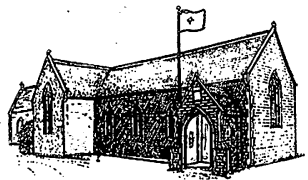
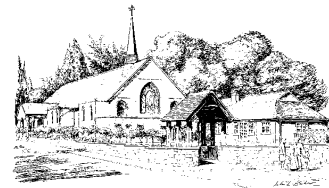


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CHRISTMAS DAY

Sat 24 Dec	Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Family Christmas Mass & Crib blessing	HF	<i>Young people of the parish</i>
		10.30pm	Carols	HA	
		11.00pm	Midnight Mass	HA	
Sun 25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY	9.15am	Christmas Day Mass	HF	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
		11.00am	Christmas Day Mass	HA	<i>Sick of the parish</i>
Mon 26 Dec	St Stephen, first martyr	9.00am	Mass	HA	
Tue 27-Friday 30 Dec			<i>No Mass as Fr Robin is on his post Christmas break</i>		
Sat 31 Dec		Noon	Confessions	HA	
		5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	<i>Mario Grima (RIP)</i>
Sun 1 January	Mary, Mother of God	9.15am	Sunday Mass (FHC Led)	HF	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	
Mon 2 Jan	<i>Sts Basil & Gregory</i>	No Mass	Fr Robin's Day off		
Tue 3 Jan	<i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 4 Jan		9.30am	Mass	HA	
Thur 5 Jan		6.30pm	Adoration (w/ Confession)	HF	
	Vigil of the Epiphany	7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 6 Jan	Epiphany	9.30am	Mass	HA	
Sat 7 Jan		Noon	Confessions	HA	
		5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	
Sun 8 Jan	Baptism of the Lord	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	<i>Missa pro populo</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 as life begins to return to normal.

Christmas Offertory Collection

Although the tradition that the Christmas offertory collection is given to the parish priest as a thank you for

his ministry does not apply directly at our churches it is of course open to parishioners to make an increased offering at Christmas to support their parish church for the coming year which will see significant increases in our costs, for example from energy prices. At this time of year we are particularly aware of the generous love of God and one of the ways we can give a birthday present to Jesus is through our giving. (And while as a married priest Fr Robin is enumerated by the parish slightly differently it is still your offertory which provides for this.) The offertory basket will of course be available before and after Mass, but do not forget the Dona machine which includes a special button for Christmas offering which will be available until the end of the Christmas season.

Crib Collection

Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis fund

Thank you for Christmas Flowers Collection

HA (£32.25 cash)

HF £87.00 (Dona £71.00; Cash 16.00)



Step by Step offers accommodation and specialist support to 367 young people each night. By donating to our Open Doors appeal, you can help support vulnerable young people over the festive period and beyond. Just £33 could cover the cost of accommodating a young person for one night. To donate to this appeal, please visit www.stepbystep.org.uk. Together, we can open doors for young people with nowhere else to turn.

Bishop Richard has published a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese, *The Word Who Is Life*, 2022. You can read and download the new Plan on the diocesan website. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan>

As the weather turns colder don't forget that there is an opportunity for warmth, conversation and coffee in the week after our Tuesday and Wednesday morning masses.

Infant Baptism - our next preparation evening is on 11 Jan. Forms and information are available from the back of both churches.

Who is Jesus and why should you be a catholic? Come and See!

In the new year we will begin another cycle of adult exploration of the faith using the sycamore course. This is the route for Adult Baptism, Adult Confirmation, and reception into the Catholic Church if you are already a baptised Christian.

However the first sessions are a simple invitation to come and see and find out a bit more. If you are curious about the faith, about why we believe in Jesus, or know someone who might like to explore these questions please express your interest!

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-gospel-according-to-st-matthew/>

In The birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. This four-part audio series features the voices of over 20 Catholics living and working in England and Wales. Our contributors hail from more than 10 countries – including Poland, Malta, Burma, Spain, USA and the home countries – showing the rich diversity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

A New Year's Resolution. This year I discovered Fr Mike Scmitz's podcast *The Bible in a Year* where he reads and comments on the whole Bible, using Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline to help us make sense of the narrative of the Bible. I found this enormously helpful and would really like to encourage us as a parish to take up this challenge for the coming year.

It's so easy to find the Bible difficult to read, or confusing, or disjointed with the snippets we get of certain books at mass. Make this your New Year's resolution and grow closer to God letting him share his love and plan for your life with you.

It's easy to find on any podcast app or go to the ascension press website to find the reading plan and other links. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

The Catholic Union is encouraging all Catholics in the UK to make their voice heard on the issue of assisted suicide. As we kneel before the baby in the manger we need to renew our commitment to protect the most vulnerable members of our society at all stages of life.

The arguments against assisted suicide are as strong as ever, but we need to make sure they are heard loudly and clearly by decision makers. The role of the Catholic laity in this is vital.

<https://catholicunion.org.uk/2022/12/assisted-suicide-survey/>

Federation of St Bernadette's and St Patrick's Catholic Primary Schools - Farnborough

We currently have several vacancies for support staff from January / February

- Learning Support Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor (31.25 hours per week at St Bernadette's)
- Clerk to the Governors (Approximately 80 hours per year, including some evening hours – both schools)
- Breakfast Club Assistant (7.45 am – 8.45 am Monday to Friday)

All roles are term time only.

If you are interested in any of the above roles please contact us by phone on 01252 542511 via e-mail at v.ryan@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk for more information.

Our Annual Justice & Peace Assembly on Saturday 28 January will explore food and conflict and the positive steps we can all take towards a fairer, more peaceful world.

The event is taking place in person at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley with Bishop Richard and speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi, and the Ecological Conversion Group. You can read the full programme on our website [here](#). There is no cost to attend, to book your free place please click [here](#) or contact our Social Action Adviser E: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk.

The Parish Office is currently normally open on Wednesday and Friday Mornings. Please use the normal telephone number (01252 321 422) and parish email address: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com