

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026

Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 1

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

Saturday	2nd May	
12.30	Baptism	Charlotte Faughnan
4.15pm	Confession	
Fifth Sunday of Easter		
5.00pm	Mass	Dr Mary Berry RIP
Sunday	3rd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter
9.15 am	Mass	Bernard David Nertney RIP
Monthly Coffee & Cake Sale		
11.15am	Mass	Rev. Etienne Robo RIP
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3.15pm	Confirmation Session	
5.00pm	Mass	Harry Pike & Relations RIP
Monday	4th May	Church Closed
Tuesday	5th May	Church Closed
Wednesday	6th May	Church Closed
Thursday	7th May	Church Closed
Friday	8th May	Church Closed
Saturday	9th May	
4.15pm	Confession	
Sixth Sunday of Easter		
5.00pm	Mass	For Tom's Intentions
Sunday	10th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
9.15 am	Mass	Holy Souls
11.15am	Mass	Therese Marie Fry RIP
No 5.00pm Mass		
Monday	11th May	Church Closed
Tuesday	12th May	Church Closed
7.30pm	Rosary	
8.15pm	Father's Prayers	
Wednesday	13th May	Vigil Mass of the Ascension
7.00pm	Vigil Mass	Fatima Fernandes Intentions
Thursday	14th May	Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Ascension
11.00am	Mass	Bernard David Nertney RIP
Friday	15th May	
10.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Mass	Leonard Cecil Arathoon RIP (anniv)

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

25th/26th April: Saturday 5pm = 82; Sunday 9.15am = 193; 11.15am = 116; 5.00pm = 140 **Total 531**

Catholics do good at every opportunity.

Catholics pray every day.

Catholics come to Mass every Sunday.

5th Sunday of Easter A 2026

The Permanent Diaconate

'Acts' gives the scriptural beginnings of the 'Sacred Order of Deacon'. Finding it difficult to combine the distribution of food to the poor with preaching the word, the Apostles appointed seven ministers to serve those in need, since charity remains central to the Church's ministry.

By the 'laying on of hands', they gave this duty to "men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom" and thus, the term "diakonia" came to mean service, the characteristic of this Holy Order. St Ignatius of Antioch (100AD) said it would be impossible to have the Church without bishops, priests and deacons because their task is to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ. Thus, there remains an integral connection between the three Holy Orders of Christ's priesthood. Whereas the first two (bishops and priests) are configured as 'Sacerdos' able to confect the Eucharist, hear Confessions and anoint the sick, the deacon by virtue of his ordination (through the 'laying on of hands') makes 'Christ the servant' present to the Church.

In the history of the Western Church, the diaconate became almost exclusively a transitional step to priesthood, but Vatican II restored the diaconate as a permanent ministry in the Latin Church. There is, then, much scope in our community for a Deacon, the icon of Christ the Servant, who exercises amongst us, a ministry of the Word, at the Altar and of Charity.

Reminder: Next Sunday (9th & 10th May) Fr. Simon is away. Fr. Denys celebrates 3 of our 4 Masses: 5pm (Sat), 9.15am & 11.15am Masses. There will be no 5pm Sunday evening Mass.

Readings – Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: **Acts 6:1-7**

Psalm: **Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 2:4-9**

Gospel: **John 14:1-12**

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:

Gerry O'Donnell, Amity Grech, Sheila Thorp, Ariane (St Polycarps), 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, Marie Robinson, 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 all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jenny Dorsa, Royston Dorsa, Ann Ward, Hilda James, Bill Egan, Edwin Pearson, Christine Egan, Angela Tod.

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

CAFOD Soup Lunch:

Huge thanks to Jo Ellis and her team of soup makers and kitchen helpers raising **£310.00** for Cafod. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Evensong:

Thank you to Rev. Sandy and the Choir from St. Thomas on the Bourne for Evensong last Sunday Evening. It was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. Thank you also to the refreshment team.

Rosary Group:

There will be **no Rosary Group on Tuesday 5th May.** For the month of May The Rosary Group will meet on the **12th, 19th, 26th May** 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 **12th 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.

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.

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 13th 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

Childrens' Liturgy:

Takes place every 2 weeks during the 9.15am Mass. The next Liturgy sessions **will be on the 3rd 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.

CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE 2026:

Sessions 3.15pm prompt start

9th May – 'Away Day'

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.

Church closure:

The Church will be closed 4th – 8th May for electrical works whilst Fr Simon is away. The Parish Office remains open.

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.**

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

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

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.**



SCAN ME

The Diocesan Vocations Team has launched a special month of prayer for vocations. As Catholics, we know that God has a plan for each of us and has called us by name through our baptism, to holiness. He continues to call out to us each day to be His disciples; some to the married life, some to the single life, some to religious life and some to the priesthood. In a Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo highlights the importance of daily prayer and cultivating a personal relationship with God: ...“Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people, I encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word. Pause, listen and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world.”

Diary Dates:

Monthly Coffee & Cake Sunday: 3rd May

Bingo Night – Saturday 6th June – Bar & Raffle/Bring your own Evening picnic.

Monthly Coffee & Cake Sunday: 7th June.

Crochet Bag sale: Sunday 7th June – All proceeds to the Roof fund.