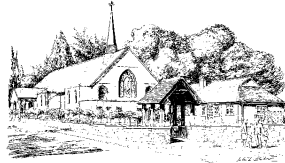
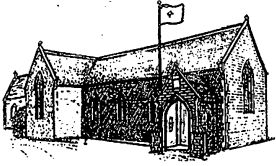


Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter



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4th Sunday in Advent & the Season of Christmas

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas!

Sat 19 Dec "O Radix Jesse"	5.30 pm	HA	Vigil Mass	
Sun 20 Dec "O Clavis David"	9.15 am	HF	Mass	<i>Day of prayer for expectant mothers</i>
4th Sunday in Advent	11.00 am	HA	Mass	
Mon 21 Dec	NO MASS			
Tue 22 Dec "O Rex Gentium"	9.30 am	HF	Mass	
Wed 23 Dec "O Emmanuel"	9.30 am	HA	Mass	
Thur 24 Dec	5.00pm	HF	Mass	
Christmas Eve	7.00pm	HA	Mass	<i>Booking needed for all Christmas (see page 4 for details)</i>
Fri 25 Dec <i>Season of Christmas</i>	9.15 am	HF	Mass	
The Nativity of the Lord	11.00am	HA	Mass	
Sat 26 Dec - Saint Stephen's Day Mass	3.00pm 5.30 pm	HA HA	Carol service Vigil Mass	<i>Mario Grima (RIP)</i>
Sun 27 Dec	9.15 am	HF	Mass	
The Holy Family	11.00am	HA	Mass	<i>Joseph Boyle (RIP - 5th Anniv)</i>
Mon 28 Dec - Fri 1st Jan	NO MASSES			
Sat 2 Jan	5.30pm	HA	Mass	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nanzianzen
Sun 3 Jan	9.15am	HF	Mass	
2nd Sunday of Christmas	11.00am	HA	Mass	

There will be the usual Christmas collection, please see notices for more information

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

- **The wearing of face masks is now compulsory during public worship. (The same exceptions apply in church as elsewhere for those who can't do this for medical reasons) and 1m+ distancing is to be maintained - please be careful with this if you see friends at mass. Any catching up must be done outside the church.**
- **There will be welcomers at all masses to help direct you to hand gel, socially distanced seating etc - please allow them their distance**
- **There is a one way system in place in both churches.**
- **No missals will be available in church. You may bring your own missal or follow the readings on your phone on an app like Universalis.**
- **There is no congregational singing, sign of the peace, or bidding prayers.**
- **Communion will take place across a table to assure distancing with the communicant standing and no Amen will be said at that point.**
- **All toilets are closed for the time being.**
- **Maximum capacity at Holy Family is 50 in church (depending on bubbles) and 10 overflow in the hall. At Holy Angels 50 in church (mainly in bubbles of three) and 9 overflow in the hall.**
- **Most of our normal liturgical ministries cannot yet resume but as people begin to stop shielding that will be able to change.**

Mass attendance

As a guide, it seems to be as safe to come to church as it is to go shopping.

No one has yet been turned away at a mass.

If you are able to attend a midweek mass instead of a Sunday mass this will also help to reduce pressure on Sunday mass places.

It remains very helpful to let the office know each week about your intention to attend mass so that we can monitor numbers.

Track & Trace - please use either the QR code or a sign in slip

NOTICES

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 over the last difficult year.

Christmas Collection This collection is traditionally a personal gift to the priest and forms a part of his income. However, as a married priest Fr 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 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.

Some people have asked if it is still possible to give Fr Robin a personal gift. This is allowed by the Bishop, but would need to be done via a Christmas card for Fr Robin and his family and not via the Christmas collection.

Holy Family Giving We have discovered a short term problem with using the Diocesan just-giving page for parishioners of Holy Family. We understand this is an IT issue and will be resolved soon, but please do not attempt to use this page to give to the parish of Holy Family until we are able to update you. If you would like to give regularly, the best way would be to set up a standing order - please contact the parish office for the forms. Otherwise, please continue to give via the offertory plate. We are, as always, very grateful for all your financial contributions to the life of the parish.

Connect As a way of trying to reconnect with parishioners Richard Taylor is planning to run a once a month zoom gathering on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 8pm. The first will take place on 13th January. This will be an opportunity both to look at some of the online resources that Richard and others have found helpful to support their faith during lockdown and a chance to catch up with one another, given that we cannot meet up after mass for coffee at the moment.

Step by Step Appeal

Please consider giving to help homeless teenagers in this area at Christmas. To donate, please go to stepbystep.org.uk and click on their Christmas Appeal tab. If you add the reference HAHF2020 they will know it is from us as parishes. Alternatively, you can hand your donation to Gloria Benson at Holy Angels, who will make sure it gets to them.

Assisted suicide lobby

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign asking the Government to reconsider legalising assisted suicide. Right To Life UK has set up an easy to use tool so you can email your MP, asking the the Government not to give in to these demands. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting their website: righttolife.org.uk - press the Take Action tab, then click on the first item in the UK tab.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 21st December, reopening on 4th January. Emails and the mobile phone won't be monitored during this period, so if you have any enquiries please phone 01252 321422.

Christmas Masses

We are operating a booking system for all Christmas Masses, including for Sunday 27th December. Please contact the Parish Office on 01252 321 422 as soon as possible if you have not yet booked your seats!

Christmas Service Times at Ash & Heath End

Sunday 20th December	3pm Carols outside Holy Angels, by the Cross (no booking system)
Christmas Eve	5pm at Holy Family VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY 7pm at Holy Angels FULLY BOOKED <i>No Midnight Mass this year due to COVID restrictions</i>
Christmas Day Masses	9.15am at Holy Family and 11:00am at Holy Angels LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Boxing Day Mass	5.30pm at Holy Angels
Sunday 27th December	9.15am at Holy Family and 11:00am at Holy Angels LIMITED AVAILABILITY