

# St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

Parish Priest: Fr. Simon Dray

Email: [simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk)

19 Tilford Road, Farnham, GU9 8DJ

Tel: 01252 716711

Website: [www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk](http://www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk)

Parish Secretary for St Joan of Arc Church: Cecilia

Email: [farnham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farnham@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 2

We gather to worship God in union with Leo XIV, Our Pope.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
10.30-4.30pm	<b>Confirmation Away Day</b>	
4.15pm	Confession	
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>		
5.00pm	Mass	For Tom's Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
9.15 am	Mass	Holy Souls
11.15am	Mass	Therese Marie Fry RIP
<b>No 5.00pm Mass</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Church Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Church Closed</b>
7.30pm	Rosary	
8.15pm	Father's Prayers	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
2.00pm	<b>2:2 Club in the Centre</b>	
7.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass of the Ascension</b>	Fatima Fernandes Intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Ascension</b>
11.00am	Mass	Bernard David Nertney RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
10.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Mass	Leonard Cecil Arathoon RIP (anniv)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
4.15pm	Confession	
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		
5.00pm	Mass	Betty Johnson RIP (anniv)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
9.15 am	Mass	Christopher & Jean Caillard RIP
<b>FHC Children Rosary session in Church. FHC Parents Coffee and Communion Gift Sale - Centre.</b>		
11.15am	Mass	Christopher & Ann Ward RIP (anniv)
5.00pm	Mass	Jack McCabe RIP

## Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Second Collection** 17<sup>th</sup> May for World Communications (not Gift Aid) Supports the Churches apostolate in the mass media.

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May:** Saturday 5pm = 100 ; Sunday 9.15am =184 ; 11.15am = 139; 5.00pm = 117 **Total 540.**

**Catholics do good at every opportunity.**

**Catholics pray every day.**

**Catholics come to Mass every Sunday.**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter A 2026

### A message from the Diocesan Administrator

**REMINDER:** Fr. Simon is away this Sunday, and we welcome Fr. Denys from the Rosminians who will celebrate 3 of our 4 Sunday Masses. There is no 5pm Mass on Sunday evening (10<sup>th</sup> May).

Brothers and sisters, it's become a regular Sunday evening 'thing' for me to flick through parish websites and social media platforms to glimpse at the life of our communities. How blessed we are to be in such good company with one another in our discipleship and service of the Gospel. I was recently in Rome with the Bishops of England and Wales, who showed an encouraging interest in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. I know that you are all working closely with your priests and deacons to help realise the beautiful vision Archbishop Richard gave us in 'The Word Who is Life'. I pray for you all daily and am especially mindful of the parishes in which I have been privileged to serve; of the specific needs, sorrows, and joys marking the life of our people each week; and of those names who appear in parish newsletters because they are sick or are recently deceased. All these prayers I remember in the Mass I am asked to offer each Sunday 'for all the people of the Diocese'. Please pray for me and for the election of a new Bishop for our Diocese. God bless. Father Jonathan Martin, Diocesan Administrator.

Thursday is the 'Ascension of the Lord' and a 'Holy Day of Obligation'. Masses locally are:

- 7pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the Vigil Mass in St Joan's Farnham
- 9.30am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Mass of the Day in Holy Angels, Ash
- 11am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Mass of the Day in St Joan's, Farnham
- 7.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Mass of the Day in Holy Family, Heath End.

### Readings – Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: **Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

Psalm: **Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Peter 3:15-18**

Gospel: **John 14:15-21**

**Daily Readings** can be found [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**Fr Simons Daily Reflections are on the website.**

[www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk](http://www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk)

**Let us pray for those in our families who are unwell at this time and especially for:** Amiti Grech, Sheila Thorp, Ariane, Brian Fernando, Suzanne Eames, Robin Eames, Kate Pontifex, Mary King, Eve Morgan, Carol Tutte, Donna Lawson, Anne Cheesman, Mary Burland, Jennifer Flack, James Flack, Art Attwood, Leo Murray, Elizabeth Murray, Peter McCormick, Elizabeth Leavy, Margaret Connolly, Andrew Torjussen, Siobhan Gorman, Mary Ditchburn, Francis Galliano, Eileen Farebrother, Noreen Yelland, and for all in our Parish community who are unwell.

*Please let the Parish Office know if any names can be removed.*

**We pray for the recently deceased:**

**Margaret Moore RIP.**

**We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Paul Kelly, John Duff, Erika Freeman, Robert Leach, Julia Harrison, Iain Taylor Mendez, Terry Taylor, Beryl Foxton, Betty Johnson, Mary Barrett, Mary Hart, Oliver Ditchburn, Eileen 'Pat' Stephenson.

**May the Lord grant them all a place in His Kingdom.**

**Thank you for supporting the Cake and Coffee sale:**

£98.38 raised on Dona & £246.50 cash. **Total £344.88.**

Thank you very much for those that provided the cakes, ran the cake stall, served coffee and for all the shoppers!

