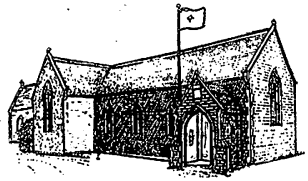
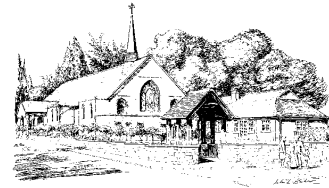


Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 24th December 2023



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(HA (Holy Angels) & HF (Holy Family) indicates which church a mass is in)

Sat 23 Dec	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	5.00pm	Confession Available HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA <i>Jim Martin (RIP)</i>
Sun 24 Dec	ADVENT 4	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF <i>Ethel Heumann (RIP)</i>
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA <i>Timothy Joyce (RIP)</i>
	CHRISTMAS EVE	5.00pm	Family Christmas Mass & Crib blessing	HF <i>Joe Taylor (RIP)</i>
		10.30pm	Carols	HA
		11.00pm	Midnight Mass	HA <i>Fr Robin, Dcn John & Families</i>
Mon 25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY	9.15am	Christmas Day Mass	HF <i>Missa pro populo</i>
		11.00am	Christmas Day Mass	HA <i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>
Tue 26 Dec	S Stephen	9.30am	Mass	HA
Wed 27 Dec	S. John	9.30am	Mass	HA
Thur 28 Dec	Holy Innocents	6.30pm	Adoration (w/ Confession)	HF
		7.30pm	Mass	HF <i>Joe, Frank & Ned Boyle, Alice Monaghan</i>
Fri 29 Dec	S. Thomas Becket	9.30am	Mass	HA
Sat 30 Dec		5.00pm	Confession Available HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA <i>Missa pro populo</i>
Sun 31 Dec	THE HOLY FAMILY	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA
Mon 1 Jan	Mary Mother of God	9.00am	Mass	HA <i>Our parish communities</i>
Tue - Fri			No Masses	
Sat 6 Jan		5.00pm	Confession Available HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA
Sun 7 Jan	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA

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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.

Crib Collection

Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

There will be a second collection on the Epiphany to raise funds for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem to support its outreach to those affected by the conflict in the Holy Land.

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. 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.

Handmade Candles (by our parishioner Lenka) are on sale to raise parish funds. They can be paid for via the gift shop button on the Dona machine

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese which will be released in the New Year: 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website on Tuesday 2 January: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan with hard copies available to read in each parish.

Bishop Richard met with members of Clergy earlier this week and will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on Wednesday 10 January at 7.30pm. Please use the following link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

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!

Our next Youth group meeting is 6th January after the 5.30pm mass at Holy Angels. Our Youth Group is for young people who are Yr 7 and above. We always welcome new members to the group.

Live streaming. For those housebound members of our church family live-streaming continues to take place from Holy Angels on Sundays (11am) and major feasts. The Midnight mass and mass of Christmas Day will be live-streamed on our YouTube Chanel. The YouTube link is on the parish webpages and masses can be found on the playlists.

Forthcoming Parish Events

Baptism preparation morning Saturday, 10 February at Holy Angels Church. (10.15 for a 10.30 start until noon) Application forms must be submitted and a place booked on the course before attending.

Sat 20 Jan Minister of Communion Quiet Day

**Holy Family and Holy Angels talent Show
24th February 2024, 7.15 pm at Holy Family**

There are sign up sheets available for people to consider what they might do as an act. Those performing will get free entry.

Further details from Jocelyn Coe via the parish office.

A New Year's Resolution.

Over this year many of us have discovered together 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. Both Deacon John and I and many parishioners we have spoken to over the year have found this enormously helpful.

If you found this helpful you may wish to join Fr Mike for his catechism in year podcast where he makes a similar journey through the catechism of the Catholic Church.

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/catechisminayear>

Or if you wish to this year try the bible in a year:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

INVITED - ADVENT MISSION

The videos are still available to watch on the Diocesan web pages. There was great encouragement to be found in our Christian lives in this mission and it is worth catching up if you missed them. Our next parish group for invited is on Wednesday 20 December at 7.30pm at Holy Angels.

abdiocese.org.

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