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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2026

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 1

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

Saturday	25 th July	
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4.15pm	Confession	
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rita Bell RIP & David Nolan RIP
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Sunday	26 th July	
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9.15 am	Mass	People of the Parish
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11.15am	Mass	Brian Wagstaff RIP
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No 5.00pm Mass

Monday	27 th July	Church Closed
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Tuesday	28 th July	Church Closed
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Wednesday	29 th July	Church Closed
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Thursday	30 th July	Church Closed
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Friday	31 st July	
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10.30 – 11.30am	Adoration	
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No 11.00am Mass

Saturday	1 st August	
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12.30pm	Baptism	Frederick Edwards
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4.15pm	Confession	
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Paul Philpott RIP
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Sunday	2 nd August	Eighteenth Sunday in OT
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9.15 am	Mass	Tricia Winchester RIP
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During the 9.15am Mass Baptism & First Holy Communion
Oliver Sebire & Edward Sebire

11.15am	Mass	Brian Wagstaff RIP
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12.30pm	Baptism	Lorena Roberts
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5.00pm	Mass	Chris & Delia Lewis RIP (anniv)
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We warmly welcome Fr Gilmour McDermott this weekend.

2nd Collection: Stella Maris – Thank you to everyone who supported last week's appeal. If you would like to donate cash this weekend, please use the Stella Maris envelopes in the porch. Many thanks.

Mass Count: 18th/19th July: Saturday 5pm = 112; Sunday 9.15am = 93 ; 11.15am = 130; 5.00pm = 96 **Total 431.**

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A 2026

The International Mass

Reminder: Fr. Simon is away on the Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage. We welcome Fr. Gilmour McDermott to St Joan of Arc who will celebrate the 5pm (Sat), 9.15am and 11.15am Masses this weekend. There will be no 5pm Sunday evening Mass.

Our Diocesan Lourdes pilgrims will attend the International Mass in the Basilica of St Pius X joining with other pilgrimage groups from the UK, Europe and other parts of the world, all coming together in faith to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. The readings for this Sunday invite us to search for that pearl of great price. For King Solomon, that pearl was wisdom, an understanding mind that allowed him to know the difference between right and wrong and so be better able to govern his people. For the baptised, this pearl of great price is nothing less than eternal life, our place among the mansions of the saints in our true home of heaven.

The Second Vatican Council called the Mass and Eucharist the 'source and summit of our lives'. It is so precious and vital to our spiritual existence, that we come to it at the start of the week to be nourished and strengthened for the Lord service, and then at the end of the week, we bring back the fruits of our weekly endeavours and place them at the foot of the altar as an offering of our labour and joy, knowing that we will be fed in word and sacrament and given a foretaste of the heavenly kingdom, the place where our souls long to take their rest.

On **Wednesday 29th July**, at the Grotto Mass (10am CET, 9am BST), Fr. Simon has the extraordinary privileged of preaching the homily. This Mass is broadcast live on the Sanctuary Website: <https://www.lourdes-france.com/en/lourdesplus/>

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:

Bill (William) French RIP whose funeral will be on Friday 14th August at 10.30am.

Mark Andrew Chadd RIP whose Memorial Mass will be on Thursday 6th August at 3.00pm.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anne Gallagher, Carol Alexander, Joan Burns, Wilfred Smith, Kenneth Parker, Stephen Harrison, George Briggs, Margaret Foley, Matthew Edmondes.

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

If a Priest is urgently required while Fr Simon is in Lourdes please contact Fr Robin, Ash & Heath End 01252 321422, ash@abdiocese.org.uk / or St Joseph, Guildford 01483 562704 guildford@abdiocese.org.uk
The Parish Office will remain open next week. Cecilia farnham@abdiocese.org.uk 01252 716711 opt 2 / 07484114716 to leave a voicemail.

Beautiful, Handmade Double Quilt Raffle:

Winner of the Quilt was Orange ticket – No 169 Nancy Sackwood.

The Raffle raised £384.80 cash + £137.77 Dona = **£522.57**
A huge thank you to Maria Doland for making the quilt with such skill and donating such a beautiful item to raise money for the Roof Fund. There will also be an opportunity to buy or bid for one at the Christmas Bazaar in November.

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.

Scripture Study Group:

Will resume on **Wednesday 3rd September** after the Summer Break.

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

Rosary Group:

Meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church next group meet on the **4th & 18th August**.

2:2 Club:

Takes place in the the Parish Centre on the Second Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm. Come along on **Wednesday 12th August at 2.00pm** for games, tea and a chat. Open to all over a certain age and retired!

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 very own overseas Aid Charity.



SCAN ME

Foodbank: www.farnham.foodbank.org.uk

This month Foodbank are requesting: Tinned vegetables; UHT juice; Squash; UHT milk, Savoury items such as pot noodles, crackers, crisps. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Diary Dates:

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.

Readings – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12**

Psalm: **Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R 97a**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:28-30**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:44-52**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

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

Home Visitors:

If you, or you know of someone who would like a visitor from St Joan's to stay in touch with the Church, please ask them to contact the Parish Office.
farnham@abdiocese.org.uk

Holy Communion may be bought to the sick or housebound in our parish. Family members may request this via Fr Simon or the Parish Office.

Childrens' Liturgy:

Takes place every 2 weeks during the 9.15am Mass. The next Liturgy sessions **will be on 9th August/23rd August/6th September**. 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 Mass - Every Sunday.

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

Confirmation Group 2026

We will gather to **celebrate on Sunday 27th September** at the 5pm Mass for our certificates and follow with some refreshments.

Confirmation 2026/2027

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.**

Youth Mass

5.00pm

Every Sunday

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 11th 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 11th September.

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

Mass for Altar Servers, 12 September, 12 noon, Arundel Cathedral. Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to this special Mass for all those who have served, all those who are serving and anybody who would like to serve - all are welcome. Please bring a cassock, cotta or an alb. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (bring a packed lunch). Email aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk to confirm your place.