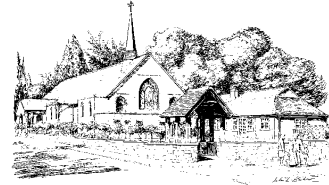


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Together with St Joan of Arc,
 Holy Angels and Holy Family
 comprise the
 Farnham, Ash & Heath Hub
 communities of the new
 Guildford Catholic Parish



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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th January 2026

Saturday 24 th January	5.00pm	HA	Confessions	
	5.30pm		Vigil Mass	<i>James & Margaret Kiely (RIP)</i>
Sunday 25th January 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time	9.15am	HF	Sunday Mass	<i>Luis Gabriel Guembes (RIP)</i>
<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	11.00am	HA	Sunday Mass	<i>Christian Reunion</i>
<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today</i>	5.30pm	HA	Evening Prayer	<i>Christian Unity</i>
Mon 26 th January <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>			<i>No Mass today Fr Robin's day off</i>	
Tue 27 th January <i>S. Angela Merici</i>			<i>No Mass at Holy Family Today</i>	
Wed 28 th January <i>S. Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30am	HA	Mass	<i>Fr Martin Jakubas (RIP)</i>
Thursday 29 th January	6.30pm	HF	Holy Hour & Adoration	
	7.30pm	HF	Mass	
Friday 30 th January	9.30am	HA	Mass	<i>Anthony Paul Mitchell RIP</i>
Saturday 31 st January <i>S. John Bosco</i>	5.00pm	HA	Confessions	
	5.30pm		Vigil Mass	<i>Our Confirmandi</i>
Sunday 1st February 4th Sunday Ordinary Time	9.15am	HF	FHC Led Sunday Mass	
<i>Septuagesima</i>	11.00am	HA	Sunday Mass	<i>Intentions of the church family</i>
<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity co</i>	5.30pm	HA	Evening Prayer	

Offertory

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 which relies entirely upon your generosity. Donations may be
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 Dona Card machine at the door.*

December Offertory

HF: Total £2,303 (Standing Orders
 £1,639.00; Card £325.00.00; Plate £339.30)

HF Christmas Collection: Total: £881.00 (Card
 £451.00; Plate £415.00)

HA: Total £4015. (Standing Orders £1350,
 Plate £1223, Dona £1442 (1137+ 305))

Thankyou - Friends of the Holy Land
 HF £75

HA Total: £602.50 (Cash 26.50, Dona £576)

Thankyou - Pax Christi

HF: £70.00 (Card £40.00; Plate £30.00)

HA Total: £73.20 (Cash 53.20, Dona £20)

Other generous Christmas Collection thankyou's

Step by Step, Alershot £431.00

Karibu Nyumbani (International Carol Concert) £110.00

Second Collection next week

Racial Justice Sunday

Luis Gabriel Guembes (RIP)

Many of you will know that the young man from our church family who died this week was Luis Gabriel Guembes. Some of you, like myself and my own children, will have got to know him especially through First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation.

As a Christian community we can confident faith that Jesus has gathered this young man to himself, and I ask you all to pray not only for the repose of his soul but also for his family and all those across our community affected by his tragic death, especially his many friends.

Bp Richard told me he remembers him well from his confirmation and sends his love and prayers to us.

We have a book of condolences in front of the statue of the Sacred Heart.

Please be assured of my own prayers during this time and Deacon John and myself are available for anyone affected by this tragedy who needs to talk to someone.

Crib Collection

Please make a visit to the Christmas Crib – and pray for all families who are struggling at this time of year.

Our Crib Collection goes to the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

(The crib at HF will remain up until Candlemas)

Palm Crosses

Even though we have just finished Christmas Lent is not that far away – 18 Feb – so we are asking people to return their palm crosses so make the ash.

The Parish Office is normally open on Wednesday & Friday mornings after mass.

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Future events

Saturday 14 March

"Cheese and Wine social evening with Bingo at Holy Family Church. This event has been put back as we are still sourcing the bingo supplies. Does anyone have experience with calling bingo?"

This year is the 70th Anniversary of the opening of Holy Family Church. We will hold a celebration on Sunday 7th June after an 11:00 mass. Please put the date in your diary.

We need some help of this will happen!

Holy Family and Holy Angels Talent Show

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU for the 3rd year running!

Enjoy being entertained? Who doesn't! Good at clapping – of course!

Do both at Holy Family Church on Saturday 14th February 7.15pm

We need entrants please – so if you can act, recite, sing, dance or have any other talent let us know.

Sign up sheets will be available at the back of church from January – and you get free entry as well!

Tickets are £3. Bring your own drinks and small eats.

Bring and share – savouries and sweets – nibbles and treats!

Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received!

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There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Richard's Ministry in Arundel & Brighton at Arundel Cathedral on Friday 30 January at 6.30pm. The Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop-Elect Richard, will be followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall at Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk. There is no need to register to attend the Mass, all are very welcome.

