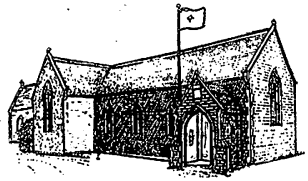
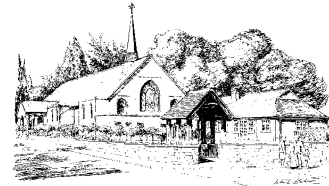


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 4 Dec		5.30pm	Vigil Family Mass	HA	Lassoff Family (RIP)
Sun 5 Dec	Advent 2	9.15am	Sunday Family Mass	HF	Charmaine Carpenter (RIP)
		11.00am	Sunday Family Mass	HA	Missa pro populo
		12.30pm	Holy Baptism	HA	Margot Rosaleen Brewer
		4.30pm	Advent Group on zoom - contact Fr Robin for the link		
Mon 6 Dec	S. Nicholas	Fr Robin's day off no Mass			
Tue 7 Dec	S. Ambrose	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 8 Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary.	9.30am	Mass	HA	Marion Fallon (RIP)
Thur 9 Dec		7.00pm	Adoration	HF	
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 10 Dec	Our Lady of Loreto	9.30am	Mass	HA	
Sat 11 Dec		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	
Sun 12 Dec	Advent 3 (Gaudete)	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	Miller family (RIP)
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	
		4.30pm	Advent Group on zoom - contact Fr Robin for the link		

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Second Collection today

Christmas Flowers at our churches

Christmas Service Times at Ash & Heath End

Sat 17 Dec HA	9am - noon Reconciliation and Adoration at Holy Angels
Sat 18 Dec HA HF	5pm Carols Service before Mass 7pm Nativity Film Evening & wine
Sun 19 Dec HF	3pm Carol Service & mulled wine (outside with no masks if possible!)
	Christmas Eve
Fri 24 Dec HF HA HA	5pm Family Mass & Crib blessing 7pm. Family Mass & Crib blessing 10.30pm Carols and Readings: at 11.00pm Midnight Mass begins.

Christmas Day

Sat 25 Dec HF	9.15am Mass of Christmas Day
HA	11.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Booking Lite - 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.

Advent group 4.30pm on Sunday 5, 12, 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 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

Primary School Admissions Sept 2022

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

Both require council forms and a supplementary form.

Youth Group Christmas meeting: this will be held on Saturday 11th December 2021 after 5.30pm Mass. All young people from Yr 7 and above are warmly welcome.

Invited: Our Diocesan Online Mission continues with five new Invited films. These answer questions that members of the Diocese have raised from the first films, including how we see God's love in the Old Testament, how we can find hope in our broken suffering world, a practical look at praying and reading the bible and more! You can access these videos here.

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

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

Our annual Justice & Peace Assembly will take place in-person on Saturday 15 January 2022, 9.30am to 2pm at St Francis' School, Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To register use the following link.
<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8llnbi1a>

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.

Continuing in our faith formation series, here is the next paragraph to consider and reflect on.

YOUCAT: 21 Faith – what is it?

Faith is knowledge and trust. It has seven characteristics:

- Faith is a sheer gift of God, which we receive when we fervently ask for it.
- Faith is the supernatural power that is absolutely necessary if we are to attain salvation.
- Faith requires the free will and clear understanding of a person when he accepts the divine

invitation.

- Faith is absolutely certain, because Jesus guarantees it.
- Faith is incomplete unless it leads to active love.
- Faith grows when we listen more and more carefully to God's Word and enter a lively exchange with him in prayer.
- Faith gives us even now a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Many people say that to believe is not enough for them; they want to know. The word "believe", however, has two completely different meanings. If a parachutist asks the clerk at the airport, "Is the parachute packed safely?" and the other man answers casually, "Hmm, I believe so", then that will not be enough for him; he would like to know it for sure. But if he has asked a friend to pack the parachute, then the friend will answer the same question by saying, "Yes, I did it personally. You can trust me!" And to that the parachutist will reply, "Yes, I believe you." This belief is much more than knowing; it means assurance. And that is the kind of belief that prompted Abraham to travel to the Promised Land; that is the faith that caused the martyrs to stand fast till death; that is the faith that still today upholds Christians in persecution. A faith that encompasses the whole person.

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. 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 encouraged
- 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