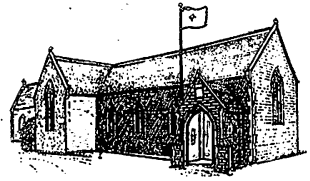
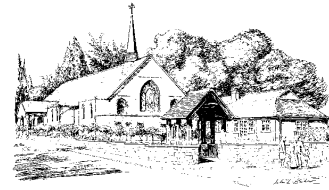


Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 15th September 2024



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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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| Sat 14 Sept | | 5.00pm | Confession Available | HA | |
| | | 5.30pm | Vigil Mass | HA | <i>Anthony Lopes 1st b'day thanks</i> |
| Sun 15 Sept | 23rd Sunday OT | 9.15am | Sunday Mass | HF | <i>Lynne & Kevin Golden Wedding</i> |
| <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day</i> | | 11.00am | Sunday Mass – FHC Explanation | HA | <i>Silvia Wells, Georgia Reyes (RIP)</i> |
| | | 12.30pm | Holy Baptism | HA | <i>Marianna-grace Oram</i> |
| Mon 16 Sept | Ss Cornelius & Cyprian | No Mass | <i>Fr Robin's Day off</i> | | |
| Tue 17 Sept | S. Robert Bellarmine | 9.30am | Mass | HF | <i>Marianna-grace Oram</i> |
| Wed 18 Sept | | 9.30am | Mass | HA | |
| Thur 19 Sept | S. Theodore of Tarsus | 6.30pm | Adoration (Confession normally available) | HF | |
| | | 7.30pm | Mass | HF | |
| Fri 20 Sept | S. Andrew Kim Taegon | 9.30am | Mass | HA | |
| Sat 21 Sept | S. Matthew | 5.00pm | Confession Available | HA | |
| | | 5.30pm | Vigil Mass | HA | |
| Sun 22 Sept | 25th Sunday OT | 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 July £2,669 (Standing Orders £1,350; Dona £525; Cash £794)

Holy Family July £2,471.00 (Standing Orders £1,544; Dona £589; Cash £338.00)

This week 2nd Collection Home Missions

Thank you for Catholic Education Service Collection

HF: £63.00 (Dona £30.00; cash £33.00)

HA: £141.40 (Dona £85.00; cash £56.40)

Post Confirmation away Day 5th October

We have a day booked for our recent Confirmation candidates to help reflect on how we can continue to live and enjoy our faith at Ladywell Pastoral centre in Godalming, led by the engaging Youth Speaker David Beresford

We are at the point now where we need to confirm this booking so please do **confirm** if you are coming to Gloria at the parish Office.

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First Holy Communion

An especial welcome to all our young people beginning their journey to First Holy Communion and their families.

Please can all parishioners pray for them during this important year for their growth in faith.

International Mass Sunday 20th October at Holy Angels

We want to celebrate the many different nationalities and languages we have in our community. We are encouraging people to wear national dress, to bring flags for the different nationalities we have, and it would be good to be able to have some taster plates of different cuisines.

Next Baptism preparation morning Saturday, 21 September. 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.

Film nights resume Friday 20 September at Holy Family, 7.30 pm

The next 3 film nights will be (in this order):

1. Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
2. Narnia: Prince Caspian
3. Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

Parish Quizz and Fish and chip supper 12 October Holy Angels. £10 suggested donation.

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.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Formerly Home Mission Sunday, the theme this year is 'Growing as Missionary Disciples'. Bishop David Oakley, Chair of the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship and the Bishop of Northampton, examines how we can become more 'intentionally missionary' in our homes and parishes.

Interview

Bishop Oakley: Evangelii Gaudium is a complicated term. What does it mean? It literally means the 'Joy of the Gospel', which is, of course, the title of the first Apostolic Letter that Pope Francis wrote to us all in the Church. It's one of my favourite documents of modern times because it speaks of the joy of being intentionally missionary as individuals and as communities – parish or diocese. The whole point about being missionary was brought home to me recently when I decided to refresh my Confirmation homilies and thought, "I'll have a look again at what the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us about the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation," which are, of course, intrinsically related. Through baptism, we are brought into that new relationship with the Trinity God, in which we become missionaries in the pattern of Jesus, the missionary. So that was something which really got me thinking because I'm sure when I was baptised as a baby, I wasn't thinking about being a missionary disciple! But when a parish

becomes intentionally missional, that means it takes on the characteristic of those who are proclaiming the Kingdom of God in our society today.

Looking at the theme 'Growing as Missionary Disciples', what is it to you, as a bishop, to be a disciple of Christ, commissioned to share that Gospel message?

The first thing to say is that I am a disciple of Christ, or should I say, I strive to be. As priests or bishops we are not absolved from the daily task of appropriating discipleship into our lives. Being a disciple of Jesus is my daily encounter with Him through prayer, my desire to immerse myself into His Word, and allow that Word to really speak to me.

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Everything in the Gospel is designed to show me that I am the disciple of Christ commissioned to share the Gospel message, because that is the great commandment, to go out and to proclaim the Gospel to all the nations. I have to do that in the Diocese of Northampton. Many of you will be seeking to do that in your families, and I know how difficult that can be, but I also know how generous many of you are in wanting to know how to be more missionary within your family and within your parish community.

I want to turn to scripture now, because I was looking at Pope Francis's visit to Indonesia and he said "Listening to the Word and living the Word are two fundamental attitudes that enable us to become Jesus's disciples." So just to build on that, how important is scripture in helping us to grow as missionary disciples?

Scripture is imperative because, first of all, it is the Word of God. It is the Word that has been revealed to us. Scripture often seeks to overcome some of the erroneous ideas that we have about things. One of my favourite moments of the scripture is Genesis 3. It's about the fall of humanity from grace and the breaking of our relationship with our heavenly Father. It's not a nice theme, I'll grant you, but it's often misunderstood. I often hear people telling me that God doesn't love them anymore, that God has somehow turned his back on them and so forth. What we read in Genesis 3 is that God comes looking for His created people, those He has made in His own image and likeness – God never gives up on us. I think that's a message which is crucially important for us today. I love the way the Catechism starts in its account of the journey of faith. It says that that journey begins with the longing and yearning of the human heart. So as we celebrate Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, we need to be absolutely certain and convicted of this truth that everybody that we meet in our daily lives wants to know about the truth of God that He has revealed to us. It's not always obvious, but then it's not always obvious to me some days that I am open to that truth. But scripture tells me about that truth. I just want to encourage everyone who is watching and listening to this, to think about really taking the Word of God seriously and delving into it. There's a way that we can do that – through the lectionary. So with the Church's liturgy, day by day, we can encounter that living Word, which brings us into a personal and deeper relationship with the Lord, because that's how we become intentional missionary disciples.

Prayer and regular intercession is important. Trying to grow ourselves in our faith is important, understanding our faith and taking seriously our baptism commitment to becoming missionary and not to get too anxious or worried about what that might look like. In my experience, we all have family members, we all have friends, we all have work colleagues, and sometimes a smile and a gentle openness to the other as we seek to live out our Gospel within our everyday lives, that can have more impact than people might imagine.

Interviewer: So, in a sense, it's a little bit of encouragement and formation of ourselves in order to step out strongly?

Absolutely. Every single day. We can't do anything for anyone unless we are encountering the living God ourselves.