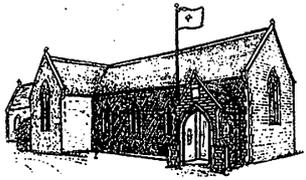
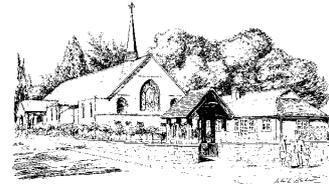


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 18 Dec	<i>O Adonai</i>	5.00pm	Carols and readings for Christmas		
		5.30pm	Vigil Family Mass	HA	<i>Vincent Michie (RIP)</i>
Sun 19 Dec	Advent 4	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
	<i>O Radix Jesse</i>	11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	<i>Cash & Connor Family, Jimmy and Mary, James Daniel (RIP)</i>
		4.30pm	<i>Advent Group on zoom - contact Fr Robin for the link.</i>		
Mon 20 Dec	<i>O Clavis David</i>	<i>Fr Robin's day off no Mass</i>			
Tue 21 Dec	<i>O Oriens</i>	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 22 Dec	<i>O Rex Gentium</i>	9.30am	Mass	HA	<i>Fr Jim Martin (RIP)</i>
Thur 23 Dec	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	7.00pm	Adoration	HF	
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 24 Dec	Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Mass	HF	
		7.00pm	Mass	HA	
		10.30pm	Carols and Readings	HA	
		11.00pm	Midnight Mass		
Sat 25 Dec	Christmas Day	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	
Sun 26 Dec	Holy Family	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	<i>Makio & Jaqueline Grima (RIP)</i>

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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 difficult year.

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Thank you: £105 for Christmas Flowers at Holy Angels

Christmas Crib Collection

Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

Advent group 4.30pm on Sunday 19 December

As we continue to encourage people to return to the mass unless they are particularly vulnerable we may ask the question why we should return to mass? It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. Our very lives depend on it. This advent we will begin to look at the bible study by Scott Hahn ***Parousia: The Bible and the Mass*** uncovering how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass.

For a zoom link: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com

Booking Lite for Christmas Services: please sign up for the Christmas Eve and Day masses to help us keep spacing - but we do not expect to turn anyone away who has not pre booked.

Christmas Collection This collection is traditionally a personal gift to the priest and forms a part of his income. However, as a married priest Fr 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 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 Christmas card for Fr Robin and his family and not via the Christmas collection.

Synodal Process: The Diocese has now produced some guidance and response for this process. You can access this directly at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod> . We will have some opportunity to discuss these questions together for those who find this easier on Wednesday 5 Jan, 19 Jan, 2 Feb, 7.30pm - probably on zoom!

PACT: Operation Elf: We can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.' Register at parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Justice & Peace Assembly Webinar: 'To a Safer Shore?': 15th January, from 9.45 am for 10 am to 1 pm, will now take place online. More details and to book at [To a Safer Shore? Spotlights refugees, highlighting what we can do to help. Arundel & Brighton Catholic Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\) or contact Tessa Ricketts at Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk)

CAFOD World Gifts: As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue sent to your parish. You can also order by phone: 0808 14 000 14.

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/ AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

There will be No Masses from Monday 27th to Friday 31st December as Fr Robin will be on his Christmas break.

Primary School Admissions Sept 2022

Our Local Catholic schools are:
St Polycarps, Farnham: & St Joseph's, Aldershot:

Both require council forms and a supplementary form.

God's Love in the Manger

Let's often meditate on the great mystery of God's love in this Child who is born to us (see Is 9:5). How easy it is to find or regain peace and serenity as we contemplate the scene of the Nativity, letting ourselves be captivated by Jesus in the manger, with Mary and Joseph on either side! As we contemplate this mystery of love, Our Lord will also give us new zest to pass it on to others.

St. Josemaría, Christ Is Passing By, 163.

Parish Giving:

- **Collection in Church:** It is still possible to put money on the plate (at Holy Angels this is still passed around). However many people are not using cash very much so there are other ways to support your church. Holy Family now has a contactless machine. **Holy Angels is following and hopes to be ready for Christmas.** Gift aid & second collections can be done this way.
- **The Diocese has its own online giving page for each parish.** <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/> There is now a drop-down list for you to choose which parish to donate to - 'Heath End' is Holy Family and 'Ash' is Holy Angels.
- **Standing Order:** Perhaps the easiest and most helpful way to give, especially if you are a uk taxpayer. This enables us to recoup the tax you paid on the gift. For a form, please contact Tim Flesher at Holy Angels: timflesher@hotmail.co.uk or Pat King via the parish email

How we keep you safe at mass

- Mask wearing is currently required
- Hand gel, & ventilation (wrap up warm!)
- One way system
- Quarantine of hymn books between use
- Bring your own missal or use e.g. *Universalis app*
- Lateral flow testing recommended
- Track and Trace
- Seating - be respectful of other people's needs

Parish Office: As our parish secretary has now retired there are currently no formal office hours. Please use the normal telephone number (01252 321 422) and parish email address: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com