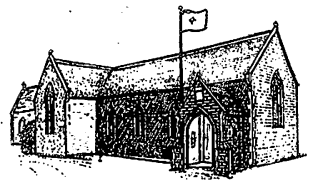
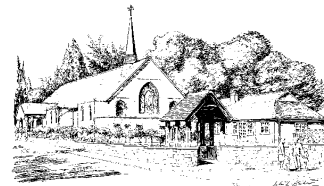


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sat 16 Dec		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA <i>Fr Louis Kenny (RIP)</i>
Sun 17 Dec	ADVENT 3 (Gaudete)	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF <i>John Bryanhill (RIP)</i>
	<i>O Sapientia</i>	11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA
		12.30pm	Holy Baptism	HA Arthur, Aubrey & Phoebe
		5.00pm	International Carol Service at Holy Angels - carols in English and in languages representing some of the rich culture of our parishioners	
Mon 18 Dec	<i>O Adonai</i>	No Mass	Fr Robin's Day off	
Tue 19 Dec	<i>O Radix Jesse</i>	9.30am	Mass	HF
		12.30pm	Wedding	HA Bridget Owen & Caleb Barnes
Wed 20 Dec	<i>O Clavis David</i>	9.30am	Mass	HA
Thur 21 Dec	<i>O Oriens</i>	6.30pm	Adoration (w/ Confession)	HF
		7.30pm	Mass	HF
Fri 22 Dec	<i>O Rex Gentium</i>	9.30am	Mass	HA Kevin Jennings
Sat 23 Dec	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	9.00am - Noon Confession available at Holy Angels		
		5.00pm	Confession Available HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA <i>Jim Martin (RIP)</i>
Sun 24 Dec	ADVENT 4	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA <i>Timothy Joyce (RIP)</i>
	CHRISTMAS EVE	5.00pm	Family Christmas Mass & Crib blessing HF	
		10.30pm	Carols	HA
		11.00pm	Midnight Mass	HA
Mon 25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY	9.15am	Christmas Day Mass	HF <i>Missa pro populo</i>
		11.00am	Christmas Day Mass	HA

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Second Collection Today

Christmas Flowers

Offertory

We need at least £750 a week (in each parish) to meet our obligations - which is raised through your generous donations. Thank you.

- For those using cash we have resumed taking up an offertory collection, with a basket at the door for second collections.
- For many people the DONA machine at the door will be preferable for card offerings.
- Standing orders remain the easiest and most helpful way to give.

HF October offerings £2,252.

HA October offerings £2,930

The monthly cost of keeping each Church open is £3,250.

Christmas Offertory Collection

Although the tradition that the Christmas offertory collection is given to the parish priest as a thank you for his ministry does not apply directly at our churches it is of course open to parishioners to make an increased offering at Christmas to support their parish church for the coming year. At this time of year we are particularly aware of the generous love of God and one of the ways we can give a birthday present to Jesus is through our giving. (And while as a married priest Fr Robin is enumerated by the parish slightly differently it is still your offertory which provides for this.) The offertory basket will of course be available before and after Mass, but do not forget the Dona machine which includes a special button for Christmas offering which will be available until the end of the Christmas season.

Crib Collection

Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis fund

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!

Christmas Reconciliation

As well as the usual opportunities for confession on Thursday evening and Saturday evening Fr Robin will be available on Saturday 23rd December at Holy Angels for confession between 9 am and Noon.

Forthcoming Parish Events

Sat 20 Jan Minister of Communion Quiet Day

Holy Family and Holy Angels talent Show

24th February 2024, 7.15 pm at Holy Family

There are sign up sheets available for people to consider what they might do as an act. Those performing will get free entry.

Further details from Jocelyn Coe via the parish office.

A New Year's Resolution.

Over this year many of us have discovered together 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. Both Deacon John and I and many parishioners we have spoken to over the year have found this enormously helpful.

If you found this helpful you may wish to join Fr Mike for his catechism in year podcast where he makes a similar journey through the catechism of the Catholic Church.

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/catechisminayear>

Or if you wish to this year try the bible in a year:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

INVITED - ADVENT MISSION

The story so far

Our Invited Mission began three years ago, bringing people from across the Diocese, and far beyond, together in faith, online.

Invited Season III returns in Advent 2023 with the first of four episodes launching on Monday 27 November.

Each episode will be accompanied by downloadable resources on the theme of the Incarnation. The programme is designed to be accessed by individuals and groups - with everyone, regardless of age, depth of faith, or involvement in the parish very welcome:

Our next parish group for invited are on Wednesday 20 December at 7.30pm at Holy Angels.

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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