

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2026

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 3

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

Saturday	11th July	
1.30pm	Wedding	Adam Henbest & Claire Rowthorn
4.15pm	Confession	
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Private Intention
Sunday	12th July	Fifteenth Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	People of the Parish
11.15am	Mass	Lauren Fernandes Intentions
2.30pm Confirmation Mass at St Joseph's Church, Guildford		
5.00pm	Mass	Private Intention
Monday	13th July	
No Mass - Church open for prayer		
Tuesday	14th July	
9.15am	Year 6 Leavers Mass	
7.30pm	Fathers Prayers	
Wednesday	15th July	Church Closed
Thursday	16th July	
11.00am	Mass	Amiti Grech RIP
Friday	17th July	
10.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Mass	Alfie Woellwarth Intentions & Doreen Agnes Walsh RIP (anniv)
Saturday	18th July	
1.00pm	Nuptial Mass	Philip Barry & Tayla Poretta
4.15pm	Confession	
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Edward F. Striegel RIP
Sunday	19th July	Sixteenth Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	People of the Parish
11.15am	Mass	Mary-Jane & Richard Steijger Intentions
12.30pm	Baptism	Olivia Valerio
5.00pm	Mass	The Traynor Family RIP

We pray for Adam Henbest & Claire Rowthorn as they celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday 11th July.

We pray for Philip Barry & Tayla Poretta as they celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday 18th July.

2nd Collection: Stella Maris Collection will take place over the weekend of 18th/19th July.

Mass Count: 27th/28th June: Saturday 5pm = 97; Sunday 9.15am = 212 ; 11.15am = 147; 5.00pm = 95 **Total 551**

Catholics do good at every opportunity. Catholics pray every day. Catholics come to Mass every Sunday.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

'Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit'

This Sunday at St Joseph's, Guildford, the Parish Church of the 'Guildford Catholic Parish', (of which our Community of St Joan of Arc is a part of, along with Heath End, Ash, Godalming & Milford, Cranleigh & Bramley, Haslemere, Hindhead and Chiddingfold), 22 of our own teenagers will be Confirmed and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They complete their Sacraments of Initiation and play a fuller part in the life of the Church.

The effects of this sacrament are:

- To strengthen the Christian who is in a spiritual battle. By receiving and co-operating with the gifts of the Spirit they are better able to overcome sin and live a devout life.
- To perfect Baptism, giving the Christian an active power to be fruitful in life, especially in regards embracing and living out our vocation – to the consecrated virginity of the single life, or the joy and graces of Holy Matrimony, the Religious Life or Holy Orders.
- To be a soldier of Christ, to take up the spiritual weapons of prayer and formation and be effective in our mission to announce and defend the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.
- To bring about a closer union with Christ and his Church. If this Sacrament simply becomes a 'sacrament of exit', all the grace on offer simply withers and fades away.

For those who will be in school years 10, 11 or 12 from September, and are contemplating receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027, now is the time to ensure that the Holy Mass, especially on a Sunday is the source and summit of your life. **Applications will open in October.**

Please note: On 26th July, Fr. Simon is on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Fr. Gilmour will say the 5pm (Sat), 9.15am and 11.15am Mass. There will be no 5pm Sunday evening Mass.

Let us pray for those in our families who are unwell at this time and especially for:

Michael Pattie, Sheila Thorp, Ariane, Brian Fernando, Suzanne Eames, Robin Eames, Kate Pontifex, Eve Morgan, Carol Tutte, Donna Lawson, Anne Cheesman, Mary Burland, Jennifer Flack, James Flack, Art Attwood, 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:

Elizabeth Richardson RIP.

Bill French RIP.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ken Shewry, Rosa Drover, Linda Meere, Joan Flower, John Costello, Ernest Darlinson, Vincent Luis, Lulu Beeson, Iris Selvadurai, Anne Simkins.

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

A big thank you from Fr Simon, Maggie & Cecilia to the Families of the First Communion who presented us all with such lovely gifts.

Thank you to all the parents who provided food for the Going Forth Celebration and for last year's parents who set it all up.

Thank you goes to Sabina who provided a delicious Communion Cake for this year's celebration. (*Photo on the website*).

Beautiful, Handmade Double Quilt Raffle:

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend of **11th/12th July & 18th/19th July**. £1 a ticket/£5 a strip. All proceeds for the Roof Fund.

Champagne Raffle:

The Winner of the Champagne Raffle was Susie Duffy, ticket number 185. £226.00 Cash/£73.80 Dona, = **£299.80** was raised for the Roof fund. Thank you to Anne Connolly who sold the tickets after all Masses.

Premium Bonds:

A very generous parishioner has taken to donating their premium bonds certificates, and we have quite a few now. Unfortunately we cannot cash these as, only the Bond Holder can. So please would the Bond Holder contact the Parish Office 01252 716711 opt 2 / 07484114716.

Cake Sale:

Thank you to those who supported the Cake Sale last weekend. £65.50 Cash/£57.06 Dona = **£122.56** was raised for the roof fund. *The next Parish Roof Fundraising Cake sale will take place on the 4th October.* Volunteer bakers?

Ladies Bring a Dish:

Unfortunately this was cancelled due to lack of interest. We do however hope to arrange a Christmas evening in December.

Stop assisted suicide being legalized:

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September.

Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide:
<https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth has announced a varied programme of public events for the second half of 2026 please see the noticeboard for all the listing.

For tickets and further information visit www.chilworthbenedictines.com or search "Chilworth Abbey" on <http://www.ticketSource.com>

The Roses" Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage, 15-30 August.

A pilgrimage where the journey, walking, laughing, sharing, praying, singing are as important as the destination. This year's route links three cathedrals: Middlesbrough, Ripon & Blackburn. Pilgrims are welcome to join for a day or two, or the whole 2 weeks. To find out more and book, visit the Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage website, W: thepilgrims.org.uk.

Readings – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-11**

Psalm: **Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

Fr Simons Daily Reflections are on the website.
www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

Every **Wednesday 8.00-9.00pm** in the Parish Centre. Come and refresh your prayer life. Everyone welcome. Information online at stjoanlits.webstarts.com

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.

Rosary Group: The Rosary group meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church **21st July**.

Father's Prayers:

We hold Fathers' Prayers in the Church every second Tuesday of the month **14th July at 7.30pm**. (8.15pm May & October) and all other Tuesdays on Zoom at 7.30pm (EXCEPT the month of August) antonyhjohnson@gmail.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.



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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)

Childrens' Liturgy:

Takes place every 2 weeks during the 9.15am Mass. The next Liturgy sessions **will be on 12th July** 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 2026/2027

9.15am Family Mass - Every Sunday.

*Sign up Sunday for 2027 First Confession & First Holy Communion – **Sunday 13th September.***

Youth Mass

5.00pm

Every Sunday

Diary Dates:

Homemade Quilt Raffle Tickets: 11/12th & 18/19th July.

2:2 Club: 12th August 2.00pm Wednesdays.

Parish Sunday Lunch: 6th September.

Arcaid Cake Sale: Sunday 13th September.

Parish Quiz Night: Friday 16th October.

Christmas Bazaar: Sunday 22nd November.

If anyone would like to organize a Parish event do speak to Fr. Simon or email the Parish Office.