**Thank you for supporting St Polycarps** Mini Marathon in aid of our Church Roof Appeal. On our Dona you raised **£693.00** last weekend. Many thanks.

**Rosary Group:**

For the month of May The Rosary Group will meet on the **12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the Church. (Usually meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church.)

**Father's Prayers:**

We hold Fathers' Prayers in the church every second Tuesday of the month (**8.15pm May** & October) and all other Tuesdays on Zoom at 7.30pm (EXCEPT the month of August) [antonyhjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:antonyhjohnson@gmail.com) **12<sup>th</sup> May at 8.15pm.**

**Scripture Study Group:**

Meet on Wednesday mornings in the Centre foyer of the Centre at **10.00am**. You are welcome to attend to study this weeks scripture.

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat:**

**23rd May 10.00-1.00 on Zoom.** "THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF LOVE." How the Holy Spirit empowers us to be other Christs. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Dr. Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton. Register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREMAY2026](http://bit.ly/ADOREMAY2026) Details at [https://www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

**2:2 Club:**

**2:2 Club** takes place in the the Parish Centre on the Second Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm. Come along on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm** for games, tea and a chat. Open to all over a certain age and retired!

**200 Club:**

Contact John Dick to join St Joan of Arc 200 Club it's £12 a year for one number. [johndick187@btinternet.com](mailto:johndick187@btinternet.com)

**St Joan of Arc Play Group:**

Tuesdays (term time) in the **Parish Centre 9am – 11.30am** - £2 a session term time only. All our welcome to come along with pre-school children to meet other parents/carers, coffee/cake, toys, weekly art activity, music. Contact [carlyemoriarty@hotmail.com](mailto:carlyemoriarty@hotmail.com)

**Childrens' Liturgy:**

Takes place every 2 weeks during the 9.15am Mass. The next Liturgy sessions **will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> May**. These are for Parents with Children in Reception to Year 2. **A Case 4 form must be completed on the first visit and a parent must accompany their child.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:**

9.15am Family Mass - Every Sunday.

Children are to Sign in weekly for Mass attendance.

**First Holy Communion The Rosary Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

**CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE 2026:**

**Sessions 3.15pm prompt start**

**9<sup>th</sup> May – 'Away Day' 10.30am**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm**

**Youth Mass 5.00pm**

**Every Sunday**



**Bingo Evening - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Doors open at 6.30pm First Game 7.15pm.**

**£10 pp** to include at least 5 games. Cash bar, Raffle. Bring your own Evening picnic, have fun raising funds for the Roof fund. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Tickets will be on sale in May after all Masses or**

**Email: [mm@maher.je](mailto:mm@maher.je) or the Parish Office.**

**Crochet Bag Sale**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June after the 9.15am & 11.15am Mass.**

**All proceeds to the Church Roof Fund.**

**Parish Secretary, Weybridge, job vacancy:**

Weybridge parish are looking for a parish secretary. The workload is full-time, but we are open to job sharing. Closing date is 15 May. To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to Fr David Murphy E: [david.murphy@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:david.murphy@abdiocese.org.uk) Portmore Way, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8JD. website <http://www.cpp.org.uk/>

**'Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family' – a webinar with the Messy Family Project, a Catholic family ministry from the US, on 2 June 2026 at 8pm.**

Hardly a day goes by without headlines about the impact of smartphones and social media on our teenagers. They're growing up in a much more complex digital world, but as parents and carers there are lots of ways we can help them navigate it well. CELEBRATE Trust has invited a speaker from Care for the Family, a national UK charity, to share practical advice and ideas to support families. This is the second of two webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. To book, you can go to: [www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting](http://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting)

**Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, 3-4 June, Arundel Cathedral:**

Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9.30am-7pm (Weds) and 9.30am-5.30pm (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, begins at 5.30pm on Thursday. All are welcome.

**Come and study with the Maryvale Institute:**

The Maryvale Institute have the full range of programmes for every ability, from easy short courses to a five-year PhD programme. Want to deepen your Faith? Thinking about getting more involved with your parish, Catholic organisation or Diocese? Would you like to teach in Catholic institutions? <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk>

**Church Cleaning Team:**

If you have half an hour spare, once, every 6-8 weeks and would like to join the cleaning rota, please contact Cecilia [farnham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farnham@abdiocese.org.uk) **New rota issued in June.**

**Hospitality Team:**

If you would like to come and help at any events we run across the year, eg. drinks, coffees, quiz nights etc please get in touch with Cecilia in the Parish office. [farnham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farnham@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Roof fundraising ideas:**

If anyone would like to run an event or has an idea to raise funds for the roof appeal please email Cecilia [farnham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farnham@abdiocese.org.uk)