



Holy Angels, Ash GU12 6LU  
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## The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Mass (p97)  
 Holy Family Mass (p100)  
 Holy Angels Mass (p102)



Holy Family, Farnham GU9 0LH  
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**Confessions: 5.00pm Saturday (HA), after masses on the 1st Sunday of the month, Thursdays (HF) (usually) during adoration.**  
**[HA= Holy Angels, Ash and HF= Holy Family, Farnham]**

Sat 23 Dec	5.00pm	HA	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>Intentions of the Aliyar Family</i>
Sun 24 Dec	9.15am	HF	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)</b>	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	HA	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Carol Lander</i>
	5.00pm	HF	<b>1st Mass of Christmas &amp; children's Crib Service</b>	<i>Intentions of Claire McCullough &amp; the Good Counsel Network</i>
	11.00pm	HA	<i>Carols leading into</i>	
	11.30pm		<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<i>Michel Cote (RIP)</i>
Mon 25 Dec	9.15am	HF	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	HA		<i>Fr Jim Martin (RIP)</i>
Tue 26 Dec	9.00am	HA	Mass - <b>St Stephen</b>	<i>Kay Day (RIP)</i>
Wed 27 Dec			No Mass - St John	
Thur 28 Dec	6.15pm		No Mass - The Holy Innocents	
	7.30pm	HF		
Fri 29 Dec	9.30am	HA	No Mass - St Thomas Becket	
Sat 30 Dec	5.30pm	HA	Vigil Mass	<i>Joseph Boyle (RIP)</i>
Sun 31 Dec	9.15am	HF	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	HA	<b>Mass</b>	<i>Intentions of Ruari McCallian</i>
Mon 1 Jan	9.00am	HA	<b>Mass Mary Mother of God</b>	<i>Jimmy Cash (RIP)</i>

### Offertory

**Holy Angels**  
**17 December**

**£256.75**

**FR ROBIN AND DEACON JOHN WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS A VERY HAPPY AND A HOLY CHRISTMAS.**

**And a 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 over the last year.**

### Christmas Collections

**The Christmas Crib Collection** is for the Catholic Children's Society Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund.

Please do also keep in mind, the needs of the local and national homeless charities at this time.

#### Christmas Mass offering

The Christmas offering collection is traditionally a personal gift to the priest and forms a significant part of his income. However, as a married priest, Father Robin donates these collections back to the parishes, to help the parishes provide a more regular income for him and his family throughout the year as per the diocesan policy. Thank you in advance for your usual generosity in helping your parish to support your priest in this way. This collection can be gift-aided.

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The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

## Christmas Services & Events

At the Christmas Eve Crib service we invite young children to dress up as Nativity characters. Those who wish to dress up and process in, need to congregate downstairs in the hall before the Mass, to get ready. We will draw the names for Mary and Joseph this weekend. There is usually a costume provided for Mary and Joseph, but everyone else needs to bring their own.

**Christmas Day alone?** Churches Together in Farnham Christmas Day Lunch at the Brightwells Gostrey Centre in East Street Farnham. Transport available. To book a place, please ring either Mariola Boyd on 01252 716785, or Michael McDonnell on 01252 712600 before Tuesday 12th December. There is no charge for the lunch or for transport.

**New Year Lunch:** Dida Wells is also organising a New Year Lunch on Friday 5 January at Holy Angels, again for those who have been alone over Christmas and the New Year. Please sign up so she can know numbers.

## Parish office

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year and there will be no masses from the 27th December, until the Vigil Mass on Saturday 30th December.

You will need to make an appointment if you need Father Robin to sign your school supplementary forms. Please ring or email the office. Fr Robin will be available in the first two weeks of the year.

## Kay Day

Please pray for the soul of Kay Day, so involved in the life of Holy Angels parish for many decades, who passed away peacefully at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice on Friday.

## Bible Timeline Course

This time we are planning to look at the *Quick Journey Through the Bible* a course that helps us get a better overview of the books of the bible and the way they relate to each other. It should work well as a follow up for those who participated in last years course and be accessible to everyone else as well.

**We have decided to run these sessions over two Saturdays in the new year 27 January and 10 February, from 9.30am - 1.30pm finishing with a shared lunch.**

## Gift Aid

If you have taken a gift aid form it would be a wonderful Christmas present to the parishes if you were able to return it.

## CAFOD - Holy Angels

**World Gifts.** Thank you for all your contributions - £50 total. The parish has bought a) some 'chirpy chickens' to provide families with endless eggs; and b) "Healthy Mums" mother and baby healthcare and protection against disease.

## A Diocesan Vision for Mission

In October 2017 Bishop Richard met with representatives from the Parishes around the diocese including Holy Angels and Holy Family. The purpose of the meeting was to look to the future of the Diocese and how the role of Parishioners may shape and influence that future.

During a short presentation Bishop Richard explained that we are living in a time where re structure will be required to fulfil the mission of the Church and that a review of Diocesan and Parish life is needed to help us look to that future. He accepted that this would be challenging, especially in a time when the ratio of Priests to people is in decline and difficult decisions will need to be made. Bishop Richard is keen to hear feedback from Parishioners across the Diocese and so he asked those present at the meeting to seek feedback from their fellow Parishioners.

Bishop Richard posed many issues for consideration however these can be summarised as so:

❓ Given the Mission entrusted to us all, what three things do you think we most need for Mission-effectiveness?

❓ What roles in this Mission can be best carried out by the lay-faithful?

❓ What roles in in this Mission belong to the Priest?

❓ What factors, do you think, have brought about the present situation that we are having to address in our Diocese?

❓ If we were starting the Diocese today, with 25 priests, where would you place them?

In order to facilitate feedback I propose to hold a Parish meeting 7.30pm Friday 19th January (at Holy Family) 6.30pm Saturday 20th January (at Holy Angels).

I would urge you to please come to the Parish meeting(s) and help us formulate our response to the questions that Bishop Richard poses. The future of our Parish will depend on it. I anticipate the meetings to last no longer than 2 hours and to finish with a sociable fish and chip supper.

In advance of the meetings may I please ask that you complete the questionnaires available from this weekend and return them to me (box at the back of Church) or to the Parish office via email [holyofficesurrey@gmail.com](mailto:holyofficesurrey@gmail.com) no later than Sunday 7th January in order that I have time to review your responses before the meetings.

Fr Robin

## Compendium

### 85. Why did the Son of God become man?

For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).