

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

17th May 2026

Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 3

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

Saturday	16th May	
4.15pm	Confession	
Seventh Sunday of Easter		
5.00pm	Mass	Betty Johnson RIP (anniv)
Sunday	17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter
9.15 am	Mass	Christopher & Jean Caillard RIP
<i>FHC Children Rosary session in Church.</i>		
<i>FHC Parents Coffee and Communion Gift Sale – Centre.</i>		
11.15am	Mass	Christopher & Ann Ward RIP (anniv)
5.00pm	Mass	Jack McCabe RIP
Monday	18th May	
11.00am	Mass	Leonard Cecil Arathoon RIP
Tuesday	19th May	
11.00am	Mass	Teresa Sheehan RIP
7.30pm	Rosary	
Wednesday	20th May	Church Closed
Thursday	21st May	
11.00am	Mass	Concetta Bozza RIP
Friday	22nd May	
9.15am	Whole School Thanksgiving Mass	
10.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Mass	Tim Cox RIP (anniv)
Saturday	23rd May	
12.30pm	Baptism	Jude Chigome
4.15pm	Confession	
Pentecost		
5.00pm	Extended Vigil Mass	Terry Taylor RIP (anniv)
Sunday	24th May	Pentecost
9.15 am	Mass	Holy Souls
11.15am	Mass	Deceased Members & Friends of Angela Arathoon
5.00pm	Mass	Evelyn Borelli RIP

2nd Collection 17th May for World Communications (not Gift Aid) Supports the Churches apostolate in the mass media.

2nd Collection 24th May for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.(Gift Aid). This collection goes to help the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru.

9th/10th May: Saturday 5pm = 151; Sunday 9.15am = 166; 11.15am = 141; **5:00pm = Total 458**

Catholics do good at every opportunity.

Catholics pray every day.

Catholics come to Mass every Sunday.

FRIDAY IS A DAY OF ABSTINENCE FROM EATING MEAT

7th Sunday of Easter A 2026

'With one accord, we are devoted to prayer'.

Next weekend is the 'Solemnity of Pentecost' and we gather to celebrate a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives. On Saturday evening at 5pm, we will celebrate the Proper Vigil Mass of Pentecost. After the 'Ascension of the Lord', the 'Eleven' gathered with the Blessed Virgin Mary to wait for the descent of the Holy Spirit and to receive their commission to become Apostolic, a sending forth of the good news, their mission to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom. As a mirror to the Easter Vigil (*which began these 50 days*), we too gather for the Vigil of Pentecost, celebrating it in its 'Extended Form', with its four additional readings and psalms. This only takes about an extra 15 minutes or so, but it is surely worth our time and effort as we recognise that the '*Spirit of glory and of God rests upon us*'.

What is upcoming in the next few weeks in the Community of St Joan of Arc?

- 6.30pm Mass on Friday 29th May for the Patronal Feast of St Joan of Arc.
- First Holy Communion Mass at 10.00am on Saturdays 6th & 13th June.
- Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Vigil Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday 11th June and 11am on Friday 12th June.
- Buddy Masses for St Polycarp's School at 11am on Thursdays 4th, 11th & 18th June.

Readings – Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: **Acts 1:12-14**

Psalm: **Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 4:13-16**

Gospel: **John 17:1-11a**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

Fr Simons Daily Reflections are on the website.

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.

Maureen Briggs RIP whose Requiem will take place on Monday 22nd June at 12 noon.

Andrew Hubbard RIP

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

Betty Johnson, Christopher & Ann Ward, Tim Cox, Colleen Everett, Elizabeth Bulman, Carla Ciaglinska, Anthony Hamilton, Mary Pearson, Tony Tunstall, Frances Mirko, Percy Bartlett.

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

Rosary Group:

For the month of May The Rosary Group will meet on the **19th, 26th May** at 7.30pm in the Church. *(The Rosary group usually meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church.)*

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 Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

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)

Arcaid:

If you would like to support Arcaid in any way please have a look at their work on our website. www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk/your-parish/parish-charity-arcaid leaflets and forms are in the church porch. **Arcaid is St. Joan of Arc's own overseas Aid Charity.**

How to book a Mass?

If you would like a Mass said for a member of your family or a friend, living or deceased, complete a White/Red Mass envelope (available from the Church porch) with as much detail as possible, requesting the date and time you would like to have the Mass said and either pop it in the collection basket or email the parish office.

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 24th & 31st 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 17th May.

First Holy Communion Masses

Saturday 6th June at 10am

Saturday 13th June 10am

Going Forth Mass Sunday 5th July 9.15am

CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE 2026:

Sessions 3.15pm prompt start

7th June 3.15pm

14th June 3.15pm

Youth Mass 5.00pm Every Sunday



Bingo Evening - Saturday 6th 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 or the Parish Office.

Crochet Bag Sale

Sunday 7th June

after the 9.15am & 11.15am Mass.

All proceeds to the Church Roof Fund.

Monthly Cake Sale – Sunday 7th June.

If you would like to bake or bring along a cake/cookies/brownies for next month – please put your name on the sign up board which is in the porch. Many thanks.

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 **New rota issued in June.**

'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

Celebrate:

In an age when faith is so often practised alone, a private conviction, a solitary Sunday obligation, **CELEBRATE** Festival invites us to remember that the Church was never meant to be a solo endeavour. **From 15 to 19 August 2026**, the grounds of **Worth School** will become home to one of the most joyful gatherings in the English Catholic calendar. Families, young people, parents, grandparents, bishops, priests, deacons, and religious will arrive from across the country for five days rooted in worship, formation, fellowship, and the kind of laughter that only happens when the Body of Christ relaxes into itself.

Tickets and full information at W: www.celebratefestival.org places are limited and the festival regularly sells out.

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, 3rd-4th 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.