Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 21st January 2024



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sat 20 Jan		5.00pm	Confession Available HA		
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	Local Christian communities
Sun 21 Jan	3rd Sunday O.T.	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	Missa pro populo
Sunday of the Word of God		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	Sophie Goore in thanksgiving
Mon 22 Jan		No mass	Fr Robin's day off		
Tue 23 Jan		9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 24 Jan	S. Francis de Sales	9.30am	Mass	HA	
		1.00pm	Funeral Mass	HA	Mary Murphy (RIP)
Thur 25 Jan	Conversion of St Paul	6.30pm	Adoration (w/ Confession)	HF	
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 26 Jan	Sts Timothy & Titus	9.30am	Mass	HA	Our youth confirmation retreat
Sat 27 Jan		5.00pm	Confession Available HA		
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	James & Margaret Kiely (RIP)
Sun 28 Jan	4th Sunday O.T.	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	Missa pro populo

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Parish Offertory

We need at least £750 a week (in each parish) to meet our obligations - which is raised through your generous donations. You can give in the cash offertory collection, via the DONA contactless machine by the door, or via standing order. Thank you.

Crib Collection: Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

Second Collections

This Weekend –Society for the protection of unborn children - White Flower appeal

Next weekend Racial justice Sunday

<u>Thank you</u>

Latin Patriarchate Collection HA: £115.05 (cash £15.05; Dona £100.00)

Pax Christi

HF £67.00 (cash £52.00; Dona £15.00) HA £105.00 (cash £35.00; Dona £70.00)

White Flower Appeal – SPUC

SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the government to end its pills by post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, the policy lacks adequate safeguards against illegal late terms abortions and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GP's are concerned this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion.

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the

Diocese: 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be everclearer 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 new plan which will be implemented this year will draw existing parishes together into a larger parish - a community of communities. In our case this means that the Deanery of Guildford will become a single parish made up of a number of churches and communities served by a group of priests. There will have to be lots of work done to see how this will be made to work, and will require REAL COMMITTMENT to ensure our existing parishes can flourish in this new structure.

The Pastoral Plan is now available on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan

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!

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 livestreamed 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. It is expected that you are attending church with your child so that you can fulfil the promises you make at baptism.

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

New email address for Fr Robin

robin.farrow@abdiocese.org.uk

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee year of 2025

We are also being asked by our Bishop to particularly make use of the opportunities for Adoration before the blessed sacrament in our parishes to be used as offerings of prayer for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, while of course continuing to pray for vocation as well.

18-25 January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in the northern hemisphere, is traditionally observed from the 18-25 January – the octave of St Peter and St Paul. The theme this year, 2024, is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27).

Please do remember to update you records on our parish database. You should have a received your own login details but can also do this via the parish office.

Marriage

We have had a number of marriage enquiries recently – a good thing! Please remember that the Diocese asks we give a year's notice of marriage so that everything can be easily arranged and that we have a chance to engage with our Christian faith in a deep way to make the most of our wedding day. Catholics are required to get married in a catholic church (or with permission and preparation another Christian church) in order for their marriage to be a valid marriage.

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

Mass intentions for our loved ones can be booked via the parish office.