# Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 12th February 2023



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#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(HA (Holy Angels) & HF (Holy Family) indicates which church a mass is in)

Sat 11 Feb		5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	Pat Chick RIP
Sun 12 Feb	Sixth Sunday OT	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	Missa pro populo
Mon 13 Feb		No Mass - Fr Robin's Day off			
Tue 14 Feb	Ss Cyril & Methodius	9.30am	Mass	HF	
Wed 15 Feb		No Mass		HA	
Thur 16 Feb		No Mass		HF	
Fri 17 Feb		No Mass	Mass	HA	
Sat 18 Feb		5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	
Sun 19 Feb	Seventh Sunday OT	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	Missa pro populo
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	

Because of half term commitments there will be only one midweek mass this week on Tuesday

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#### This Sunday Second Collection Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

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As the weather turns colder don't forget that there is an opportunity for warmth, conversation and coffee in the week after our Tuesday and Wednesday morning masses.

Churches Together Tea at St Peter's (with Dancing!) 19th Feb time £6 donation requested for fundraising for a church toilet. Speak to the office about tickets.

Next Baptism Preparation will be a Saturday morning 25 March in person at Holy Family CHurch, 10.00am for 10.30am start.

Holy Angels Holy Hour and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, 1st march, 5th April at 7.30pm

**Next Youth Group - Sat 11 Feb** Holy Angels following the 5.30pm Mass

# **LENT**

Please bring back your Palm Crosses to church so we can make the Ash for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Masses & imposition of Ashes 9.30 am and 7.30pm - Holy Angels 12.30pm - Holy Family

> Stations of the Cross (TBC) Thursdays at 6.30pm - Holy Family Fridays 6.00pm - Holy Angels

Lent Course - Supporting our Bible in a year reading challenge we will do the Jeff Cavin's unlocking the mystery of the Bible Course. Participants will get most out of this course with a a copy of the course material. Sign up from next week. Tuesday evenings in Lent 7.00pm Holy Angels, Online on Saturday Evenings 7pm The Catholic Truth Society has a lovely set of reflections on the sacrament of reconciliation (which we are encouraged to make use of in Lent) encouraging us to reflect on why we need this beautiful sacrament.

https://www.ctsbooks.org/why-do-i-need-to-go-toconfession/

A New Year's Resolution. It's not too late to join in This year I discovered Fr Mike Scmitz's podcast *The Bible in a Year* where he reads and comments on the whole Bible, using Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline to help us make sense of the narrative of the Bible. I found this enormously helpful and would really like to encourage us as a parish to take up this challenge for the coming year.

It's so easy to find the Bible difficult to read, or confusing, or disjointed with the snippets we get of certain books at mass. Make this your New Year's resolution and grow closer to God letting him share his love and plan for your life with you.

It's easy to find on any podcast app or go to the ascension press website to find the reading plan and other links. https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration

## Who is Jesus and why should you be a catholic? Come and See!

In the new year we will begin another cycle of adult exploration of the faith using the sycamore course. This is the route for Adult Baptism, Adult Confirmation, and reception into the Catholic Church if you are already a baptised Christian.

However the first sessions are a simple invitation to come and see and find out a bit more. If you are curious about the faith, about why we believe in Jesus, or know someone who might like to explore these questions please express your interest!

Forms are now available and the course will begin in March

## Holy Family WhatsApp Prayer Group

A virtual prayer group is a flexible and scalable prayer group that can easily engage parishioners to pray together for specific topics or issues.

Matthew 18:20 that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is there in the midst of them. Although a virtual prayer group does not bring people together physically, they are as one in spirit as they journey towards God.

If you would like to join the Holy Family WhatsApp Prayer Group please contact the Parish Office who can verify that you are on the database and then pass your number on to Sue Haworth-Edwards who is setting up the prayer group.

## Free Audio Book: Edith Stein

This audiobook, sees us shine a light on a truly remarkable woman – Edith Stein – who we know and venerate as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. <u>https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/edith-stein/</u> CAN YOU HELP? We have just come out of Christian Unity week of prayer. Here at Holy Angels we have good links with our Christian sisters and brothers in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham. We need more people from Holy Angels to be involved. Our first Churches Together event is Friday 3rd March 2023, World Day of Prayer for Taiwan. Short notice I know but there is a planning meeting on Wednesday 8th February 2023, 8pm at St Peters Centre. Please consider coming along and getting involved on behalf of Holy Angels. Secondly, there will be a Lenten evening per week hosted by each church again we need help to put together the Holy Angels evening late March. If you feel moved to be part of planning for these events please contact the parish office or turn up on 8th February at 8pm at St Peters Centre.

A Gap Year opportunity: Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

# 7 – 14 February 2023

The fundamental message of Marriage Week is that marriage is worth investing in, because all the research shows that stable families make for a happier society. It's also really important to keep working on a marriage. Couples who do so are more likely to stay together. All God's people are called to live a life of holiness through their vocation. Spouses, through the vocation to marriage, should follow their own path to holiness, which is sustained by the grace of the Sacrament.

Love is the central and the most fundamental aspect of the Sacrament of Marriage. St John Paul II stated that "Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being" (Familiaris Consortio 1981).

# <u>Prayer</u>

God our Father, we pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage and for each couple that you join together in order to make a family. We ask that every marriage brings each couple closer to you and closer to holiness. We pray for those who are struggling I n their marriage at present, that they can make it through this tough time and support each other in their differences. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Parish Office is currently normally open on Wednesday and Friday Mornings. Please use the normal telephone number (01252 321 422) and parish email address: holyofficesurrey@gmail.com