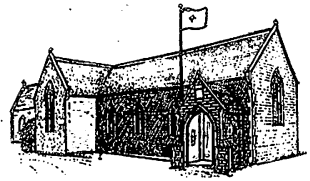
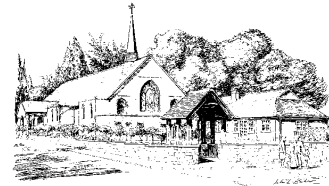


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 19 March		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	<i>Fr Robin's Ordination Anniversary</i>
Sun 20 March	3rd Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	<i>Joan Storey (RIP)</i>
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	<i>Rosario & Shally Lopes - thanksgiving</i>
Mon 21 March			<i>Fr Robin's day off no Mass</i>		<i>for recovery from Covid</i>
Tue 22 March		9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 23 March		9.30am	Mass	HA	<i>Roach Family</i>
Thur 24 March		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	HF	
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	
Fri 25 March		9.30am	Mass	HA	
		Noon	Holy Hour	HA	<i>For the Consecration of the Ukraine</i>
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	HA	
Sat 26 March		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	<i>Michael Gray (RIP)</i>
Sun 27 March	4th Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
	Laudate / Mothering Sunday	11.00am	Sunday 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.

NOTICES

Holy Angels 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.

To Die & Rise with Christ - Praying Our Way into Easter, led by Fr Kevin Dring, Wednesday 6 April at 10am, The Franciscan Centre, Ladywell Godalming GU7 1ST. Cost £35. The day will begin with refreshments, with talks, reflections and the opportunity to celebrate Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation. You can find out more from : maryjaneburkett@franciscancentre.org.uk

On Friday 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, calling on the intercession of Our Blessed Mother for peace. This will be an important day for us all, Bishop Richard will celebrate a Holy Hour for Peace at Arundel Cathedral at 6pm, with parishes across our Diocese invited to join the Holy Father through prayers for peace and Holy Hours within their own respective churches. There will be a specific prayer for peace in Ukraine during the Solemn Intercessions at the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and parishes are encouraged to facilitate times for prayer on Good Friday evening.

Could you join our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage as a helper? Would you be willing to travel with us Friday 29 July - Thursday 4 August this year to help those who, without our help, could never make the journey? We are seeking helpers aged 18 + and Redshirts (especially students in Year 12) to serve our pilgrimage family and become part of our 'love in action' week. Travelling to Lourdes as a helper is a wonderful experience full of fun, companionship, friendship and laughter. Each

person on our pilgrimage brings distinctive gifts and graces with them, benefitting those they meet during the week. Subsidies are available for all helpers and Redshirts, if you will struggle to pay the full price. All you need do is ask! If you have ever wanted to go to Lourdes or are looking for some way of supporting others it would be wonderful to have you join us this summer, <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>.

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>

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>

The Stations of the Cross

An important devotion in Lent is the Stations of the Cross. This is an ancient way of following Christ on his path to Calvary. Long ago, pilgrims to the Holy Land would walk the route that Christ himself took as he carried his Cross to the hill where he died. They took the tradition home with them, and the Church established the fourteen "stations", visual images to be contemplated, as a devotion for people who could not travel to the Holy Land itself.

Today, Catholic churches have the fourteen Stations depicted around the walls, and "praying the stations" brings people together, most often on a Friday, during Lent. The Stations can also be prayed individually and silently, or by two or three friends joining together, or even in bigger groups. There are small booklets with prayers and meditations for each Station.

In some places, there are outdoor Stations of the Cross, where you can walk through woods or around a garden as you follow Christ's path to Calvary. It is also possible simply to follow the stations prayerfully in a book while on a train journey or sitting at home.

Following Christ to Calvary in this way is a very powerful way of meditating on what he did for us, and it draws us close to him. Actually walking around a church, stopping at each Station and reading the appropriate prayers and meditation, gives us a sense of unity with Christ as he walked the painful route to Calvary. Christ's trial before Pilate, his cruel journey carrying the heavy cross, his meeting with his mother and with the women of Jerusalem, all become events that are not remote from us. It is traditional to remain in silent prayer for an extra period when we reach the twelfth station, Christ's actual death on the Cross.

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