Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 28th November 2021



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT					
Sat 27Nov		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	Stan Burt, priest (RIP)
Sun 28 Nov	Advent 1	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	Bob Burton (RIP 5th Anniv.)
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	НА	Julius Andrew Young (RIP)
Mon 29 Nov		Fr Robin's c	lay off no Mass		
Tue 30 Nov	S. Andrew	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 1 Dec		9.30am	Mass	HA	
		7.30pm	Holy Hour	HA	vocations to the sacred ministry
Thur 2 Dec		7.00pm	Adoration	HF	
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 3 Dec	S. Francis Xavier	11.00am	Funeral Mass	HA	Charles Higgs
Sat 4 Dec		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	Lassoff family (RIP)
Sun 5 Dec	Advent 2	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
		11.00am 4.30pm	Sunday Mass Advent Group on	HA zoom - conta	ct Fr Robin for the link

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- We are still strongly encouraged to wear a mask in church. "Loving your neighbour in action 😇 Bless you.
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- · Seating be respectful of other people's needs
- We continue to use hand gel, ventilation, cleaning and encourage people to catch up outside church where possible.
- We continue to use a one way system.
- Track & Trace please use either the QR code or a sign in slip, if not booked in.
- Missals not available at all masses. You may bring your own missal or follow the readings on your phone on an app like Universalis.
- Hymn books will be quarantined between use.
- Regular use of lateral flow testing is also recommended.

Thank you: Cathedral Fund (HA) - £72.60 NOTICES

November - month of the Holy Souls

There will be the usual opportunity during the month of Holy Souls for names to be put in a book to be placed on the altar at all Masses. For people to be remembered individually at Mass please book a Mass intention as usual via the parish office.

Advent group 4.30pm on Sunday 5, 12, 19 December

As we continue to encourage people to return to the mass unless they are particularly vulnerable we may ask the question why we should return to mass? It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. Our very lives depend on it. This advent we will begin to look at the study by Scott Hahn **Parousia: The Bible and the Mass** uncovering how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass.

Contact Fr Robin for a zoom link: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com

December 2nd is the United Nations International Day

for the Abolition of Slavery. Modern slavery is an international trade in human misery. Could you offer 1 minute of silent prayer on the 2nd for the estimated 40 million slaves in the world today, for the 136,000 of those slaves in the United Kingdom, and for the end of Modern Slavery?

Primary School Admissions Sept 2022

Our Local Catholic schools are:

St Polycarps, Farnahm: which has an Open Morning from 10-11am on Sunday 5th December 2021. Please email admissions@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk if you would more information, or just come along on the day.

And St Joseph's, Aldershot:

Both require both the council forms and a supplementary form to be completed.

Youth Group Christmas meeting: this will be held on Saturday 11th December 2021 after 5.30pm Mass. All young people from Yr 7 and above are warmly welcome.

Invited: Our Diocesan Online Mission continues with five new Invited films. These answer questions that members of the Diocese have raised from the first films, including how we see God's love in the Old Testament, how we can find hope in our broken suffering world, a practical look at praying g and reading the bible and more! You can access these videos here.

https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited

New Catholic Truth Society Podcast

CTS have launched a new chatty catholic podcast, 'Beautifully told.' Check it out here: <u>https://anchor.fm/beautifully-told</u>

100 Club winners November 2021 - 1st prize Christina Allgood, 2nd prize Carmel Gray and 3rd prize Ann Berger/ Mike Slater late of our parish. Thanks and congratulations to one and all. Please speak to Gloria or Fr Robin to join.

Synodal Process: The Diocese has now produced some guidance and response for this process. You can access this directly at <u>https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod</u>. We will have some opportunity to discuss these questions together for those who find this easier.

Wintershall's Nativity is Back! Walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey on the winding, steep road to Bethlehem. Register for the census and journey with other travellers, Roman soldiers and shepherds as you enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. The Wintershall Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family. To pre-book please E: admin@wintershall.org.uk or visit the Wintershall website.

All Hallows School: Are advertising for a lay chaplain. Details from the school.

PACT: Operation Elf: Bishop Richard writes: 'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through Pact's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.' Register at

parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Our annual Justice & Peace Assembly will take place in-person on Saturday 15 January 2022, 9.30am to 2pm at St Francis' School, Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To register use the following link. https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8llnbi1a

YOUCAT Continuing in our faith formation series, here is the next paragraph to consider and reflect on.

20 How can we respond to God when he speaks to us?

To respond to God means to believe him. Anyone who wants to believe needs a heart that is ready to listen (see 1 Kings 3:9). In many ways God seeks contact with us. In every human encounter, in every moving experience of nature, in every apparent coincidence, in every challenge, every suffering, there is a hidden message from God to us. He speaks even more clearly to us when he turns to us in his Word or in the voice of our conscience. He addresses us as friends. Therefore we, too, should respond as friends and believe him, trust him completely, learn to understand him better and better, and accept his will without reservation.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.

Parish Giving:

- **Collection in Church:** It is still possible to put money on the plate (at Holy Angels this is still passed around). However many people are not using cash very much so there are other ways to support your church. Holy Family now has a contactless machine. Gift aid & second collections can be done this way.
- The Diocese has its own online giving page for each parish. <u>https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/</u> There is now a drop-down list for you to choose which parish to donate to - 'Heath End' is Holy Family and 'Ash' is Holy Angels.
- Standing Order: Perhaps the easiest and most helpful way to give, especially if you are a uk taxpayer. This enables us to recoup the tax you paid on the gift. For a form, please contact Tim Flesher at Holy Angels: timflesher@hotmail.co.uk or Pat King via the parish email

Parish Office: As our parish secretary has now retired there are currently no formal office hours. Please use the normal telephone number (01252 321 422) and parish email address: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com