

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2026

Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 3

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

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| Saturday | 18th April | |
| 12.30pm | Baptism | Ada Rose Shaw |
| 4.15pm | Confession | |
| Third Sunday of Easter | | |
| 5.00pm | Mass | For Karl & Annalise |
| Sunday | 19th April | Third Sunday of Easter |
| 9.15 am | Mass | Holy Souls |
| 11.15am | Mass | Maurice McKeating RIP (anniv) |
| 3.15pm | Confirmation Session | |
| 5.00pm | Mass | Holy Souls |
| Monday | 20th April | |
| 11.00am | Mass | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday | 21st April | |
| 11.00am | Mass | Holy Souls |
| 7.30pm | Rosary | |
| Wednesday | 22nd April | Church Closed |
| 2.00pm | 2:2 Club in the Centre | |
| Thursday | 23rd April | St George Patron of England |
| 11.00am | Mass | John Cooke RIP (anniv) |
| Friday | 24th April | |
| 10.30am- 11.30am | Adoration | |
| 11.30am (time change) | Mass | Holy Souls |
| 12 noon | Cafod Soup lunch in the Centre | |
| 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 | Holy Souls |
| 6.30pm | St Thomas on the Bourne Evensong on Tour Followed by refreshments in the Centre. | |

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

5th/6th April: Saturday 5pm = 110; Sunday 9.15am = 147; 11.15am = 130; 5.00pm = 151. **Total 538**

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

Catholics do good at every opportunity.

Catholics pray every day.

Catholics come to Mass every Sunday.

3rd Sunday of Easter A

The Solemnity St George, Patron of England
(Thursday 23rd April)

St. George's great appeal to us, may stem from the artistic words Shakespeare attributes to Henry V in Act III: '**Cry God for Harry, England and Saint George!**' Thus, the English associate George with ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry, but he was not English and never came here. So, while we may be proud to fly the 'St George Cross' on our homestead we might want to think twice about drawing them on mini-roundabouts or climbing lampposts if our motive could in any way be one that is misconstrued as lacking honour and tolerance, for George stood up for the Christian outcast, who was vulnerable, innocent and persecuted.

Born in Lydda, he was a Roman Soldier and in 302AD Emperor Diocletian issued an edict that every Christian in the army be arrested and that all soldiers should offer sacrifice to the 'roman gods'. George protested and Diocletian attempted to buy his silence, for he was a popular officer. Instead, George proclaimed his own faith in Christ and so, Diocletian tortured and executed him. What about the slaying of the dragon in Silene, Libya? It is seen in Eastern Orthodox Iconography, and the Crusaders brought the legend home to England. It was so popular that the 'Council of Oxford' declared George as England's Patron. While we do not dismiss any tradition out of hand, the first record of it dates to 700 years after his birth, so, its provenance is low. It is, then, an allegory, the 'dragon' being any attitude seeking to attack the Church. So, happy Feast Day, one of love, respect, tolerance; full of virtue and truth. Fr. Simon.

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, Amity Grech, Sheila Thorp, Ariane (St Polycarp), 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:

Edward Striegel RIP.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Cooke, Maurice McKeating, Philomena D'Silva, Damiano Diliberto, Elizabeth Hudson, Robert Fowler, Ken Gooch, Lily Whittall, George Lynch, Katherine Eileen Gibson.

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

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

RCIA:

Congratulations to Raymond and Roger who were received into the Church this Easter. Our next RCIA course (*run in conjunction with Holy Family and Holy Angels*) begins on **Friday 22nd May 2026 at 7.30pm** at Holy Angels in Ash.

If you are an adult, who has been coming to Mass here at St Joan of Arc for at least six months, and you think that you might be ready to start formation for Baptism or for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, please make an appointment to see Fr. Simon ASAP. The RCIA course is also suitable for Adult Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation and be Confirmed.

The Rosary Group:

Meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church **21st April**.

CAFOD Soup lunch:

Will take place on **Friday 24th April** following the 11.30am Morning Mass. If you would like to help in the kitchen or offer to make some soup please get in touch with Jo joanneellisuk@gmail.com

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.

2:2 Club:

NEW DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Wednesday 22nd April at 2.00pm in the Centre. Come along for a chat, games, tea and cake. Open to all of retirement age.

200 Club:

Contact John Dick to join St Joan of Arc 200 Club. £12 a year for one number. [johndick187@btinternet.com](mailto: 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 19th April & 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 sessions **19th April & 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



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.

Tickets will be on sale in May after all Masses or email mm@maher.je or the Parish Office.

Diary Dates:

2:2 Club – Wednesday 22nd April 2pm.

Cafod Soup Lunch – Friday 24th April 12 noon.

St Thomas Evensong on Tour – Sunday 26th April.

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

Monthly Coffee & Cake Sunday 7th June.

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

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

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

Farnborough Hill School Open Afternoons:

Farnborough Hill starting at **1.30pm Friday 24th April 2026** www.farnborough-hill.org

Job Vacancy: School Lay Chaplain for Farnborough Hill. www.farnborough-hill.org/about-us/working-at-farnborough-hill contact: hmsec@farnborough-hill.org for all information regarding this vacancy.

Foodbank: www.farnham.foodbank.org.uk

This month Foodbank are requesting: UHT Milk, UHT juice, Chocolate, Jams/Peanut butter, Toilet paper. **Thank you for your generosity, these items are collected on Sunday after Mass.**

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

Easy fundraising:

With #easyfundraising, supporting us is as simple as doing your normal online shopping. Sign up, shop online and retailers will donate to us - for free!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-joan-of-arc-farnham-parish-centre-fund/3XQ1FX/ctos/GI82G3Ik/OSATE/facebook/>