Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 24th April 2022





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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Sat 23 April		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	Missa pro populo
Sun 24 April	2nd Sunday of Easter	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	Rachel Ward (RIP) & family*
	Divine Mercy	11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	Our FHC children
Mon 25 April	St Mark		No Mass - Fr Robin's Day off		
Tue 26 April	St George	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 27 April		9.30am	Mass	HA	
Thur 28 April	St Louis de Montfort	6.30pm	Adoration (Confession available	e) HF	
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 29 April	St Catherine of Sienna	9.30am	Mass		
Sat 30 April	Saturday	5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	
Sun 1 May	3rd Sunday of Easter	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	

Matthew, Rose, Joseph & Neddie

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Fr Robin and Deacon John wish all our parishioners in both parishes a very HAPPY EASTER. Thank you to everyone who supported our Holy Week

Services, especially the many people who helped in many different ways Thank you also to all those who kindly gave us both cards

and gifts.

Holy Angels Church painting and Appeal

We are also almost half way to our redecoration appeal target of £6,000 at Holy Angels. Thank you for your generosity. This is an amazing start. The appeal remains open until the end of May when the painting of the church interior will take place. There will also be a children's painting competition - Painting for Painting. Watch this space. If we were to raise more than our target we could look at the painting of the Church Hall as well.

NOTICES

Renewal of Parish Ministries

During the pandemic we were forced to stop most of our parish ministries. It seems to be right now to be able to begin to renew our opportunities for ministry within the church. We hope that people will be willing both to take up again ways they have been able to make our communities places to flourish and also consider new opportunities. Paperless and online versions of the form are available. Please speak to Fr Robin or Deacon John for further details.

Bible Study

Our Lent Bible study concludes this Sunday at 4.30 pm - zoom link as usual with the newsletter.

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Next Sunday is the Feast of Divine Mercy. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared:

It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday". In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while reestablishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings.

The Church offers a plenary indulgence granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

The Church will remain open after Mass at Holy Angels for any who wish to stay and make the devotion.

Reconciliation / Confession - We are now back in a position for regular confession times to resume. Fr Robin is available to hear confessions before the Saturday evening Mass, and on Thursday evenings at Holy Family before mass. He is often available after mass as well if you ask him, or by appointment.

Our Invited mission is back! We can't wait to welcome new, and returning members of our Invited family. Our Invited mission is continuing bringing people from across the Diocese (and far beyond) together in faith, online. Season II launched this week and runs between Easter and Pentecost, with the first of 6 episodes premiered the Diocesan Website on Monday 18 April.

A new episode will be released on our Invited webpage every Monday during the Easter Season enabling you to watch great speakers, hear wonderful testimony, and engage in a time of prayer and reflection. Each film will be followed by an in person parish group or an online diocesan wide online conversation on Thursday evenings beginning 21 April. To find out more please visit our website. <u>https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited</u>

This is a key event in the life of our diocese and a real opportunity for renewal. Please consider getting involved even if you don't normally do this sort of thing!

If there are a number of people who cannot attend online we can run an in person meeting.

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** 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July.

Step by Step AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU for the new duvets and duvet cover sets donated for Step by Step. We have collected 10 duvets and 10 cover sets which is amazingly generous seeing as there is so much call for other needs on our pockets. Our youth group will be delivering these gifts in the next week or two. THANK YOU AGAIN LOVELY PEOPLE.

Parish Office: The Parish Office is currently open on a volunteer basis (thank you Gloria!) on Wednesday and Friday Mornings. Please use the normal telephone number (01252 321 422) and parish email address: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com

Compendium of the Catechism

126. What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith?

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

127. What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus?

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the apostles. Jesus then "appeared to Cephas (Peter) and then to the Twelve. Following that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brethren at one time" (1 Corinthians 15:5-6) and to others as well. The apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

128. Why is the Resurrection at the same time a transcendent occurrence?

While being an historical event, verifiable and attested by signs and testimonies, the Resurrection, insofar as it is the entrance of Christ's humanity into the glory of God, transcends and surpasses history as a mystery of faith. For this reason the risen Christ did not manifest himself to the world but to his disciples, making them his witnesses to the people.

129. What is the condition of the risen body of Jesus?

The Resurrection of Christ was not a return to earthly life. His risen body is that which was crucified and bears the marks of his passion. However it also participates in the divine life, with the characteristics of a glorified body. Because of this the risen Jesus was utterly free to appear to his disciples how and where he wished and under various aspects.