

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 24th January 2021

Churches and Lockdown 3 - what we can do...

Now we are in our third Lockdown **we can still attend communal worship (Mass)** but we must only sit with our own household or support bubble and we cannot mingle with other households before, during, or after coming to Church. It is good to be able to have the choice of coming to Mass but remember that the obligation to do so is still suspended and it is important not only to be safe but to feel safe.

Church opening times this week

Wednesday - St Joseph's 5.30pm - 6.30pm **Private Prayer**

Public Mass

Friday - St Joseph's Church 10.00am Mass

Saturday - St Joseph's Church 5.30pm

Sunday - Holy Family Church 9.00am - St Joseph's Church 11.00am - St Teresa's Church 5.30pm

Please be mindful that the numbers are limited due to Government guidelines and that at both St Joseph's and Holy Family we can overspill into the halls, so Mass at those churches can accommodate more people.

Deepening Prayer in our Ordinary Life : Led by David Clayton and Michael Woodward, this is an Worth Abbey online weekend to explore how we can pray more contemplatively at home. January 29th – 31st. Smart phone, Tablet or computer and Zoom account needed. More information from Michael Woodward: shotwithspirit@gmail.com

With very many thanks to our own volunteer stewards, who enable our public Mass and private prayer to continue in whatever way we can during this unfolding pandemic. It is thanks to these parishioners that we have been able to open the churches and offer, as best we can, a safe and welcoming place to be in the Lord's presence for any who wish to come for private prayer, or gather for the Mass. Even if fewer people and families may come at present, the welcome of open doors and lights shining can be in itself a witness and beacon of hope for those who pass by.

Telephone support If you would like to have a chat with someone for whatever reason in the parish, or would like to offer a bit of support at this time, please contact the parish office to share your details.

Parish Online Zoom group, Sunday evening prayers and song at 6pm for about 40mins - if you would like to join please get in touch via the parish office

Covid 19 - a challenging time for many marriages. There is much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children and housing presently. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change and managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage - and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme: A Virtual Weekend commencing on 25th -28th February. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443, or E: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

The Easter Project in Merstham has not been able to function since last March. We are very pleased therefore that it has been agreed by those involved that the Mix Cafe (<https://mersthammix.org.uk/>) will resume provision of a hot meal at midday on Mondays, free of charge, to people who are unemployed, homeless, vulnerable, lonely or identified and referred by local support agencies. There will be a sign-up system in place. All Covid rules will be adhered to, which might mean delivery of meals in the short term. Eventually, it is hoped that volunteers can join the venture in its new form and resume the valuable personal touch that has been the essence of the Easter project for eight years. Sincere thanks to all who have volunteered, donated or supported the Easter Project.

Telephone Support of the bereaved members of our Deanery Bereavement Team are able to offer you the time and space to talk If you have been recently bereaved. In the current circumstances, face to face visiting may prove difficult, but a chat on the phone is simple to arrange. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office and this can be arranged

The parish Justice & Peace group have a new newsletter on the parish website. <https://pnl.parishportal.net/uploads/20/90882-pnl-j&p-newsletter-jan-2021-web.pdf> Do read it for news of local homelessness, the Medaille Trust, Cafod, and the climate, as well as those detained at Gatwick. For further details of the J&P group which meets monthly online please contact the parish office.

Bishop Richard's Refugee Crisis Newsletter: The latest copy of the Newsletter is now available and can be found under Latest Publications section of the diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

Coming soon – Invited (A diocesan wide mission) God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life. There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital does not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Francis (01293 431703) 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, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Jaden Sebastian, Shelagh Green, Bobette O'Connell, Lydia Fagan, Anne Grier, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Pam Dysart, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Raul Bantog, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, John Warren, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilanine Barrientos, John Philmore, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Daniel Correia, Mary Carey, Maura Green, 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.

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Jonah 3:1-5.10; Ps 24; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Response: Lord make me know your ways

Sat 23 Jan
St Joseph's 17.30 Private Intention
Sun 24 Jan
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Father Francis O'Sullivan RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention
Mon 25 Jan **The Conversation of St Paul**
Dawid Zaborowski's wellbeing
Tue 26 Jan **Ss Timothy & Titus**
Private Intention
Wed 27 Jan
Mela Zacharewicz RIP
Thur 28 Jan **St Thomas Aquinas**
For Vocations
Fri 29 Jan
10.00 Liseby Bond RIP

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Sat 30 Jan
St Joseph's 17.30 John O'Leary - wellbeing
Sun 31 Jan
Holy Family 09.00 Private Intention
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Peter & Nora Reade 67th Wedding Anniversary

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:

Margaret McCabe RIP Her funeral will take place at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium on Friday 29th Jan.

Liseby Bond RIP her funeral is to be arranged

Alan Dalton RIP his funeral is to be arranged

Tecla D'Souza RIP her funeral is to be arranged

Anne Farmer RIP her funeral is to be arranged

Sr Rita Mifsud (Sisters of St Dorothy) RIP - died 7th Nov 2020. 89 years old, she worked for many years in the parish before retiring back to Malta.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Volunteer Stewards - more have offered, more are needed!

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. **If you can help in any way please email the parish office with the subject line 'Volunteer'. Please pass the word around and encourage others to come forward as well. Thank you.**