

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2026

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 2

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

Saturday	1st August	
12.30pm	Baptism	Frederick Edwards
4.15pm	Confession	
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Paul Philpott RIP
Sunday	2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Tricia Winchester RIP
During the 9.15am Mass Baptism & First Holy Communion Oliver Sebire & Edward Sebire		
11.15am	Mass	Brian Wagstaff RIP
12.30pm	Baptism	Lorena Roberts
5.00pm	Mass	Chris & Delia Lewis RIP (anniv)
Monday	3rd August	
11.00am	Mass	Deceased Members & Friends of the Borelli Family
Tuesday	4th August	
11.00am	Mass	Cecilia's Intentions
7.30pm	Rosary	
Wednesday	5th August	Church Closed
Thursday	6th August	
3.00pm	Memorial Mass	Mark Andrew Chadd RIP
Friday	7th August	
10.30	Adoration	
11.00am	Mass	Amiti Grech RIP
Saturday	8th August	
4.15pm	Confession	
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Gloria Ferriera RIP (anniv)
Sunday	9th August	Nineteenth Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Matthew & Miriam Legg Intentions (Wedding Anniversary)
11.15am	Mass	Tony Tunstall RIP
5.00pm	Mass	Seamus Foyle RIP

**Missionary Appeal will take place over the weekend of
15th/16th August.**

Mass Count: 25th/26th July: Saturday 5pm = 112;
Sunday 9.15am = 131 ; 11.15am 115 =; ~~5.00pm~~ = **Total 358**

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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time A 2026

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Lives!

*There is still time to take part in our **Holiday Picture Raffle** that runs until 6th September. Full details are found on the notice boards in the Church porch and on the eternal notice boards.*

Everything we do flows from the Most Holy Eucharist celebrated with the context of the Sunday Mass. Each week, we bring back to the Mass an offering of everything we have done in Lord's service – hopefully we will not come back empty handed! The Catechism tells us that all the '*ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it*'. Indeed, The Most Holy Eucharist is the culmination of God's work of sanctification in the world and so, at Mass, we continually offer our '*thanksgiving*' to the Father through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

The Most Holy Eucharist, then, expresses our unity as the '*body of Christ*', the Church. Thus, we only receive Holy Communion when our life (*both by our profession and disposition*), actively demonstrates our unity with the Catholic Church. In other words, our whole way of thinking and acting is always attuned to the Eucharist in a way that demonstrates: '*this is my body which is given up for you*'. The Blessed Eucharist perfectly express the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself. By our participation in the Eucharist each Sunday, we unite ourselves to heaven and begin to anticipate our place in the communion of saints

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

Mary Burland, Michael Pattie, Sheila Thorp, Ariane, Brian Fernando, Suzanne Eames, Robin Eames, Kate Pontifex, Carol Tutte, Donna Lawson, Anne Cheesman, Jennifer Flack, James Flack, Art Attwood, Elizabeth Murray, Peter McCormick, Elizabeth Leavy, Margaret Connolly, Andrew Torjussen, Siobhan Gorman, 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:

Mary Ditchburn RIP.

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

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

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Carol Emanuel, John White, Steven Van Herwijnen, Margaret Over, Peter Busby, Mia Sudlow, Julian Ferreira.

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

Readings – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:1-3**

Psalm: **Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R cf. 16**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Gospel: **Matthew 14:13-21**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

Fr Simons Daily Reflections are on the website.

www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk

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!

200 Club:

Contact John Dick to join St Joan of Arc 200 Club it's £12 a year for one number. 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 very own overseas Aid Charity.



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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.

New WhatsApp channel for news from the Diocese:

Created especially for members of our family of faith who don't use other social media but would like to stay up to date with news from the Diocese, a new WhatsApp channel has been launched. News is shared there regularly and WhatsApp channels don't have comments or replies so are very safe spaces. No one who isn't in your phone's address book can see your membership or activity there. Click here to subscribe: [whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241kOVyff0E](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241kOVyff0E)

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 2027

9.15am Mass - Every Sunday.

*Sign up Sunday for 2027 First Confession & First Holy Communion – **Sunday 13th September 2026***

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 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

National Board of Catholic Women NBCW:

Please visit [August 2026 NBCW newsletter](http://August2026NBCWnewsletter.org) or sueschurchpage.blogspot.com for a web edition of the August newsletter from your Diocesan Link.

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 at Arundel Cathedral, Saturday 12

September at 12 noon: Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral. The occasion will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. The Mass for Altar Servers is for all those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve - all are very welcome to attend. Please bring a cassock/cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 3 October at Arundel

Cathedral: E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your free place, you can scan the QR code on the poster. Mass followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome.