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10th December 2017
 2nd Sunday in Advent

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Holy Family, Farnham GU9 0LH
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Confessions: 5.00pm Saturday (HA), after masses on the 1st Sunday of the month, Thursdays (HF) (usually) during adoration.
 [HA= Holy Angels, Ash and HF= Holy Family, Farnham]

Sat 9 Dec	5.00pm 5.30pm	HA	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction Vigil Mass	<i>Clement & Georgina Abrew (RIP)</i>
Sun 10 Dec	9.15am 11.00am	HF HA	Second Sunday in Advent	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>All families facing a difficult Christmas</i>
Mon 11 Dec			No Mass	
Tue 12 Dec	9.30am	HF	Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Wed 13 Dec	9.15am 9.30am 11.00am	HA HA HA	Rosary Mass St Lucy Requiem Mass for Ellen Kelly	
Thur 14 Dec	6.15pm 7.30pm	HF HF	Adoration Mass St John of the Cross	
Fri 15 Dec	9.30am 7.00pm	HA HF	Mass Christmas Carol Service <i>followed by mulled wine and mice pies</i>	
Sat 16 Dec	9.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	HF HA	Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction Vigil Mass	
Sun 17 Dec	9.15am 11.00am	HF HA	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) Mass	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>James & Helene Allgood (RIP)</i>

Offertory

<u>Holy Angels</u> 3 December	£292.94
<u>Holy Family</u> 26 November	£174.76

A second collection for Christmas flowers will be taken after Masses this week.

News from Karibu Nyumbani

Fund raising for Karibu Nyumbani , Dates for diaries.: Valentines supper 10th Feb at Hilary's house

Hilary's address is 23 Copse Avenue, Farnham, GU9 9ED

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise money via the toy and cake sale (£300), and the very enjoyable Christmas social meal which raised over £400.

Bible Timeline

Following on from our Big Picture course we will run another course.. The Big Picture course picked out themes from the Bible in order to build a 'big picture' of the scriptures. This time we are planning to look at the *Quick Journey Through the Bible* a course that helps us get a better overview of the books of the bible and the way they relate to each other. It should work well as a follow up for those who participated in last years course and be accessible to everyone else as well.

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We have decided to run these sessions over two Saturdays in the new year 27 January and 10 February, from 9.30am - 1.30pm finishing with a shared lunch. information. Please sign up as we need to order course material.

Christmas Services & Events

Friday 15th December 7pm Carol Service followed by Mulled wine and mince pies at Holy Family Church.

Saturday, 16th December Confessions will be heard at St Joseph's in Guildford from 5:00am - 5:00pm.

Fr Robin will be available to hear confessions On Saturdays 16th (HF) and 23rd (HA) 9.00 - 10.00am

Saturday 16 December: Our Youth Group Christmas Party 2-5pm followed by mass

Sunday 17th December we are warmly invited to join our local anglican friends for their carol services at **3pm** St Peter's Ash, and **4pm**, St John's Heath End.

5:00pm Christmas Eve - 1st Mass of Christmas and Children's Crib service at Holy Family

Midnight Mass - Carols from **11:00pm** and then Mass at **11:30pm** at Holy Angels

Christmas Day: 9.15am Holy Family and 11:00am Holy Angels

Boxing Day: Mass for St Stephen's Day will take place at 9am at Holy Angels.

At the Christmas Eve Crib service we invite young children to dress up as Nativity characters. Those who wish to dress up and process in, need to congregate downstairs in the hall before the Mass, to get ready. We will draw the names for Mary and Joseph this weekend. There is usually a costume provided for Mary and Joseph, but everyone else needs to bring their own.

Christmas Day alone? Churches Together in Farnham Christmas Day Lunch at the Brightwells Gostrey Centre in East Street Farnham. Transport available. To book a place, please ring either Mariola Boyd on 01252 716785, or Michael McDonnell on 01252 712600 before Tuesday 12th December. There is no charge for the lunch or for transport.

New Year Lunch: Dida Wells is also organising a New Year Lunch on Friday 5 January at Holy Angels, again for those who have been alone over Christmas and the New Year.

Advent Groups

Ann Martindale (01252 681752) is running an Advent study group every Thursday.

Father Robin will be running an Advent group in St Mary's Room after the Mass on Wednesday morning.

Gloria Benson is also running an Advent group at her house (15 Derry Close, Ash Vale) on the following Tuesday evenings at 7pm: 28th November, 5th December, 12 December and 19 December.

Christmas Toy appeal

We are supporting Eagle Radio's Christmas Toy appeal to help disadvantaged children in Surrey and North Hampshire. Please think about buying an extra present for a disadvantaged child or teenager when you are doing your Christmas shopping. For drop off points see the website www.eagleradio.co.uk/toyappeal or please leave your presents at the back of church and we will undertake the drop-off. Presents should be unwrapped so they can be sorted into the correct age category.

A Diocesan Vision for Mission

In October 2017 Bishop Richard met with representatives from the Parishes around the diocese including Holy Angels and Holy Family. The purpose of the meeting was to look to the future of the Diocese and how the role of Parishioners may shape and influence that future.

During a short presentation Bishop Richard explained that we are living in a time where re structure will be required to fulfil the mission of the Church and that a review of Diocesan and Parish life is needed to help us look to that future. He accepted that this would be challenging, especially in a time when the ratio of Priests to people is in decline and difficult decisions will need to be made. Bishop Richard is keen to hear feedback from Parishioners across the Diocese and so he asked those present at the meeting to seek feedback from their fellow Parishioners.

Bishop Richard posed many issues for consideration however these can be summarised as so:

- ❓ Given the Mission entrusted to us all, what three things do you think we most need for Mission-effectiveness?
- ❓ What roles in this Mission can be best carried out by the lay-faithful?
- ❓ What roles in in this Mission belong to the Priest?
- ❓ What factors, do you think, have brought about the present situation that we are having to address in our Diocese?
- ❓ If we were starting the Diocese today, with 25 priests, where would you place them?

In order to facilitate feedback I propose to hold a Parish meeting 7.30pm Friday 19th January (at Holy Family) 6.30pm Saturday 20th January (at Holy Angels).

I would urge you to please come to the Parish meeting(s) and help us formulate our response to the questions that Bishop Richard poses. The future of our Parish will depend on it. I anticipate the meetings to last no longer than 2 hours and to finish with a sociable fish and chip supper.

In advance of the meetings may I please ask that you complete the questionnaires available from this weekend and return them to me (box at the back of Church) or to the Parish office via email holyofficesurrey@gmail.com no later than Sunday 7th January in order that I have time to review your responses before the meetings.

Fr Robin