from the Bishops can be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-safeguarding/>

**Supporting the Bereaved Course 2021** Do you feel that you are being called to this Ministry? If you feel you are please speak to Fr Tony about being considered for the Diocesan 'Supporting the Bereaved' Course.

**Redhill Good Neighbours** RGN is a new scheme starting in Redhill aimed at helping the elderly and those less able to get out and about. They'll be rolling out their pilot scheme soon and are currently in need of volunteer committee members, drivers and phone handlers. If interested or for more information email Tuke, (recruitment coordinator) [redhillgoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:redhillgoodneighbours@gmail.com) or 07507 347268.

**Parish Online Zoom group** There is a small group of parishioners who meet via Zoom each week on a Sunday evening at 6pm for about 40mins to share the Gospel for that week, prayer requests and a song / hymn. They are keen to welcome anyone and if you are interested, please get in touch via the parish office.

**Christmas Masses** Currently our lockdown is due to end on December 2nd with the hope that we can return to the celebration of public Mass within the limitations of the Covid safety guidelines. In order that the maximum number of people might gather over the 4 Masses of Christmas it seems sensible to come to the church and hall with the largest capacity, St Joseph's, which can hold 150-200 at a time with social distancing. Even so, given last year some 1800 people came in total across the parish we are probably not going to be able to have room inside the church and hall for everyone who wishes to come. It has been suggested that we might need to operate a booking/ticket system. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, and we await the Government guidelines which may put greater limitations on anything we can do. Of course there are also many opportunities for online streaming but suggestions would be welcome for how we might manage the numbers who may wish to physically be present in person. Please email your suggestions to the parish office.

**School Admission Signings** - given the lockdown, sadly, it has not been possible to meet families in person to give the parish support to those applying for faith-places in our local schools. In the circumstances, Fr Tony has signed all the forms received from the schools in support for applications made by catholic families within the parish.

**St Bede's School (SIF):** this numbers about 75 children.

**St Joseph's School (SIF)** has issued a statement as follows: *For parents who wish to apply for admission for their child under the Catholic Faith Criteria 1-6, Fr Tony at the PNL will not be meeting parents this year due to the current Coronavirus restrictions. Instead, please send your completed SIF (leaving only the Priest's section unfilled) directly to the school before 15th January, and Fr Tony will then view these applications and support as applicable. You will NOT need a face-to-face meeting with Fr Tony this year. For applications outside of the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, please check with your Parish Priest for details of their local arrangements*

**Bishop Richard is offering a series of Advent talks** from Arundel Cathedral on 4 Fridays, starting 27th November 7pm, focussing on a number of advent themes and live streamed from the diocesan website, linked [here](#)

**The Winter Night Shelter** is not able to run this year due to Covid restrictions but the drop in centre is still running and is in need of volunteers. For more information please contact 01737 886997 or [info@renewedhope.org.uk](mailto:info@renewedhope.org.uk)

**PARISH CLERGY:**

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**PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

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**SCHOOLS:**

St Joseph's - 01737 765373

www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

St Bede's - 01737 212108

www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk

St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367

www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk

**PARISH WEBSITE:**

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

www.17threigate.org

**EAST SURREY HOSPITAL**

The hospital does not inform the chaplain 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 admission.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Monica Peters, Anne Moon, Olive Regan, Michael Payne, Maria Mellone, Jaden Sebastian, Noreen Leigh, Jim Howley, Shelagh Green, Bobette O'Connell, Lydia Fagan, Anne Grier, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Raul Bantog, Chris Bayley, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pam Dysart, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Pat Weller, Betty Murphy, John Warren, Brigid Gow, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sheilaine Barrientos, Sarah Healy, Ruth Metcalfe, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, John Philmore, Richard & Meli Greaves, Daniel Correia, Maria Dimaculangan, Mary Carey, Maura Green, John Gaynor, Peter Reade, and all the 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.*

**The Solemnity of Christ the King (Year A)**

Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17; Ps 22; 1Cor 15:20-26.28; Mt 25:31-46.

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want*

**Sun 22 Nov** People of the Parish

**Mon 23 Nov**  
Private Intention

**Tue 24 Nov** **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**  
Private Intention

**Wed 25 Nov**  
John Foxwell RIP

**Thur 26 Nov**  
Fr Tim St Clair Garratt RIP

**Fri 27 Nov**  
Kitty & Ray Sharpe RIP

**Sat 28 Nov** **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Deceased brothers of Reigate Catenian Circle RIP

**The First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37.

**Response:** *Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved*

**Sun 29 Nov** People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:**

**Mgr. Barry Wymes RIP** - Funeral at Holy Name Church, Esher 27th Nov

**Fr Tim St Clair Garratt RIP** - Funeral at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville 1st Dec.

**Fr Richard Lear CJ RIP** from the Josephite community in Addlestone

**Luiz Benetti RIP** - Funeral to be arranged

**Joe Welsby RIP** - Funeral to be arranged

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

**Blessing of the Graves** Due to Covid-19 restrictions that deter gatherings the blessing of graves is unable to take place this November. Over this month Fr Tony and Deacon Tim will visit the cemeteries privately to pray for those who are buried there and for all who have died from the parish.

**Volunteers - more have offered, more are needed!**

We need stewards for the Masses and cleaners for the equally important cleaning teams. You must not be from those instructed to shield themselves, nor from those under 18 or over 70 years old, or from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus. We need ministers of word and Eucharist, again those considered vulnerable should refrain from offering at this time. We also need volunteers to help around the grounds with general maintenance. **If you can help in any way please email the parish office with the subject line 'Volunteer'. Pass the word around and encourage others to come forward as well. Thank you.**