- **Minimum Requirements:** They establish the basic obligations for Catholics, ensuring a foundation in prayer and sacraments.
- **Spiritual Growth:** They guide the faithful in developing their moral life and love for God and others.
- **Nourishment:** They are linked to the Church's liturgical life and help members grow in their faith journey.

Have you given any thought to your spiritual resolutions for the New Year?

We often recommend the Bible in a Year or Catechism in a Year podcasts with Fr Mike Scmitz – which have had very good feedback from parishioners as well as Fr Robin and Deacon John.

You could also ask yourself if you are living at least the minimal requirements of the Catholic life as set out in the precepts of the Church.

The Five Precepts:

1. **Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation:** Participate in the Eucharistic celebration and refrain from unnecessary work on these sacred days.
2. **Confess your sins at least once a year:** Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation when aware of mortal sin.
3. **Receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season:** Fulfill this duty during the Paschal (Easter) time.
4. **Observe days of fasting and abstinence:** Follow the Church's rules for fasting and abstaining from meat on appointed days.
5. **Provide for the needs of the Church:** Contribute to the material support of the Church according to one's ability.

We need to increase the number of extraordinary ministers who can help take communion to the housebound if possible:

This is a ministry that requires a love of the Lord in the blessed sacrament, a life lived in conformity with the faith, safeguarding training, and pastoral sensitivity. In the first instance if you would like to find out more please speak to Fr Robin.

Memory verse –

Compendium quote?

New years resolutions

Purpose of the Precepts:

What are the precepts of the church?

The most recent statistics on abortion (2022) show an increase in terminations across England and Wales, with charity "Right to Life" highlighting that "even more lives will likely be lost" if the abortion up to birth amendment (Clause 191) of the [Crime and Policing Bill](#) becomes law.

Clause 191 - which was introduced by Tonia Antoniazzi MP - would change the law, so that it is no longer be illegal for women to perform their own abortion for any reason, including sex-selective purposes, up to birth.

The Bill is now in the House of Lords, with Peers tabling several amendments scheduled for consideration on January 22nd (available on pp. 92-97 [here](#)). To contact members of the House of Lords [click here](#). Writing to Peers in your own words is believed to be most effective method of communication, although Right to Life also offers a "30 second" contact facility [here](#).

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched a new weekly video series in response to growing interest in the Catholic faith. Called

"Ambassadors for Christ" the series is designed to equip viewers with a deeper understanding of the Faith, so that they can confidently answer questions and be a "joyful witness for Jesus and his Church." Each video follows a similar format:

- Episodes begin with a common **objection, question, or myth**
- Topics are explored through **Scripture**, drawing on solid biblical teaching
- Each video draws on the teaching of the **Church Fathers** to provide a

historical understanding, and demonstrate the Church's link to the apostles,

- The final part of each film highlights **Church teaching**, drawing on papal and Church documents, as well as quotes from the saints

The project - which includes 52 videos, posted every Monday on [YouTube](#) - will include a contribution from a Catholic priest, and aims to not only help people find answers to their burning questions, but also to provide people with a reliable resource to use to guide people to the answers to their burning questions. You can find out more [here](#).

Offertory

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November Offertory

HF: Total £2,031.80 (Standing Orders £1,318.50; Card £315.00.00; Plate £398.30)

HA: Total £2822 (Standing Orders £1350, Cash £686, Dona £786)

HF Christmas Flowers. Total £85.00 (Card £20.00; Plate £65.00)

Christmas flowers

We received a few more donations last week --- final amount £102.00

Step by Step: £155.00

Christmas cards: £174.00

At the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday in Advent at St Joseph's Guildford the new Guildford Catholic Parish was canonically brought into being.

Our church communities will continue to be the places in which the Gospel is proclaimed and the sacraments celebrated, and to be led by priests assigned to them, as at present. Working together will help us to be more effective in our prayer, formation and mission. Fr Robin, together with Fr Simon will look after Farnham, Ash & Heath End, which will together form a 'hub' as part of the larger Parish.

Advent Prayer & reflection Group

Tuesday Evenings Holy Angels 7.30pm
Beginning 25th November

The Word became poor and dwelt among us

A journey through the advent season with the scriptures and Pope Leo's new letter on love for the poor.

For Christians, the poor are not a sociological category, but the very "flesh" of Christ.

STEP BY STEP - CHRISTMAS CHARITY

This Christmas we call to mind young people who are homeless mainly through no fault of their own. In the past we have supported Step by Step in Aldershot who home young people from 15 - 23 yrs old. Step by Step do an amazing job with young people who find themselves homeless.

There are 3 ways to donate: directly to step-by-step.org.uk/christmas via our Dona machines in both parishes, or we have a money bucket at Holy Angels.

