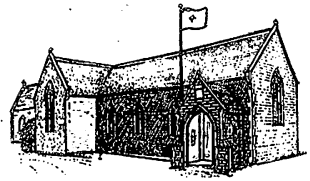
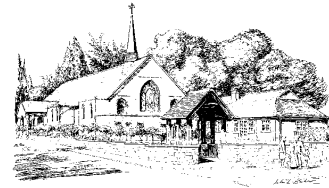


# Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022



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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 12 March		5.30pm	Vigil Family Mass HA	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
<b>Sun 13 March</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9.15am	Sunday Family Mass	HF <i>Vera Danaker (RIP)</i>
		11.00am	Sunday Family Mass	HA First Holy Communion candidates
Mon 14 March			<i>Fr Robin's day off no Mass</i>	
Tue 15 March		9.30am	Mass HF	Fr Robin's birthday intentions
Wed 16 March		9.30am	Mass HA	<i>Byrne Family</i>
Thur 17 March		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross HF	
		7.30pm	Mass HF	
Fri 18 March		9.30am	Mass HA	
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross HA	
Sat 19 March		5.30pm	Vigil Family Mass HA	<i>Fr Robin's Ordination Anniversary</i>
<b>Sun 20 March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9.15am	Sunday Family Mass	HF <i>Missa pro populous</i>
		11.00am	Sunday Family Mass	HA

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### Offertory Collection

*The Sunday Offertory Collection - your financial gift which provides for the running of our parish is no longer taken up during the service but at the door of the church to enable the use of contactless giving as well as cash.*

*You may find it helpful to give to the offertory when you arrive, and then to a second collection (if there is one) when you leave.*

### Lenten Alms

*During Lent there is an opportunity to give to support the contemplative women's communities in the Diocese.*

### Cafod Fast Day Collection this Sunday

*This takes place this Friday with a second collection next Sunday. We will direct our collections especially to the Ukrainian disaster fund.*

### NOTICES

#### Holy Angles Church painting and Appeal

All of you at Holy Angels will be aware that our church is looking grubby - especially in the sanctuary - to a level that is distracting at mass. We will be repainting the church which will cost almost £6,000. Especially with the effect of the Pandemic on our finances, these larger maintenance sums are significantly running down our decreasing reserves. So we are asking our parishioners to review their current level of giving, ( a fun way to do this would be to join the 100 club!) and also asking if this is a specific project that you would be willing to contribute to. Do have a look at the walls of the sanctuary before you leave church today and I think you will see that this is needed. We have a donation button for this on the Dona machine and website.

## Lent

**Our Lent course take place on Sunday's on zoom at 4.30pm.** The link will be sent out with the newsletter or can be obtained from the parish office. We will be continuing our video course reflections on the Bible and Mass with Dr Scott Hahn which we began in Advent. It doesn't matter if you didn't attend those ones. As we continue to encourage people to return to the mass we may ask the question why we should return to mass? This course helps us to reflect on the way in which the mass is the summit of God's plan for our salvation. Our very lives depend on it.

**Stations of the Cross** in both churches.

**Synod 2021-2023 has begun** If you missed the diocesan feedback on the first stage of the synodal process it has been recorded and is available on the diocesan website on the synod page. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

**Infant Baptism Preparation:** The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 23rd March, 7.30pm online. Contact the parish office for application and GDPR forms.

## YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets once a month on the first Saturday of the month after the 5.30pm Mass and finishes approx. 8.15pm. We have been lucky enough to meet face to face as a group over the last few months taking into account hygiene and Covid cleaning etc. The Youth Group is open to anyone in Yr 7 and above. The following dates are the planned dates for the next few months.

**Saturdays** 5th March 2022, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July.

**CAFOD** are providing an online calendar of Lenten daily prayer and reflection, offering an opportunity to 'pause, reflect, pray and take action' as we prepare for Easter. To sign up to receive a daily email from CAFOD and journey through the season of Lent with our global family. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-calendar>

## Like you, CAFOD is deeply disturbed by the ongoing attacks on Ukraine.

CAFOD is raising much-needed funds for Ukraine and has joined an appeal launched by the UK Disasters Emergency Committee to help hundreds of thousands of people fleeing conflict in the country.

Life for the people of Ukraine has changed completely with homes, schools, and hospitals destroyed.

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe. The United Nations estimate that more than a million people have fled their homes so far - leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones. They desperately need shelter, food, and water. Donations to CAFOD will help local experts in Ukraine to provide:

food

water

healthcare

shelter and clothing

You can donate to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal here: <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversalttype=single&Appeal=123770>

To find out more please visit CAFOD's website.

**Saturday 19th March Deacon John will be leading a Quiet Day at Holy Angels** for the Knights of St Columba. Fr Robin and a visiting priest will provide an opportunity for Reconciliation between 12.15pm and 1.00pm

If any parishioners would like to attend please speak to Fr Robin. While we have been without the chalice (and thus without extra-ordinary ministers for a while) it would fulfil the quiet day requirement for those hoping to resume this ministry. It is my hope that this will be possible before too long!

**The Diocese is advertising for the post of Primary Adviser for Religious Education & Catholic Ethos to join the Diocesan Education Service.**

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/primary-adviser-for-re>

## Why fast in Lent?

Fasting is a central part of Lent. We are meant to eat less and deny ourselves luxuries. We are meant to renounce even good things – cream, meat, sweets – because we are seeking to become closer to God. Even people who are not Catholics are aware of the tradition of “giving up” something during this season. But we need to understand what fasting and penance are all about:

“In our own day, fasting seems to have lost something of its spiritual meaning, and has taken on, in a culture characterised by the search for material well-being, a therapeutic value for the care of one's body. Fasting certainly brings benefits to physical well-being, but for believers, it is, in the first place, a “therapy” to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God.” (Pope Benedict XVI, 2009)

Jesus himself fasted, and showed us that this is a way to overcome evil and also to draw very close to God. It is an aid to prayer and a rebuke to Satan.

“The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude towards God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of the Israelites in the desert, and the devil leaves him ‘until an opportune time.’”

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office is currently open on a volunteer basis (thank you Gloria!) on Wednesday and Friday Mornings. Please use the normal telephone number ( 01252 321 422 ) and parish email address: [holyofficesurrey@gmail.com](mailto:holyofficesurrey@gmail.com)