

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year - 20<sup>th</sup> September 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 25th September - 10.00am St Joseph's**

**Saturday 26th September - 5.30pm St Joseph's**

**Sunday 27th September - 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 16th September 5pm-7pm**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year: <https://vimeo.com/459299228>

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Isaiah, in the first Reading of this Sunday's Mass, presents us with two connected themes: the search for God and the ways of God. Every human heart is designed for God. The greatest journey of our lives is the journey to God. It is what our lives are all about – it is what gives us a purpose and fulfilment beyond anything we might imagine. This journey is one of many surprises, many discoveries and encounters with the God who is love. We come to realise that, in comparison to God, we are very small indeed. God is so great that our language fails. God is so much greater than we can understand or describe. God is mystery – and the moment will always come when we realise that, as Isaiah puts it, His ways are not our ways.

Jesus, in the parable of the workers in the vineyard, offers a vision that we might find problematic. In contractual terms, the worker who has laboured all day is paid according to the agreement – but how can it be just to pay the same to someone who is hired when the working day is almost done? We must remember the first line of the parable: The kingdom of God is like.... This is a parable about this journey to a loving Father. One person may be blest to know this journey for many years – another might only find the way late in the day; the kingdom is there for both. The God of love wants us to share His life, both now as we travel our pilgrim way and in eternity.

St. Paul struggles with this somewhat. The love of God in eternity is so great, he wants it now; but Paul also knows that he has work to do for the good of the kingdom. Knowing that we are truly loved by God right now, striving to live the purpose for which we are created, is a most wonderful discovery on this journey – a journey with and to the One who loves us.

*With every blessing.*

+Richard, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton

### A & B Diocese of Dialogue and Unity Event 2020

A New Normal for Christian Unity - What can we learn during the pandemic? - What vision should we aspire to as Christians and people of faith moving forward together? On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020- 10.45-1pm on Zoom. Prayer, Speakers, Small groups. Email Catherine to register and receive the zoom link –[catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk) All welcome.

### Sponsored Walk in aid of CAFOD T

Today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Meet at 10.30am at Holy Family Church to walk to all three PNL churches. The walk will take place with socially distanced groups of six or fewer walking at least ten minutes apart. Bring your own packed lunch. Or you can sponsor a walker. Call Jane on 01737 762446.

### Confirmation Catechists

The Diocese is hosting a Webinar to help Confirmation Catechists explore what some of the options are as we move forward in the 'new normal' that Covid 19 has created. It will be taking place online via Zoom on **7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. but if you cannot attend at this time, please still register your interest and we will send you a recording of the session. To register please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/96kHpayQarneZiJV9>

### Celebration of the Sacraments

As the social easing continues we are beginning to celebrate the sacraments again and work through our 'backlog'. For the 'life-events' such as funerals, marriages and baptisms, we are allowed up to 30 people present - and we are also making plans for our 20+ Confirmation candidates and 100 or so First Communion children who have all been waiting to receive these wonderful gifts from God. Once we have been able to get up to date we will make plans for this coming years' preparations.

**Ministers of Word and Eucharist at Mass** - we need to draw up a rota from those who feel able to come to Mass and are able to assist with the new 'timetable' that we are able to offer, given some of the limitations that are in place concerning age and shielding. Please email the parish office to indicate your availability so that we can build up a varied 'pool' of ministers.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, for 10 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee. The cost is £2,125 full board. For further details or to register your interest please email Fr Stephen in Oxted at [parishpriest.ow@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriest.ow@gmail.com).

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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, 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**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35.

**Response:** *The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy.*

**Sat 19 Sept**

St Joseph's 17.30 Moya McCormack RIP

**Sun 20 Sept**

Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Marie Sullivan RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

**Mon 21 Sept St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Tue 22 Sept**

**Wed 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrencino (Padre Pio)**

**Thur 24 Sept Our Lady of Walsingham**

**Fri 25 Sept**

St Joseph's 10.00 Mary Claire Columb RIP

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16.

**Response:** *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

**Sat 26 Sept**

St Joseph's 17.30 Marie Hubbard RIP

**Sun 27 Sept**

Holy Family 09.00 James Allansson RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Richard Franklin RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

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

**Walter Sargent RIP.** Funeral to be arranged.

**Matt Tunney RIP.** Funeral to be arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**Telephone support for the bereaved.**

If you have been recently bereaved and you would like to talk to someone, we have members of our bereavement team who are able to offer you the time and space to reflect on your loss. In the current circumstances face to face visiting may prove difficult, however, until that becomes easier, we can chat on the phone. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office who will arrange this for you.

**Volunteers are needed - the more the better!**

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.**