WILL YOU HELP TAKE A STAND AGAINST YOUTH HOMELESSNESS THIS CHRISTMAS

REMEMBER THE LORD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

[St Joseph's & St Polycarps Catholic Primary Schools](#)
2026 admissions cycle is open and closes on 15th Jan

Grant, almighty God,
that looking forward in faith to the feast of our Lord's birth,

we may feel all the happiness our Saviour brings and celebrate his coming with unfailing joy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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Universalis.com – liturgical reading and prayers

Conditor alme siderum

Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
Redeemer, Saviour of us all,
O hear your servants when they call.

As once through Mary's flesh you came,
To save us from our sin and shame,
So now, Redeemer, by your grace,
Come heal again our fallen race.

And when on that last judgement day,
We rise to glory from decay,
Then come again, O saviour blest,
And bring us to eternal rest.

Dear Father Robin

A few 'girls' from Holy Family want to arrange a social event for parishioners. We have decided on a Wine and Cheese and Bingo evening. We have suggested the last Saturday in January so can you please put this in the forthcoming events section of the Newsletter

"Cheese and Wine social evening with Bingo at Holy Family Church on Saturday 31st January 2026 at 7 pm. Please put date in your diary and come along to have some fun and get to know your fellow parishioners and maybe win some money!"

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/BCQq71W1w9>
QR code on the poster at the back of church.

Baby and Toddler Playgroup at Holy Angels

Please join us for a cuppa and some playtime for the babies at 10.15am-11.45am on the first Friday of the month: 7th November, 5th December

The admissions cycle for September 2026 is now open and closes on 15th January 2026.

If you would like your child to receive an Outstanding (Ofsted February 2024) Catholic education, please apply to our welcoming and happy school. You will need to make an online application via your local authority and we request that you also complete our Supplementary Information form, a copy of which can be on our website: www.stjosephsaldershot.org/hants/primary/st-josephs/site/pages/aboutus/admissions. If you would like to visit the school, please call 01252 350583. We look forward to welcoming you to the St. Joseph's family.

Step by step next week – 1st Sunday of advent

Neurodiversity and the Catholic Faith

Please fill in the Bishop's conference survey if you or your children are catholic and neurodivergent to help us be more inclusive as a church.

If you are:

1. Catholic (practising or not).

You are Neurodivergent.

You are 18+ years old.

You live in England or Wales.

Access the survey:

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/CBQWtarVMP>
QR code on the poster at the back of church.

2. A Caregiver of a Neurodivergent Catholic.

A caregiver (parent or other) of a Catholic care recipient (who is either practising or not).

Your care recipient is neurodivergent (2+ years old).

Your care recipient lives in England or Wales.

Access the survey:

Dilexi te ("I have loved you", from Rev 3:9)

Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, working for equality and more.

Dilexi te. Is available for free on the vatican.va website.

Like Francis, who completed the work of Benedict XVI on the encyclical *Lumen Fidei*, Pope Leo XIV took up the text of his immediate predecessor for his first major Magisterial document. *Dilexi te* builds on the teaching of Francis' final encyclical – *Dilexit nos*, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus – highlighting the "close connection" between the love of God and love for the poor. "In the poor", writes Pope Leo, God "continues to speak to us" (5).

The Bishop's conference is The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith experience. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. Please complete our short surveys.

'Assisted Dying'

As the legislative process continues Right to life is one of the place you can find a tool to help you write to members of the House of Lords to oppose

the Bill.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter>

Help needed

Especially with our young people's programs, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Youth Work.

In order for our churches to offer the range of spiritual, sacramental and practical support and help we wish to we need members of the congregations to be willing to help.

There are a number of things that happen only because of a small number of committed people to whom we are very grateful.

Especially at the moment we need people to help with our young people's programs.

We could do with at least one new person to help with the First Holy Communion, Youth Confirmation, and Children's Liturgy Programs in our churches.

For those of you not called to work with children but who are interested in helping with more adult faith formation we also need help with baptism, and marriage preparation and RCIA.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

Like all parishes we are committed to safer recruitment practices and in the first place people interested in volunteering should speak to Fr Robin, or contact the office.

Sacramental Programs

We have now begun our First Holy Communion programme for this year. Please pray for our young people and their families as they begin this journey in faith.

Youth Confirmations

Parents should now have received information about our course.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys>

Neurodiversity and the Catholic Faith

Friday, October 3rd, 2025 @ 10:52 am

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The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith experience.

We want to hear from you.

In this Participatory Research we want to:

- a) Understand what helps neurodivergent Catholics in England and Wales.
- b) What gets in the way for neurodivergent Catholics in England and Wales.

Your insights can help us to become more inclusive and responsive.

Please consider completing these online surveys.

They are anonymous.

They are short (10-20 minutes).

Deadline is: 11.59pm, Monday 12th January 2026.

If you are:

1. Catholic (practising or not).

You are Neurodivergent.

You are 18+ years old.

You live in England or Wales.

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