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Third Sunday in Lent

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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]	

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Sat 3 Mar	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	Fr Ken Freeman (RIP)
Sun 4 Mar	9.15am	HF	Third Sunday in Lent	Missa Pro Populo
	11.00am	НА	Mass	Richard & Colleen Rutter: In thanksgiving for 51 years of marriage
Mon 5 Mar			No Mass	
Tue 6 Mar	9.30am	HF	Mass	
Wed 7 Mar	9.10am	НА	Rosary	
	9.30am		Mass	Intentions of Fr Aiden Kieran
	7.00pm		Holy Hour for Vocations	
Thur 8 Mar	6.15pm	HF	Stations of the Cross	
	6.45pm		Adoration	
	7.30pm		Mass	
Fri 9 Mar	9.30am	HA	Mass	Intentions of Fr Aiden Kieran
	7.30pm		Stations of the Cross	
Sat 10 Mar	5.30pm	НА	Vigil Mass	Intentions of Jill Goodson
Sun 11 Mar	9.15am	HF	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	11.00a	HA	Mass	

Offertory					
Holy Angels 25 February	£271.60				
CAFOD	£249.64				
Holy Family 25 February	£311.00				
CAFOD (includes £105 donated	£430.50				

Lenten Alms are for the women's contemplative orders in the diocese. Box at the back of church.

Next week's readings

One suggestion to help with deepening your spiritual life during Lent is to read and reflect upon next week's readings in advance. These are 1 Samuel 16: 1,6-7, 10-13, Psalm 22, Ephesians 5: 8-14, and John 9: 1-41 These can also be found on the Universalis website http://universalis.com/mass.htm

Lent

There will be a Lent group after the Wednesday morning Mass at Holy Angels run by Father Robin, starting next week. Ann Martindale from Holy Family is running a Lent group, and can be contacted on 01252 681 752.

Gloria Benson is running a Lent group on **Tuesday** evenings at **7,30pm at Holy Angles**.

The Lent material we are using this year is called "Living Jesus" and focuses on discipleship and the call to holiness.

24hrs for the Lord Friday 16 March from noon to midnight at St Joan of Arc Farnham, and Saturday 17 March midnight to noon there will be an opportunity for reconciliation and adoration.

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Step-by-Step appeal

Hilary and Gloria are once again collecting Easter eggs for the young people's charity, Step-by-step. Please could you consider buying an extra egg when doing your shopping and leaving them in the receptacle at the back of church. Several of the supermarkets currently have various BOGOF offers at the moment.

CAFOD

Fairtrade stall today. New selection including Easter eggs.

Give it up 1. As the parish supports the *Step by Step* homeless project in Aldershot, please consider giving up something during Lent and donating the money saved to support this worthwhile charity. More details by the church entrance.

Give it up 2. Please encourage your children to consider what they can give up for Lent and perhaps use the money saved to buy a CAFOD *World Gift* (e.g. mosquito net £7). Or the children can pool the money to buy a more substantial gift (e.g. community toilet £85).

Social Support and Interests locally. Plus opportunities to help See notice board.

Guildford Timebank Need help? Willing to help? Local people helping and supporting each other through practical help, skills sharing, personal support or tutoring. Tel 01483 504626. Contact Mike Harte.

Recycling Box (in the social room) for old and unwanted jewellery, currency, coins, stamps, phones, cameras, electronic gadgets. This will mean extra money for CAFOD.

Needed: all sorts of shoes in usable condition. For school children (all ages) in rural areas of southern Uganda and displaced peoples in refugee camps. Contact Mike Harte

Tip of the Week Make your widows and mirrors sparkle: use vinegar and screwed-up newspaper - avoid chemicals and save money.

Diocesan and national events

Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles: On Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm. Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles inviting the faithful of our nations, with the support of our clergy and Bishops, to a Day of Prayer for Faith, Life and Peace which will surely be pleasing to the Holy Spirit, and to Our Blessed Mother. The Rectors of our two National Marian Shrines (Walsingham & Our Lady of the Taper) in England and Wales have given Rosary on the Coast their full backing and encouragement. You can find lots of information on their Facebook page and website https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk where you can also read the Briefing Document for the event.

Organ Donation consultation

The government are currently consulting on organ donation and introducing a system of 'presumed consent', in which rather than receiving explicit consent from those who have died that their organs may be donated, medics may still remove organs from patients for transplant even if they have not explicitly said that would not want their organs donated.

While the Catholic Church is not against transplantation it should be remembered that the word 'Donation' comes from 'Donum', meaning 'Gift'. The very idea of organ donation is that it is a free gift from one person to another. By presuming consent, donation stops being a gift, and instead becomes the state appropriation of bodily remains.

There is no evidence to suggest that a system of presumed consent works to increase transplant rates. The first official two year evaluation published in Wales at the end of 2017, 2 years after they introduced presumed consent, shows that resident donor rates fell by 14.5 to 13.4 per quarter (despite the the Welsh Government projecting them to rise by between 25%-30%). It also shows that over 180,000 people, whose organs could previously have been donated by their families have opted out of donation because they have taken exception to the Government presuming their consent.

Grieving families are often hurt by the presumption that the remains of their loved one can just be taken for transplantation, which prompts them to fight against it and interferes with the grieving process. Under a 'soft opt-out' system many people may not get to donate due to family opposite.

Evidence from countries such as Spain, which has the highest organ donation rate in the world, shows that approaching individuals and families to secure organ donation is a positive alternative to presumed consent that actually has increased organ donation rates. When specialist trained donation staff approached the family, donation rates rose to 68.6%, from 25% when an approach was made by those with no training.

The website <u>mybodymygift.com</u> has more information on how to respond to the consultation which closes at midnight on Tuesday 6th March.

Father Robin on television

Father Robin will be featuring on the EWTN television series, Lenten Reflections 2018, the week beginning the 11th March.

The episodes will be shown Sunday, February 11 March at 3:30 pm; Monday, March 12 at 8:30 am; Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30 pm; Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm; Thursday, March 14 at 3:00 am (30 mins)

EWTN can be watched on the internet or Sky channel 589 and details on how to connect via freesat are here https://www.ewtn.co.uk/get-ewtn