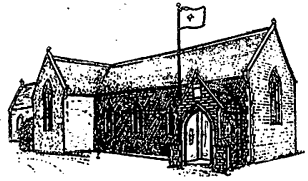


Holy Angels and Holy Family Newsletter 22nd September 2024



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sat 21 Sept		5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	<i>Newton Abrew (RIP)</i>
Sun 22 Sept	25th Sunday OT	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	<i>Teddy Farrow</i>
		11.00am	Sunday Mass	HA	<i>Vincent Kelly (RIP)</i>
Mon 23 Sept	S Pius of Pietrelcina	No Mass	<i>Fr Robin's Day off</i>		
Tue 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	Mass	HF	<i>Teddy Farrow</i>
Wed 25 Sept		9.30am	Mass	HA	<i>Teddy Farrow</i>
Thur 26 Sept	Sts Cosmas & Damian	6.30pm	Adoration (Confession normally available)	HF	
		7.30pm	Mass	HF	<i>Teddy Farrow</i>
Fri 27 Sept	S. Vincent de Paul	9.30am	Mass	HA	
Sat 28 Sept	S. Wenceslaus	5.00pm	Confession Available	HA	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	HA	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
Sun 29 Sept	St Michael & All Angels	9.15am	Sunday Mass	HF	
<i>26th Sunday OT</i>		11.00am	Sunday Mass (Patronal Festival)	HA	<i>Founders & benefactors</i>

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Parish Offertory

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

Holy Angels August £2792 (Standing Orders £1,300; Dona £670; Cash £822)

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

Thank you for Home Missions Collection

HF: £62.00 (Dona £30.00; Cash £32.00).

HA: £127.20 (Dona £ 45; cash £82.20)

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.

holyofficesurrey@gmail.com

First Holy Communion

Our program has now begun.

Please can all parishioners pray for these young people and their families during this important year for their growth in faith.

Harvest Festival. The Cafod Harvest Fast collection will take place on Friday 4th October and so we will keep Sunday 6th October as our Harvest Sunday.

At Holy Family we will be supporting the Farnham Food Bank. They urgently need;

- TINNED SOUP TINNED
- INSTANT MASH
- TINNED RICE PUDDING AND CUSTARD
- TINNED POTATOES
- UHT JUICE

DUE TO YOUR GENEROSITY WE HAVE PLENTY OF:

- CEREAL
- PASTA
- BEANS

Please ensure that all food donated is in date – ideally by 6 months.

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, 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.

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. (£12 will fundraise!)

There are sign up sheets at the back of both churches. They are numbered this year to help manage numbers better.

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.

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

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.

Confirmation

We will not be running a young people's Confirmation course this year but expect to do so next year.

2nd Quarter 100 Club Draw

1st Chris Mann, 2nd Carmel Grey, 3rd Colleen Rutter
Congratulations to our winners.

To join our parish 100club which raises money for the parish speak to Gloria Benson in the parish office.

New Lectionary

In Advent a new translation of the Lectionary will come into effect. It is unwise to buy a new missal before then!

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

How to Start Reading the Bible in 10 Steps

Sheets to help you think about this are available at the back of Church

"If we get in front of the sun, we get suntans...but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."

(Blessed Carlo Acutis, 1991-2006)

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy at Holy Angels will resume this Sunday 8th September. If we could have some more volunteers we could increase Children's liturgy to twice a month. ☺

New Dona machine - Gift Aid

If you have been away over the summer and are a gift aider you will need to re-input your details as we have a new faster machine in both parishes.

It's much easier than on the old machine.

If easier, this can be done online using the Dona donation button on our website to make a small Offertory donation of a £1 and following the instructions.

Thank you for your generosity

Youth Group 7th September

We are trialling a new sign up for the youth group to make sure that we are not preparing food and activities in vain!

There are sign up sheets at the back of both churches for and Gloria can be emailed either in the parish office or directly.

Our Youth Group is open to everyone of secondary school age and is a mixture of fun and faith. It is a particularly good way of nurturing your faith with other young people before and after confirmation and usually meets on the first Saturday evening of every month after the Vigil mass. We'd love to see you there.

Male, Female, Other?

£12.95

This item will be released 17th July 2024.

Jason Evert addresses the most common claims of gender theory, including “How many genders are there?”, “Should I use their preferred pronouns?” and “What if I experience gender dysphoria?”, showing how to respond with charity and clarity.

You Cat Paragraph 203

What is confirmation

→**CONFIRMATION** is the →**SACRAMENT** that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God’s child and asks for God’s Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with →**CHRISM** receives the strength to witness to God’s love and might in word and deed. He is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic →**CHURCH**. [1285-1314]

When a coach sends a soccer player onto the playing field, he puts his hand on his shoulder and gives him final instructions. We can understand Confirmation in a similar way. A hand is placed upon us. We step out onto the field of life. Through the Holy Spirit we know what we have to do and we have been given the power to do it. He has motivated us. His mission resounds in our ears. We sense his help. We will not betray his trust or disappoint him; we will win the game for him. We just have to want to do it and listen to him.

I am created to do or to be something for which no one else is created: I have a place in God’s counsels, in God’s world, which no one else has. Whether I be rich or poor, despised or esteemed by man, God knows me and calls me by my name.

BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (1801-1890)

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