Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 6th March 2022



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 5 March		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	John Farrow on his birthday
Sun 6 March	1 st Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	Chris Hehir, (RIP)
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	Peter Smith, Archbishop (RIP)
		6.00pm	Holy Hour and Evening Prayer for the Ukraine		
Mon 7 March	Ss Perpetua & Felicity	Fr Robin's	day off no Mass		
Tue 8 March	S. John of God	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 9 March		9.30am	Mass	HA	Riely Family
Thur 10 March		6.30pm	Stations of the CrossHF		
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 11 March		9.00am	Mass	HA	Cafod Lent Fast Day
		10.30am	Requiem Mass	HF	
		6.30pm	Stations of the CrossHA		
Sat 12 March		5.30pm	Vigil Family Mass HA		Missa pro populo
Sun 13 March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Sunday Family Mass		HF Vera Danaker (RIP)
		11.00am	Sunday Family Mass		HA First Holy Communion candidates

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Offertory Collection

The Sunday Offertory Collection - your financial gift which provides for the running of our parish is no longer taken up during the service but at the door of the church to enable the use of contactless giving as well as cash. Don't leave it everyone else to provide for your church.

Lenten Alms

During Lent there is an opportunity to give to support the contemplative women's communities in the Diocese.

Cafod Fast Day

This takes place this Friday with a second collection next Sunday. We will direct our collections especially to the Ukrainian disaster fund.

Please Pray for the repose of the Soul of Pamela Wright. Funeral 10.30am Friday 11 March at Holy Family.

NOTICES

Holy Angles Church painting and Appeal

All of you at Holy Angels will be aware that our church is looking grubby - especially in the sanctuary - to a level that is distracting at mass. We will be repainting the church which will cost almost £6,000. Especially with the effect of the Pandemic on our finances, these larger maintenance sums are significantly running down our decreasing reserves. So we are asking our parishioners to review their current level of giving, (a fun way to do this would be to join the 100 club!) and also asking if this is a specific project that you would be willing to contribute to. Do have a look at the walls of the sanctuary before you leave church today and I think you will see that this is needed. We have a donation button for this on the Dona machine and website.

Lent

Our Lent course take place on Sunday's on zoom at 4.30pm. The link will be sent out with the newsletter or can be obtained from the parish office. We will be continuing our video course reflections on the Bible and Mass with Dr Scott Hahn which we began in Advent. It doesn't matter if you didn't attend those ones. As we continue to encourage people to return to the mass we may ask the question why we should return to mass? This course helps us to reflect on the way in which the mass is the summit of God's plan for our salvation. Our very lives depend on it.

Stations of the Cross begin in both churches this week.

Thank you to all those who helped organise the The (Women Led) World Day of Prayer on 4th March at Holy Angels.

Synod 2021-2023 has begun Contributions from across our Diocese will be collated during February 2022, with Bishop Richard presenting a summary of the feedback received during an online meeting 9 March at 7.30pm. To register to attend this meeting, please go to

https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6pon

If you are unable to watch this at home you can watch the presentation in the Hall at Holy Angels.

The final First Holy Communion Parents Evening You forgot to mention the parents meeting takes place online on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30 pm

Infant Baptism Preparation: The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 23rd March, 7.30pm online. Contact the parish office for application and GDPR forms.

RCIA: Our long delayed adult faith preparation course begins on Friday 11 March. It is suitable for the those adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, Christians who want to be come Catholics, but also those who might want to become Christians. Anyone who wants to explore the Christian faith can come to these first sessions with no obligation - just a willingness to Come and See! Email Fr Robin for an application form or speak to him to find our more.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets once a month on the first Saturday of the month after the 5.30pm Mass and finishes approx. 8.15pm. We have been lucky enough to meet face to face as a group over the last few months taking into account hygiene and Covid cleaning etc. The Youth Group is open to anyone in Yr 7 and above. The following dates are the planned dates for the next few months.

Saturdays 5th March 2022, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July.

CAFOD are providing an online calendar of Lenten daily prayer and reflection, offering an opportunity to 'pause, reflect, pray and take action' as we prepare for Easter. To sign up to receive a daily email from CAFOD and journey through the season of Lent with our global family. <u>https://</u> cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-calendar

Like you, CAFOD is deeply disturbed by the ongoing attacks on Ukraine.

CAFOD is raising much-needed funds for Ukraine and has joined an appeal launched by the UK Disasters Emergency Committee to help hundreds of thousands of people fleeing conflict in the country.

Life for the people of Ukraine has changed completely with homes, schools, and hospitals destroyed.

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe. The United Nations estimate that more than a million people have fled their homes so far - leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones. They desperately need shelter, food, and water. Donations to CAFOD will help local experts in Ukraine to provide:

food

water

healthcare

shelter and clothing

You can donate to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal here: <u>https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?</u> <u>defaultuniversaltype=single& Appeal=123770</u> To find out more please visit CAFOD's website.

CAFOD Family fast day soup lunch on the 11th March Holy Family Church 1230. Please register your interest on a sign up sheet at the church (Holy Angels Parishioners contact the office). There will be a collection after mass on 13 March.

Saturday 19th March Deacon John will be leading a Quiet Day at Holy Angels for the Knights of St Columba. Fr Robin and a visiting priest will provide an opportunity for Reconciliation between 12.15pm and 1.00pm

The Diocese is advertising for the post of Primary Adviser for Religious Education & Catholic Ethos to join the Diocesan Education Service.

https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/primary-adviser-forre

Parish Giving:

- **Collection in Church:** It is still possible to put money on the plate. However many people are not using cash very much so there are other ways to support your church. Holy Family and Holy Angels Churches both now have a contactless machine. Gift aid & second collections can be done this way.
- Both Parish Websites now have a link to our online give pages.
- 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: <u>timflesher@hotmail.co.uk</u> or Pat King via the parish email