

**CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM  
ADDRESSES AND ADVICE FOR CHRISTMAS 2016**

We are again following advice from Fr Mark Madden never to post a letter directly to a Palestinian Parish. For each of the last six years, the thousands of cards sent using the suggested method have reached the parishes in the Holy Land. Fr Imad Twal, the new administrator, is hoping that we will continue to send cards.

**Procedure:** Cards should be addressed to your chosen church/churches and then sent as a package to Fr Imad Twal who will ensure that items are forwarded. You can add your email address in the card.

**IN BRIEF:**

1. Explain the system to your parishioners
2. Distribute lists of addresses
3. Collect cards and sort into churches
4. Write a note to each receiving church

**A yellow background indicates the Palestinian Authority.**

**A white background indicates the state of Israel.**

**A green background indicates Jerusalem.**

for the parish priest to read out to his congregation. This will help them to realise where the cards have come from and why they have been sent.

5. Post all the cards together

**ENDORSEMENT:** Fr David Neuhaus SJ commended the sending of Christmas cards, saying this month:

'This is a beautiful act of solidarity.'

**REMINDER: INCLUDE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ON THE CARDS**

**SEND ALL CARDS AND LETTERS TO:**

Fr Imad Twal,  
General Administrator,  
Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem,  
Jaffa Gate - Old City, P.O.B. 14152  
9114101 Jerusalem



## PARISHES IN THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

**Aboud :** Our Lady of Seven Sorrows  
**Parish Priest:** Rev. Yussef Rezeq  
**Contact details:** P.O.B. 3, Aboud  
**E-mail :** [fr\\_yousef@yahoo.fr](mailto:fr_yousef@yahoo.fr)

This parish has a kinder garden and a school for 265 children. The school goes up to Y8.

**Ain Arik :** The Annunciation  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Giovanni Cinti  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 20776, Jerusalem  
**E-mail :** [fainarik@palnet.com](mailto:fainarik@palnet.com)

This parish has a school that seeks to be a place of peace and stability in the children's lives.

**Beit Jala :** The Annunciation  
**Parish Priest :** R.P. Aktham Hijazin  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 3, Beit Jala  
**E-mail:** [ishomali@hotmail.com](mailto:ishomali@hotmail.com)

This parish is in a very small village that is still 85% Christian. The diocesan seminary is here.

**Beit Sahour :** Our Lady of Fatima  
**Parish Priest:** R.P. Iyad Twal  
**Contact details:** P.O.B. 22, Beit Sahour  
**E-mail:** [iyadtwal@yahoo.com](mailto:iyadtwal@yahoo.com)

**Bethlehem :** Saint Catherine  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Haitham Franso Hano OFM  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 588, 9100402 Jerusalem  
**Email –** [pscbet@palnet.com](mailto:pscbet@palnet.com)

St Catherine is a Catholic church and Franciscan monastery connected to the mostly Orthodox Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

**Bir Zeit :** The Immaculate Conception  
**Parish Priest :** Rev Abuna Louis Hazboun  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 9, Bir Zeit  
**E-mail:** [abunalouis@latin.org.il](mailto:abunalouis@latin.org.il)

The parish is building a school to help students who can not afford high tuition fees in neighbouring areas.

**Gaza :** Holy Family  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Mario de Silva I.V.E.  
**Contact details:** P.O.B. 149, Gaza

Gaza is one of the most densely populated areas in the world. There are 5,000 Christians among a million Muslims. 50% of the population are under 15. The parish school has 1,250 pupils, including 200 Christians.

**Jenin :** Holy Redeemer  
**Parish Priest:** R.P. Labib D'eibess  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 58, Jénine

**Jifna:** Saint Joseph  
**Parish Priest:** R.P. Firas Aridah  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 47, Jifna  
**E-mail:** [Aridah11@hotmail.com](mailto:Aridah11@hotmail.com)

**Nablus :** The Saviour at Jacob's Well  
**Rafidia :** Saint Justin  
**Parish Priest:** Rev. Simon Hijazin  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 21, Nablus 108  
**E-mail:** [johnny\\_ak@latinpat.org](mailto:johnny_ak@latinpat.org)

St. Joseph's school, established in Nablus in 1904, continues despite great difficulties.

**Ramallah :** Holy Family  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Ibrahim Shomali  
**Contact details :** P.O.B. 47, Ramallah  
**E – mail:**

This city still has a Christian ambiance. Baptists, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Quakers, Catholics and Orthodox live happily side by side with their Muslims neighbours.

**Taybeh :** Holy Redeemer  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Johnny Abu Khalil  
**Contact details:** P.O.B. 2, Taybeh  
**E-mail:** [taybeh@latinpat.org](mailto:taybeh@latinpat.org)

The Peace Lamps are produced here as a project with the Olive Branch Foundation, creating employment in the village. ([www.taybeh.info](http://www.taybeh.info))

**Zababdeh :** The Visitation  
**Parish Priest :** Rev Ibrahim Nino  
**Contact details:** Latin Church, Zababdeh  
**E-mail:**

The parish school is the largest employer in the area. Much of the traditional land has been lost to settlers and there are 2,000 exiles forced from their homes, unable to return. Income per family is less than \$130 per month.

# PARISHES IN ISRAEL

**Acre** : Saint Jean Baptiste

Parish Priest: Quirico Calella, O.F.M.

