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Holy Angels, Ash GU12 6LU
www.holyangelsash.org

Holy Family, Farnham GU9 0LH
www.holyfamilyfarnham.co.uk

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, * masses in the hall]

Sat 30 Nov	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	
Sun 1 Dec	9.15am	HF	Mass 1st Sunday of Advent	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	HA	Mass	<i>Jimmy Cash (RIP)</i>
Mon 2 Dec			No Mass	
Tue 3 Dec	9.30am	HF	Mass St Francis Xavier, Priest	
Wed 4 Dec	9.10am	HA	Rosary	
	9.30am	HA	Mass St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor	<i>In Memoriam: Fr Philip de Putron</i>
Thur 5 Dec	6.15pm	HF	Adoration	
	7.30pm		Mass 1st Thursday of Advent	
Fri 6 Dec	9.30am	HA	Mass St Nicholas, Bishop	<i>In Memoriam: Fr Edward Dilger</i>
Sat 7 Dec	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Sun 8 Dec	9.15am	HF	Mass 2nd Sunday of Advent	
	11.00am	HA	Mass	
	time TBC	HA	Baptism Givanni & Dulcia Butler	

Offertory

Holy Angels	
24 November	£265.26
Holy Family	
24 November	£223.00

There is a second collection today for flowers to make our churches beautiful for Christmas.

Holy Hour of Prayer

Our next Monthly Holy Hour of Prayer for vocations to the priesthood is on **Wednesday 4th December** at Holy Angels, starting at 7.30pm. Spending an hour with the Lord is so fulfilling in terms of blessings and He always enjoys our company. We would love you to join us! Future dates for your diary are: 8th January, 5th February and 4th March 2020.

Karibu Nyumbani Fundraiser

On **Saturday 14th** and **Sunday 15th December** there will be a fundraiser cake sale after all the Masses - come and buy some sweet treats and help us raise money for the orphanage!

Communion at Home

We offer Communion at home to any Parishioner who is sick and unable to attend Mass. If that is you or someone you know, please do contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Confessions

Fr Robin is setting aside a day in each church when he will be available to hear your confessions before Christmas. The dates and times are:-

Holy Family: Thursday 19th December at 10am, 1pm and 6.15pm;
Holy Angels: Friday 20th December at 10am, 1pm and 8.30pm.

"Holys" Pre-Christmas Social

You are warmly invited to our pre-Christmas social in the Alma Pub on **Friday 6th December** at 7:00 pm. Tickets cost £10 for a Buffet Meal & Raffle (please bring a prize). Tickets available after mass or contact Deacon John. Profits to the orphanage Karibu Nyumbani.

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Deacon – John Edwards Tel: 01252 405453 (home number)

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First Holy Communion Class

This will take place on **Saturday 7th December** at Holy Family Church Hall, starting promptly at 9am, **followed by Mass on Sunday at 9.15am**. Please could you bring your children to the Parish Hall by 9am on Sunday.

Sycamore Advent Course

There is still time to join one of the groups - various times and locations to suit all. Please take a leaflet in the entrance halls for more information.

Evangelizing Catholics 'Book Club'

We are encouraging everyone to read Scott Hahn's 'Evangelizing Catholics' as a good way of engaging with the call for each one of us to engage with the new evangelization.

'The New Evangelization is the work of the whole church - lay, ordained, and consecrated. It's about friends, family, and co-workers reaching out to one another and proclaiming the truth of Christ... it's about simple acts of kindness, simple challenges issued in love, and simple questions asked with sincerity.'

(*Evangelizing Catholics p.13*)

There will be a 'reading group' meeting at Holy Angels on Saturday mornings at 10am, on 11 Jan (TBC), 1, 15, & 29 Feb. Hopefully this will encourage us all to make progress reading through the book whether we can meet together or not. Each meeting will stand alone to look at the relevant chapters as we read through the book, so don't feel inhibited from coming along if you can't meet together each time.

This is the first step towards forming a small mission group, but joining the reading group does not commit you to anything else. If you are interested but have not purchased the book, there are copies of the first couple of chapters available at the back of church to help you get started. Its easy to purchase online or from St Paul's bookshop stpauls.org.uk 0207 828 5582.

CAFOD

The World Meteorological Organisation now reports that greenhouse gas concentrations again break records...despite all the commitments under the Paris agreement on climate change. "It is worth recalling that the last time the Earth experienced a comparable concentration of CO2 was three to five million years ago. Back then, the temperature was 2-3C warmer, sea level was 10-20m higher than now," Learn how to cut your climate footprint: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Cut-your-carbon-footprint>

Justice and Peace

Right to Life UK. BPAS, the UK's largest abortion provider, are asking election candidates to support a pledge to introduce an extreme change to our abortion laws that would introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth. This follows both Labour and the Liberal Democrats pledging to introduce extreme abortion regimes to the UK in their manifestos released last week. The make-up of the next parliament will decide whether we will lose all remaining protections for the unborn child, introducing abortion up to birth or introducing positive new protections that will save lives. For a list of simple actions you can take go online <https://righttolife.org.uk>

Church Cleaning - for Christmas and beyond!

Many thanks to those of you who have stepped forward to offer your help for this important ministry. We will now be able to clean the church each week! If anyone else can help, even on an occasional basis, that would be great. It will reduce the burden on all, and enable us to have cover for illness or holidays - if you can help, please contact Michaela on 01252 693635 or, by email at billandmichaela@hotmail.com

Farnham ASSIST Carol Service

Farnham ASSIST will be holding their annual Carol Service in The Spire Church (URC), South Street GU9 7QU on **Monday 2nd December** starting at 3pm. All welcome to this traditional service. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards. For more information please call: 01252 717710.

Day of Reflection and Music for Music Ministers

With Bishop Richard Moth, on **Saturday 14th December 11am - 4pm**, at St Dunstan's Church Woking GU22 7DT. There will be advent music, a time to reflect on scripture and music ministry, and a Liturgy of Advent with readings and music. Please book your place at ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01293 651164

Farnham Churches Together Christmas Lunch

If you are going to be on your own on Christmas Day you are warmly invited to come and enjoy your Christmas lunch with others at the Memorial Hall Farnham at 1pm. Transport to and from the Memorial Hall Farnham can be arranged. If you would like to reserve a place please contact Michael McDonnell on 01252 712600 or Mariola Boyd 01252 716785 **by Wednesday 11th December.**

If you would like to volunteer to help (drivers particularly needed) please contact Joanna Rendall 01252737162 / joanna.rendall@btclick.com **ASAP!**

Week of Accompanied Prayer

The Guildford Deanery's Week of Accompanied Prayer will be held from **8th-14th February 2020** at St Joan of Arc church, Farnham, GU9 8DJ. Booking forms are now in the entrance halls.

What is a Week of Guided Prayer? It's a great opportunity to further your own spiritual journey wherever you feel you're at, accompanied by a trained Prayer Guide.

PLEASE NOTE: closing date for bookings is 6th January 2020. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for a retreat in everyday life!

Waverley Abbey Job Vacancy

Waverley Abbey is looking for a Programme Administrator, to assist in their programme of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Counselling and Spiritual Formation. The position is full time. To see the full applicant pack and access the online application process, please go to <http://www.cwr.org.uk/jobs>. Closing date for applications is 13th December.