

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter 26th April 2026

Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 4

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

Saturday	25th April	
12 noon	Wedding	Rory Armstrong & Zoe Rees
4.15pm	Confession	
Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter		
5.00pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving
Sunday	26th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter
9.15 am	Mass	Damiano Diliberto RIP (anniv)
10.00am	First Holy Communion Session (3)	
11.15am	Mass	John Henderson RIP (anniv)
3.15pm	Confirmation Session	
5.00pm	Mass	Ralph White RIP
6.30pm	St Thomas on the Bourne Evensong on Tour Followed by refreshments in the Centre.	
Monday	27th April	
11.00am	Mass	Intentions of Anne Dray
Tuesday	28th April	
11.00am	Mass	Jo Henderson RIP (anniv)
7.30pm	Rosary	
Wednesday	29th April	Church Closed
Thursday	30th April	
11.00am	Mass	Intentions of Maria Barros
Friday	1st May	St Joseph the Worker
10.30am	Adoration	
7.00pm	Mass	Johanna Elizabeth Dipple RIP & George William Dipple RIP
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	Harry Pike & Relations RIP
11.15am	Mass	Rev. Etienne Robo RIP
3.15pm	Confirmation Session	
5.00pm	Mass	Holy Souls

We pray for Rory Armstrong & Zoe Rees who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday 25th April here at St Joan's.

Second Collection this weekend - 26th April World Day of Prayer for Vocations Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

11th/12th April: Saturday 5pm =110; Sunday 9.15am = 156; 11.15am =114 ; 5.00pm = 108 **Total 488**

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

4th Sunday of Easter, A

'Vocations Sunday'

Our vocation leads us 'to a share in the joys of heaven' and on earth the 'universal call to holiness' calls us to serve others as we help build up God's Kingdom.

We start in the 'single life'; not a 'bachelor life', but a joyful virginity for the sake of the kingdom, an image of our relationships in heaven. An overly sexualised and selfish world which has abandoned the gospel, makes the other vocations seem counter-cultural, but our 'consecration' to God is integral to the Christian's life and shapes our interactions with others.

Holy Matrimony (*Marriage*) is a calling to be an image of Christ the Bridegroom and His Bride the Church. A Catholic enters this covenant before the Altar, the couple being for each other a living expression of the Eucharist: 'this is my body which is given up for you'. As such, a properly formed bond of marriage is indissoluble, 'until death do us part'.

The Religious Life, with the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, is a commitment to a 'rule of life' under a particular charism and usually in a community. The habit is a radical expression of their identity in Christ and communities which have a clear understanding of their charism, flourish and provide us with hope, knowing that these 'powerhouses of prayer' are supporting us on our own pilgrimages.

Holy Orders (*Bishops, Priests and Deacons*) express Christ's Priesthood, particularly His sacrifice. Our priests act in 'persona Christi', making Jesus present who feeds us with his body and blood, providing our viaticum (*our food for the journey*) home. They absolve us of our sins and anoint us to unite our sufferings to the Cross, helping us pass-over into eternal life.

Reminder: Fr. Simon is away on 6th Sun. of Easter, as such there is **no 5pm Mass on Sun. 10th May** but the other Masses will be celebrated as normal by Fr. Denys of the Rosminians.

Let us pray for those in our families who are unwell at this time and especially for: Gerry O'Donnell, Amiti 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 the recently deceased:

Margaret Moore RIP

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Damiano Dilberto, John Henderson, Jo Henderson, Fiona Mearns, Kate Wheller, Margaret Stuart Leonard, Gabbi Christie, Lorna Hazelhurst, William Devaney, Paddy Lawson, Sarah Intrieri, Frank Yelland, Jenny Dorsa.

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

Readings – Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-4

Psalm: Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

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

*St Thomas on the Bourne - Evensong on Tour
At St Joan of Arc - Sunday 26th April 6.30pm.*

*Everyone is welcome to attend.
Refreshments will be served.*

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 at 7.30pm (**8.15pm May** & October) and all other Tuesdays on Zoom at 7.30pm (EXCEPT the month of August) antonyjohnson@gmail.com **12th May 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.

200 Club:

The Spring Draw winners of **£100 each** are: Rhianna Netherton 132; Lucy Owen 198; Mrs M Stafford 127. 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 own overseas Aid Charity.**



SCAN ME

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 Session 26th April

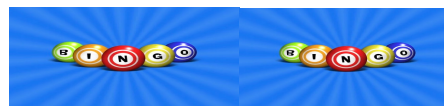
CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE 2026:

Sessions 3.15pm prompt start

Next session 26th April.

Attendance Sunday at the 5pm Youth Mass. Sit together in the front reserved seats, and please sign up to read.

**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.

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.

Diary Dates:

Monthly Coffee & Cake Sunday: The Next fundraising Cake sale: will be next weekend **3rd May** – do sign up (on the board in the church porch) if you can provide a cake for this date.

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.

Parish Sunday Lunch: Sunday 28th June.

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

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

Calling all Roof fund bakers!

There is a Sign up board in the Church porch – if you would like to bake for any of our monthly cake sale or you wish to help to set the table up and sell on the day – please sign up for a particular date listed – **May, June, July.**

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 hand it to a sacristan or email or call the Parish Office.

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