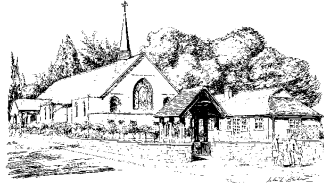
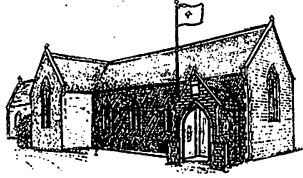


Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13/10/24

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| Sat 12 Oct S. Wilfrid, Diocesan Patron | 5.30 pm | HA | Vigil Mass | <i>Opposition to attempts to introduce euthanasia</i> |
| Sun 13 Oct | 9.15 am | HF | Mass | <i>Fr Michael Walsh (RIP).</i> |
| 28th Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Sunday</i> | 10.30am 11.00 am | HA | Rosary Mass | <i>Missa pro populo</i> |
| Mon 14 Oct. S. Callistus I | NO MASS | | | |
| Tue 15 Oct S. Teresa of Avila | 9.30 am | HF | Mass | |
| Wed 16 Oct S. Margaret Mary Alacoque | 9.30 am | HA | Mass | |
| Thur 17 Oct S. Ignatius of Antioch | 6.30 pm | HF | Adoration & confession | |
| | 7.30 pm | HF | Mass | |
| Fri 18 Oct S. Luke | 9.30 am | HA | Mass | |
| Sat 19 Oct S. Philip Howard Diocesan Patron | 5.00pm | HA | Confession | |
| | 5.30 pm | HA | Mass | <i>The Pastoral Plan</i> |
| Sun 20 Oct | 9.15 am | HF | Mass | <i>Missa pro populo</i> |
| 29th Ordinary Time <i>World Mission Sunday</i> | 10.30 11.00 am | HA | Rosary Mass | |

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Parish Offertory

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

Holy Angels September £3095 (Standing Orders £1,350; Dona £811; Cash £934)

Holy Family August £2,237.00 (Standing Orders £1,476.50; Dona £387; Cash £373.50)

Thank you: CAFOD Harvest Fast Collection

HF £187.00 (cash/cheques £112.00; card £75.00) HA £233.75 (cash £151.75; Dona £82)

Second Collection this week: Prisons Sunday (PACT)

Second Collection next week: World Mission Sunday

NOTICES

Social and fundraising events planning meeting Saturday 19th October at Holy Angels

We meet for breakfast and discussion 9am croissants etc!

It's been a great year for our parishes which is a direct result of people being willing to turn up and engage with organising events.

Events over last 12 months include:

Tim's talk on his time in number 10, clarinet concert, fish and chip supper & parish quiz, Tim's talk Hacker or Sir Humphry, BBQ, Talent Show, Karibu Nyumbani and the international mass taking place soon!

Please come along not only with ideas but a willingness to help and make things happen!

Harvest Festival

Please place any more food offerings before the Altar before mass.

International Mass

Sunday 20th October at Holy Angels

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.

Baptism preparation morning Saturday, 9 November at Holy Angels. 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.

Families with children due to start school in September 2025 are warmly invited to St Polycarp's School Open Morning from 10am to 12 noon on Sunday 20th October. Please email Mrs Sarah Regan on admissions@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk for more information.

Youth Group Saturday 2nd November 2024 after Mass at Holy Angels

We will be carving Saint-O-Lantern pumpkins to shine a light on our Catholic faith so young people think about your design. Please do bring your own pumpkin and suitable knife and we will supply the t-lights and bags for waste. Remember youth group is open to all your people from Yr 7 upwards.

To help with logistics please sign up on the sheets at the back of church or email gloria.benson14@gmail.com - also to help with costs of refreshments we are reinstating our £1 per person for attending.

URGENT STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Bishops of England Wales are asking EVERY CATHOLIC TO OPPOSE THIS MORAL EVIL. This is the biggest threat to a true vision of the sacredness and value of every human life as a person made in the image of God since the introduction of the abortion act in 1967.

The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources to inform us regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. This link will take you to the relevant page on the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Right to life has a petition to send to our local MP.

https://righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat?utm_source=righttolife.org.uk&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=euthansia-commons_pmb&utm_content=menu

Very helpfully they also have a link to a BBC documentary to get you thinking about this issue and which can be shared with friends, family and other interested parties.

It features actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?*. You can

In the documentary, Liz travels to Canada to examine the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws. She does an excellent job of bringing the serious danger of introducing assisted suicide to life and making a strong case against introducing similar legislation in the UK.

<https://youtu.be/gEysXRLTG5M>

EVANGELIUM VITAE

*on the Value and Inviolability
of Human Life*

"It is I who bring both death and life" (Dt 32:39): the tragedy of euthanasia

64. At the other end of life's spectrum, men and women find themselves facing the mystery of death. Today, as a result of advances in medicine and in a cultural context frequently closed to the transcendent, the experience of dying is marked by new features. When the prevailing tendency is to value life only to the extent that it brings pleasure and well-being, suffering seems like an unbearable setback, something from which one must be freed at all costs. Death is considered "senseless" if it suddenly interrupts a life still open to a future of new and interesting experiences. But it becomes a "rightful liberation" once life is held to be no longer meaningful because it is filled with pain and inexorably doomed to even greater suffering.

Furthermore, when he denies or neglects his fundamental relationship to God, man thinks he is his own rule and measure, with the right to demand that society should guarantee him the ways and means of deciding what to do with his life in full and complete autonomy. It is especially people in the developed countries who act in this way: they feel encouraged to do so also by the constant progress of medicine and its ever more advanced techniques. By using highly sophisticated systems and equipment, science and medical practice today are able not only to attend to cases formerly considered untreatable and to reduce or eliminate pain, but also to sustain and prolong life even in situations

of extreme frailty, to resuscitate artificially patients whose basic biological functions have undergone sudden collapse, and to use special procedures to make organs available for transplanting.

In this context the temptation grows to have recourse to euthanasia, that is, to take control of death and bring it about before its time, "gently" ending one's own life or the life of others. In reality, what might seem logical and humane, when looked at more closely is seen to be senseless and inhumane. Here we are faced with one of the more alarming symptoms of the "culture of death", which is advancing above all in prosperous societies, marked by an attitude of excessive preoccupation with efficiency and which sees the growing number of elderly and disabled people as intolerable and too burdensome. These people are very often isolated by their families and by society, which are organized almost exclusively on the basis of criteria of productive efficiency, according to which a hopelessly impaired life no longer has any value.

65. For a correct moral judgment on euthanasia, in the first place a clear definition is required. Euthanasia in the strict sense is understood to be an action or omission which of itself and by intention causes death, with the purpose of eliminating all suffering. "Euthanasia's terms of reference, therefore, are to be found in the intention of the will and in the methods used".⁷⁶

..... In harmony with the Magisterium of my Predecessors⁸¹ and in communion with the Bishops of the Catholic Church, I confirm that euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate

and morally unacceptable killing of a human person. This doctrine is based upon the natural law and upon the written word of God, is transmitted by the Church's Tradition and taught by the ordinary and universal Magisterium.⁸² Depending on the circumstances, this practice involves the malice proper to ... murder.

....In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to "take part in a propaganda campaign in favour of such a law, or vote for it".⁹⁸

A Prayer for Life – John Paul II

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

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