

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The Twenty-Eight Sunday of the Year - 18th October 2020

OPENING THE DOORS OF OUR THREE CHURCHES

This week the Church will be open for the public celebration of Mass:

(please note that social distancing of 1m plus a face covering must be maintained and the instructions for seating and movement within the church given by stewards must be followed)

Friday 23rd October - 10.00am St Joseph's

Saturday 24th October - 5.30pm St Joseph's

Sunday 25th October - 9.00am Holy Family - 11.00am St Joseph's - 5.30pm St Teresa's

This week each Church will open for private prayer on Wednesday 21st October 5pm-7pm

Celebration of the Sacraments and space at Mass

We continue over the next few weekends to celebrate our children's first Holy Communion and our young people's Confirmations, within the restrictions we are following to try to keep the covid virus at bay. These are becoming familiar now: face coverings, social distancing, stewards, sanitizing, controlled movement, etc.

We will have a limited number of youngsters at each Mass and the families are very limited in the number of guests they can invite. Also, conforming with government regulations the families cannot gather afterwards in a group of more than 6 people for any party. All this will be strange and challenging for the families and for the parish but it does mean that our young people who have been waiting to receive these wonderful gifts from God can now do so.

These celebrations will mean that our Masses, which have been growing in attendance, will be fuller and we may be close to capacity as directed by social distancing. Indeed, there may come a point when no more can enter the Church on that occasion. Please follow the stewards guidance on this with understanding. Last weekend some 400 people came to our 4 Masses and there was still room for more, particularly as at Holy Family and St Joseph's we can use the halls as well, but if you want to be sure of a seat you may like to come to Mass on Friday Morning. Pray for all our young people who will receive their first Holy Communion and our teenagers who receive the gift of the Holy Spirit over the coming weekends.

Wednesdays and the darker evenings

You will remember back in the summer, as a first step we were allowed to open the Churches for private prayer only, and then we were able to return to Mass. At all times stewards have to be present and sanitizing and cleaning has to be followed. As the darker evenings have come fewer people have ventured out to visit the Churches on Wednesday evenings, whilst numbers at Mass have grown steadily. Therefore, after the clocks go back next weekend we will no longer have the Churches open for Wednesday evening visits. We will review this again.

Track & Trace. In order to comply with Track & Trace, we have provided a QR Code in all churches, if you have a smart phone please scan the code on entry, or please give your contact details to a Stewart. Details will be kept for 21 days. Thank you for your cooperation

Ministers of Word and Eucharist at Mass - If you are able to volunteer please email the parish office so that we can build up a varied 'pool' of ministers.

Annual Celebration of Holy Mass to Commemorate the Faithful Departed

During the month of November, it has been our custom to celebrate a mass for the Faithful Departed in our parish. Unfortunately, this will not be possible this year due to COVID restrictions, but Bishop Richard is celebrating Masses throughout the month of November for each of the Deaneries. The Mass for our Deanery will be celebrated on **Monday 9th November at 7:30pm**. This mass will be livestreamed from the Sacred Heart Church, Caterham and the link is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/caterham>

If you would like the name of a relative who has died to be placed in a basket which will be placed on the altar during the Mass then please could you submit the name/s to the Parish Office by Thursday 5th November.

Medaille Trust – refuge from modern slavery

Today is Anti-Slavery Day. The Medaille Trust are holding five internet events with free access for anyone who would like to participate.. These include "Unmasked" - a photographic experience, the Medaille Story and a virtual Open Day, plus an "Ask the Experts" session and what we can do to prevent modern slavery. Visit www.medaille-trust.org.uk (anti-slavery day events) or register via Eventbrite. J&P group 01737 762446

School Admissions Forms

If you are applying for your child to attend St Bede's or St Joseph's, or another Faith School, for September 2021, on the relevant form please fill in 'Parish of the Nativity of the Lord' and 'Fr Tony Bridson' as Parish Priest. We will have to make different arrangements to sign the supplementary forms so keep an eye on the newsletter.

This Weekend the 2nd Collection is for World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. You can also call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift-aid your offering.

Red Missio Boxes...

Thank to all who support this charity. If you have a red box please hand it in at Church or the parish office. If you would like a new red box please contact the parish office.

Next weekend the 2nd Collection will be for the Retired Priest's Fund, Please be generous.

If you wish to support the parish collection or any of the retiring collections online please email the parish office.

PARISH CLERGY:

Fr Tony Bridson

Dcn Tim Murrill (07545 175448)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Friday 10am - 1pm

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Katie Jones - c/o 01737 761017

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 17TH 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

Jim Allanson, 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, Joe & 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.

PARISH MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Ps 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21.

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Sat 17 Oct

St Joseph's 17.30 Valerie Conroy RIP

Sun 18 Oct

Holy Family 09.00 Pauline Burke RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Hilda Mary Henderson RIP

Mon 19 Oct

St Philip Howard, Martyr

Norah & George Lade

Tue 20 Oct

Wed 21 Oct

Kathleen Holker RIP

Thur 22 Oct

Farina Maryam's Intention

Fri 23 Oct

St Joseph's 10.00 Peter Hart

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Exodus 22: 20-26; Ps. 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40.

Response: I love you Lord, my strength.

Sat 24 Oct

St Joseph's 17.30 Farhana Farruch's Intention

Sun 25 Oct

Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Edward Plummer RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Celebrant's Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

Volunteers are needed - 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 considerable vulnerable should abstain from offering at this time. We also need volunteers to help around the grounds with general maintenance. **If you feel 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.**

New Diocesan Website

Arundel & Brighton Diocese have a new and redesigned website which went live on last week please do visit it - www.abdiocese.org.uk.