

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

We are beginning 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 on
**Friday 17 March - 7.30pm St Mary's Room
Holy Angels Ash**

You are welcome to just turn up or please speak to Fr Robin for further information.

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-to-confession/>

Urgent Pro life action

This Tuesday (7 March) MPs will debate and vote on the buffer zone clause in the Public Order Bill.

As you will likely recall, when the Public Order Bill made its way through the House of Commons, a clause was added to introduce mandatory buffer zones around all abortion facilities nationwide. This clause has since been further amended in the House of Lords but the most concerning harms still very much remain.

The buffer zone clause will now be debated and voted on in the House of Commons on Tuesday when MPs will consider the amendments that were made to the Public Order Bill in the House of Lords.

TAKE ACTION - EMAIL YOUR MP

We have launched an [easy-to-use tool](#) on our website that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of nationwide buffer zones on Tuesday.

Please click the button below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/opposebufferzones>

St Bernadette Relic Tour
<https://stbernadette.org.uk/>

A video has been made celebrating the relic tour.

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.

Children's liturgy

The next ministry we want to restart is children's liturgy. We will shortly be restarting children's liturgy at Holy Angels - but with only 2 adult volunteers this will be once a month only at most. If this is a ministry you would value in our churches please think urgently about volunteering to help. For us to begin this ministry at Holy Family we would need even two volunteers to begin! Please speak to Fr Robin if you are interested, or via the Parish Office to Bec Newey who is coordinating our relaunch at Holy Angels.

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

It's not too late to join in Fr Mike Schmitz's podcast *The Bible in a Year* which many of us have committed to this 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.

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>

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.
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/edith-stein/>

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