



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

4th Sunday in Advent & Christmas



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 21 Dec	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>Vincent Michie (RIP)</i>
Sun 22 Dec	9.15am	HF	4th Sunday of Advent "O Rex Gentium" p.90	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	HA	Mass	<i>Fr Jim Martin (RIP)</i>
Mon 23 Dec			No Mass	
Tue 24 Dec	5.00pm	HF	First Family Mass of Christmas & Crib Service	
	10.30pm	HA	Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass p.98	<i>In Memoriam: Canon Herbert Fincham</i>
	11.00pm			
Wed 25 Dec	9.15am	HF	The Nativity of the Lord p.101	
	11.00am	HA	Christmas Day p.103	
Thur 26 Dec	9.00am	HA	Mass - St Stephen	
Fr 27 Dec	9.30am	HA	Mass - St John	
Sat 28 Dec	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>Mary and Newton Abrew 59th Wedding Anniversary</i>
Sun 29 Dec	9.15am	HF	Mass - The Holy Family p.106	
	11.00am	HA	Mass	<i>Joseph Boyle (RIP)</i>
	5.00pm	HA	Polish Carol Service	
Mon 30 Dec			No Mass	
Tue 31 Dec			No Mass	
Wed 1 Jan			No Mass	
Thur 2 Jan			No Mass	
Fr 3 Jan			No Mass	
Sat 4 Jan	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	
Sun 5 Jan	9.15am	HF	Mass Epiphany p.115	
	11.00am	HA	Mass	

Offertory

Holy Angels 15th December	£270.88
Holy Family 15th December	£210.39

The Christmas Crib Collection is for the Catholic Children's Society. There will be a box in front of the Crib throughout the Christmas period for your offerings.

FR ROBIN AND DEACON JOHN WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS

A very special thank you to everyone who has worked so hard both to prepare our churches for this wonderful feast, but also in the way you have supported our parishes over the last year.



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Holy Day of Obligation 1st January

Please note that no Masses will be said on 1st January at Holy Angels or Holy Family. For Mass times at other local churches, please see the websites of Aldershot aldershot-catholics.uk St Joan's Farnham stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk or Guildford www.cpg.church

Christmas Mass Offering

The Christmas offering collection is traditionally a personal gift to the priest and forms a significant part of his income. However, as a married priest, Father Robin donates these collections back to the parishes, to help the parishes provide a more regular income for him and his family throughout the year as per the diocesan policy. Thank you in advance for your usual generosity in helping your parish to support your priest in this way. This collection can be gift-aided.

Some people have asked if it is still possible to give Fr Robin a personal gift. This is allowed by the Bishop, but would need to be done via a card for Fr Robin and his family and not via the Christmas collection.

Holy Hour of Prayer

The next Holy Hour of prayer is on **8th January 2020** at Holy Angels to pray for vocations to the priesthood. 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, on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm. Future dates for your diary are **5th February & 4th March 2020**.

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

Food bank. Please continue to place your items, including toiletries, in the basket provided. The need is especially great as we approach the expense of Christmas.

Justice and Peace

Brick Fund Winter is the most testing time for those 'sleeping rough'. Project 5 Guildford provides emergency shelter and ongoing support to help the homeless into independent living. Donating to a 'Brick Fund' will assist their clients to meet the initial cost of £1000 approx. needed to acquire independent rented accommodation. We suggest donations of £1 per brick. See board and red box in the church entrance area.

Week of Accompanied Prayer

A Week of Guided Prayer – how does it work? It offers you the chance to meet each day for 30 minutes with an experienced Prayer Guide, one-to-one. The role of the Prayer Guide is to help you listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in your heart; it is the Holy Spirit who guides us in prayer. A daily, informal and confidential meeting, at a time to suit you, will be agreed with your Prayer Guide.

The week starts on Sunday, 9th February 2020 at 4pm at St Joan of Arc, Farnham, GU9 8DJ. *Please don't miss out, this is for you!* So pick up a leaflet/booking form from the back of the church or drop an email to stylesarah412@gmail.com Closing date for applications will be on 6th January 2020, but no one will be turned away. We can accept those who are housebound, so please let us know if this applies to you or someone you know.

World Day of Prayer

This will be held at Holy Angels on **6th March 2020**, prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. **Do we have anyone from Zimbabwe** who would like to be on the planning team for this Farnham Churches Together event? If so, please contact the Parish Office.

MISSIO Job Vacancy

MISSIO is looking for a regional fundraiser. For a job description and for further information please contact: recruitment@missio.org.uk or visit www.missio.org.uk. Closing date 10 January 2020.

St Polycarps

Families in Farnham and Ash, with children who will be of school age in September 2020 are invited to apply now for our Reception intake. In-year applications for our current year 1 are also welcome. Please telephone the school office on 01252 716307 or admissions@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk for more information or to book an appointment to visit the school.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Applications are currently open for places to our school for Reception 2020 and you are warmly invited to apply. Please contact the school office on 01252 350583 or look on the school website stjosephsaldershot.org for details of how to apply.