

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th September 2026
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 3
 We gather to worship God in union with Leo XIV, Our Pope.

Saturday	5 Sept	
4.15pm	Confession	
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Emma Green RIP (anniv)
Sunday	6 Sept	Twenty-Third Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	John Atkinson RIP (anniv)
11.15am	Mass	Mary Dunn RIP (anniv)
12.15pm	Parish Sunday Lunch	
5.00pm	Mass	Kathleen & Oliver Price RIP (anniv)
Monday	7 Sept	Church Closed
Tuesday	8 Sept	Church Closed
7.30pm	Father's Prayers in Church	
Wednesday	9 Sept	Church Closed
2.00pm	2:2 Club in the Centre	
Thursday	10 Sept	Church Closed
Friday	11 Sept	Church Closed
10.30-11.30am	Adoration	
Saturday	12 Sept	
4.15pm	Confession	

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Jan Sochacki RIP Lydia & Gwidon Buszewicz RIP Bronia Nagurska RIP Jadwiga Gárecka RIP
Sunday	13 Sept	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Robert Page Intention

Arcaid Cake Sale after Mass		
11.15am	Mass	Clarice Kendall RIP (anniv)
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No 5pm Mass		

Mass Count: 29th/30th August: Saturday 5pm = 72; Sunday 9.15am = 112 ; 11.15am = 108; 5.00pm = 86 **Total 378**

2nd Collection: 12th/13th September: Education Sunday. No GA.

2nd Collection: 19th/20th September: Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formaly Home Mission Sunday. No GA.

2nd Collection: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is the 2nd October.

If a Priest is urgently required while Fr Simon is away 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 be closed - 9th September – 17th September inclusive – emails will be monitored during this time. farnham@abdiocese.org.uk

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A 2026 Fraternal Correction

Three of the 'spiritual works of mercy' are radical expressions of love:

We are called to counsel the doubtful, helping people remember that Jesus Christ is 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life'. We must turn to Christ on our pilgrimage through life, coming to the understanding that 'no one can come to the Father except through him'.

We instruct the ignorant, taking time to learn about our faith so that we are able to talk to others about our beliefs, recognising that there is always something more to discover about the Truth of who we are, where we have come from and where we are going as a Christian People.

We are to admonish the sinner, supporting them as they come to conversion. In a gentle way, we help them find the way to truth and virtue and steer clear of falsehood and error, which lead us away from the Kingdom of God. Always, 'we hate the sin but love the sinner'. The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the Good News.

Reminder: Next Sunday (13th September) First Holy Communion 'Sign-up Sunday'

Applications will be available for collection after 9.15am and 11.15am Masses.

To apply for First Holy Communion in the community of St Joan of Arc Farnham you and your child should, ordinarily, be:

Living in the HUB area of Farnham, Heath End or Ash and,

**Attending Holy Mass at St Joan of Arc, Farnham
Be in School Year 3 or above**

All other applications will be accepted at the discretion of the Parish Priest

Reminder – Masses over the next two Weekends

Fr. Simon is on his summer break from Monday 7th Sept. to Thursday 24th Sept. (inclusive). Fr. Chris Dobson and Fr. Gilmour McDermott will celebrate Masses for the weekends of 12th / 13th September & 19th / 20th September. They will celebrate the 5pm (Sat), 9.15am & 11.15am Masses – **they will not celebrate the 5pm Sunday evening Masses on these dates.**

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, 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 all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Emma Green, John Atkinson, Mary Dunn, Kathleen Price, Oliver Price, Patrick O'Malley, Jeremy Clark, Joseph Byrne, Tony Holland, Michael Vincent Kelly, Alma Regan, Donald Patrick, Rudolph Casentien, Gaynor Conlon, Maria Traylen, Eileen Mulvin, Michael Horan.

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

Cake Sale on behalf of Arcaid
Sunday 13th September
Following the 9.15am & 11.15am Mass.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

Every **Wednesday – earlier time of 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Come and refresh your prayer life. Everyone welcome. Information online at stjoanlits.webstarts.com

Father's Prayers:

We hold Fathers' Prayers in the Church every second Tuesday of the month, **8th September at 7.30pm**. (8.15pm May & October) and all other Tuesdays on Zoom at 7.30pm (EXCEPT the month of August) for more details contact antonyjohnson@gmail.com

Rosary Group:

Will meet on **Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm** in the Church. Everyone is welcome to come along.

2:2 Club:

Takes place in the Parish Centre on the Second Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm. Come along on **Wednesday 9th September 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)

Arcaid: Arcaid is St. Joan of Arc's very own overseas Aid Charity. 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.



SCAN ME

KNITTED HATS FOR STELLA MARIS: A big thank you to all those who continue to knit hats for the seafarers. The numbers collected tail off in the British summer, but the seafarers often go where it's still very cold and are pleased to have the woolly headgear, scarves and mittens. Prayer materials are also gratefully received – rosaries, prayer books, prayer cards. Thank you to Yvonne Bergman for organising this. The Collection box is in the porch with knitting patterns, further information email: rix77opr@aol.com

Catholic Parish of Guildford Congress:

'Growing as a Welcoming Community' St Polycarps School, **3rd October 2026 10.00-3.30pm** for all those involved or wishing to become involved with catechesis, formation, liturgy. Sign up information is on the Church noticeboards.

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.

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) requesting any date and time you would like to have the Mass said and either pop it in the collection basket or email the Parish Office.

Readings – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 33:7-9**

Psalm: **Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a**

2nd Reading: **Romans 13:8-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:15-20**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

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

The Latin prayers during Mass are in the hymn book - numbers - 470 Sanctus / 473 Agnes Dei.

The Farnham Society presents Heritage Open Days
Friday 11th to Sunday 20th September

www.farnhamsociety.org.uk Free admission to all venues and tours (some need to be prebooked). Booklets in the Church porch or look on line.

Readers, Servers, Musicians, Welcomers, and sacristans - Sunday Mass: More sacristans are needed for the 5pm Mass on Sunday evening. Although, new volunteers are being trained as sacristans, there are gaps appearing in the sacristy provision. As the pastoral plan continues to be implemented and embedded, for any Mass to remain viable, the community needs to provide the necessary **readers, servers, musicians, welcomers, and sacristans**. Please discern if you can serve in these roles. A DBS check and training is required for the role of Sacristan.

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>

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 & Friends are welcome to attend.

Easyfundraising: A huge thank you to everyone supporting us. If you haven't joined yet, all your online shopping this year could raise **free donations for us - at no extra cost to you**. Do sign up to support us on easyfundraising today, it'll take you two minutes and **we could win a £5,000 donation when you join:** <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-joan-of-arc-farnham-parish-centre-fund/3XQ1FX/dda1/U5SijpKB/Q226V/textcopy/74.48>

First Confession & First Holy Communion 2027:

9.15am Mass - Every Sunday. *Sign up Sunday for 2027 First Confession & First Holy Communion – **Sunday 13th September 2026***

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.**

Confirmation 2026:

Certificates and refreshments – 27th September.

Childrens' Liturgy: Will take place on the 6th & 20th September during the 9.15am Mass.