**Address:**

Terra Sancta Convent P.O.B. 1023 24110 Akko

**Beersheva** : Saint-Abraham

Parish Priest: Rev Piotr Zelazko

**Address:** 51 Hashalom Street P.O.B. 1321 8442432 Beersheva

E-mail: [gioeles@gmail.com](mailto:gioeles@gmail.com)

**Eilat** : Holy Trinity

Parish Priest: Rev Carlos Ceballos Medina

**Address:**

P.O.B. 8264

8855700 Eilat

E-mail: [parish.of.eilat@gmail.com](mailto:parish.of.eilat@gmail.com)

**Haifa** : Saint-Joseph

Parish Priest: Rev. Abdo Abdo, O.C.D.,

**Address:**

P.O.B. 9047 3109002 Haifa

Website: [www.st-joseph-haifa.org](http://www.st-joseph-haifa.org)

**Jaffa** : Saint Anthony

Parish Priest: Rev. Zahour Aboud O.F.M.

**Address:** 51 Yeffet St. P.O.B. 8423 61083 Jaffa – Tel Aviv

Email – [stanthony.jaffa@gmail.com](mailto:stanthony.jaffa@gmail.com)

**Jaffa – Nazareth:** Saint John the Apostle

Pastor: Rev. Elias Tabban

**Address:** P.O.B. 76 1695500 Jaffa – Nazareth

Nazareth is 30% Christian, including 1,200 Catholics. The parish school goes as far as Y8.

**Nazareth:** Annunciation

Parish Priest: Rev Amjad Sabbara, O.F.M

Contact details: P.O.Box 2, 1610001 Nazareth

Nazareth is the largest Arab city in the state of Israel. The population is 70% Muslim and 30% Christian

**Rameh** : Saint Anthony

Parish Priest: Rev. Samer Haddad

**Address:** P.O.B. 11 3005501 Rameh

**Ramleh** : Saint Nicodemus

Parish Priest: Rev Abdel Masih F. Fahim, O.F.M.

**Address:** Rehov Bialik P.O.B. 113005501 Ramleh

**Reneh** : Saint Joseph the worker

Parish Priest: R.P. Elias Odeh

**Address:** P.O.B. 82 1694001 Reneh

**Shafa'amr** : Saint Joseph

Parish Priest: Rev. Elie Kurzum

**Address:**

P.O.B. 482 2020001 Shafa'amr

E –mail: [kurzumeli@gmail.com](mailto:kurzumeli@gmail.com)

**Tel Aviv:** Our Lady, Woman of Valour. Pastoral Centre  
Parish Priest: Fr David Neuhaus SJ

This parish has thousands of parishioners, mostly migrants.

**Tiberius :** Saint Peter  
Parish Priest: Rev. Giuseppe De Nardi, KoGB  
**Address:**  
P.O.B. 179 – Terra Sancta 14101 Tiberius

## JERUSALEM

### **Saint Saviour**

**Parish Priest:** Rev Feras Hijazine, O.F.M.  
**Contact details:** 1 Saint Francis Street, P.O.B. 186, 91001 Jerusalem

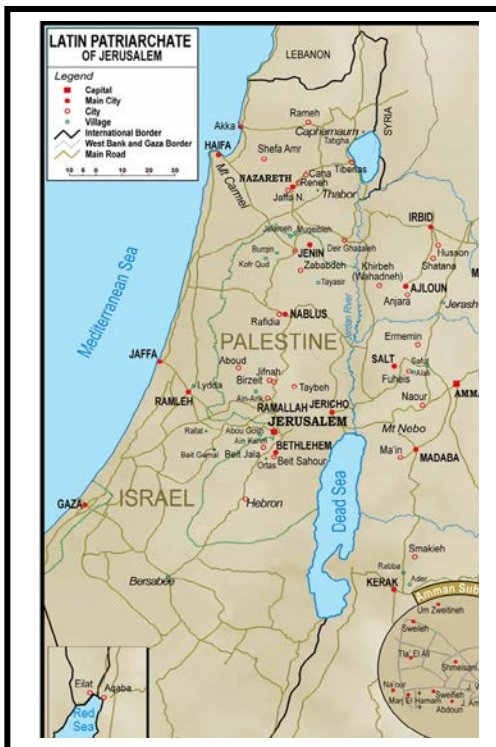
**Chapels of ease to the parish:**

### **Saint James (Beit Hanina)**

**Curate :** Rev Nerwan Al-Banna, O.F.M.  
**Contact details:** Terra Sancta Convent, P.O.B. 20089, 91200 Jerusalem

**Luckner Parents Care Home**  
**Rev. David Neuhaus SJ**  
**P.O.B. 581**  
**Jerusalem 91004**

Jerusalem's status is a sensitive & political question. The parish of Jerusalem is in East Jerusalem which according to international law is occupied territory, meaning it should be passed back to the Palestinians. When we separate Jerusalem, we acknowledge its status & highlight its importance as a unique & special Holy City.



The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem was established in 1099, after the First Crusade. When the Holy City fell to Saladin in 1187, the Patriarchate was transferred to Acre, and Cyprus, and finally to Rome.

After more than six centuries, in 1847, Pope Pius IX restored the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Today, the patriarchal diocese has about 70,000 members in four states: Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan and Cyprus.

It covers a mosaic of cultures, languages, religions and traditions.



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