Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 28th April 2024



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sat 27 Apr		5.00pm	Confession Available HA			
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass		НА	Fr Desmond Broderick (RIP)
Sun 28 Apr	5 th Sunday of Easter	9.15am	Sunday Mass		HF	Missa pro populo
		11.00am	Sunday Mass & Baptism	s	НА	Jose Tharian (RIP)
Mon 29 Apr	S. Catherine of Sienna	No Mass	Fr Robin's Day off			
Tue 30 Apr	S. Pius V	9.30am	Mass		HF	
	Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse					
Wed 1 May	S. Joseph the worker	9.30am	Mass		НА	
Thur 2 May	S. Athanasius	6.30pm	Adoration (Confession normally available)			
		7.30pm	Mass		HF	
Fri 3 May	Sts Philip & James	9.30am	Mass		НА	
Sat 4 May		5.00pm	Confession Available HA			
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass		НА	
Sun 5 May	6 th Sunday of Easter	9.15am	Sunday Mass		HF	
		11.00am	Sunday Mass		HA)	

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Parish Offertory

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our parishes. We need £3250 month/parish.

Holy Angels March £3,570 (Standing Orders £1,300; Dona £1,078; Cash £1,192)

Holy Family March £2,084.90 (Standing Orders £1,074.00; Dona £720.00; Cash £290.90)

Thank you for your generosity

Vocations: £142.05 (HA) (£67.05 cash, £175 Dona)

Holy Angels AGM - April 28 12.30pm

We will report back on the finances and share where we are with the plan to create a new parish and early indications of what this means for our community.

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

After Easter 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 by filling in the forms which will shortly be available.

Ladywell admin job – see advert at back of church.

Pizza evening event Saturday 4th May at Holy Angels in St Mary's room.

Calling all young people to join us for a fun evening making pizzas. sign up sheets at both churches We will as for a small payment of £5 for the ingredients and refreshments during the evening

18 May after the evening mass Tim Flesher will give a talk at Holy Angels entitled Hacker or Sir Humphrey: Who's really in charge, based on his 36 years working with every kind of Minister, Refreshments will be available.

Please pray for Dcn Eddie Hopkins serving in Guildford parish who is to ordained by Bishop Richard Saturday 22 June at 14:30 at Arundel Cathedral. Gustavo Campanello will ordained at the same Mass.

Bishop Richard and Bishop John Sherrington have welcomed the Vatican declaration on human dignity Dignitas Infinita which was released by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on Monday (8 April). In a joint statement issued on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW), Bishop Richard and Bishop John said:

"In our troubled times, it is important for Christians to proclaim the inherent and unconditional dignity of all human beings, without exception, as being the basis for authentic human rights. Although human rights have increasingly been codified in secular documents, such as in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, our dignity and rights originate in the Gospel preached by Christ. As Cardinal Fernandez states in presenting the document: 'we cannot separate faith from the defence of human dignity, evangelisation from the promotion of a dignified life, and spirituality from a commitment to the dignity of every human being.'

"There are many areas where human dignity is misunderstood and human rights are under attack. These include questions about the dignity of human life from conception to natural death as well as the recognition of the unity of the person, body and soul, created as masculine and feminine. Although our faith and reason teach us that human rights are inviolable and apply to the most vulnerable in society including the unborn, our abortion laws promote a false understanding of human dignity based on age, level of development, and mental capacity rather than on our shared humanity from conception until natural death. In addition, our laws and culture must allow us to recognise the difference between and complementarity of male and female whilst resisting the sometimes intolerant imposition of a gender theory that 'cancels differences in its claim to make everyone equal.'

"We also echo the Dicastery's call to bring an end to all war and end the scourge of violence within our local communities and in our homes. There is an urgent need for all of us to be peacemakers. This requires us to welcome migrants, work to tackle human trafficking and speak up for women who 'endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment, and violence' (*Dignitas Infinita*, 44)." <u>Click here</u> to visit our website and read the statement in full.

The promotion and defence of human dignity continues to be at the heart of the mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales; to read the Vatican's declaration on human dignity, Dignitas Infinita, <u>click here</u>.

Deanery Pastoral Meeting

Next month sees the first of the Deanery Pastoral meetings. The theme of the first meeting is to respond to Bishop Richard's invitation in the abridged version of the Pastoral Plan: "I invite you to reflect on the gifts and talents with which the Lord has blessed you - as individuals, and as parish communities - and to consider how these might contribute towards this renewed vision of 'Making our Church of today, everyone's Church for the future'."

The two key questions for discussion are:

- 1. How would you describe your parish community?
- 2. Can you provide a couple of "Good News" stories or highlights that we might share more widely?

Fr Robin has asked that we represent our parishes in the parish pastoral group and I am keen to reflect the views of all. Please do consider the above 2 questions. What 3 words would you use to describe our Parish community? What good news story would you like me to share. Please do let me have your thoughts so that we can take a fair and balanced view to the meeting. Thanks Sue Haworth-Edwards (suehaworthedwards@btinternet.com) & Gloria Benson (holyofficersurrey@gmail.com)

Next Baptism preparation morning Saturday, 8 June Application forms must be submitted and a place booked on the course before attending. More details available from the office. It is expected that you are attending church with your child so that you can fulfil the promises you make at baptism.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/

Sunday 26th May mass intention for Mike Harte and gathering after the mass with his family open to parishioners.

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

Mass intentions for our loved ones can be booked via the parish office.