

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Second Sunday of Christmas/The Baptism of the Lord

4th January 2026 /11th January 2026

Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Readings II, Psalter Week

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

Saturday	3 rd January	
4.15pm	Confession	
Second Sunday of Christmas		
5.00pm	Mass	Susie Pitt RIP
Sunday	4th January	Second Sunday of Christmas
9.15am	Mass	The Collins Family Intentions
11.15am	Mass	Sheila Thorp Intentions
5.00pm	Mass	For those Persecuting Christians may the Holy Spirit enter them
Monday	5th January	
7.00pm	Vigil Mass of the Epiphany	Benefactors & Donors of St Joan of Arc's Roof Fund Appeal
Tuesday	6th January	The Epiphany of the Lord
9.15am	School Mass for the Epiphany	
11.00am	Mass	Harry Woellwarth Intentions
7.30pm	Rosary	tbc
Wednesday	7th January	Church Closed
Thursday	8th January	94th Anniversary of the Parish St Joan of Arc
11.00am	Mass	Bridie O'Rourkes Intention
Friday	9th January	
11.00am	Mass	Brian Wagstaff RIP
Saturday	10th January	
9.00am	Parents First Holy Communion Meeting in the Centre (1)	
4.15pm	Confession	
The Baptism of the Lord		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rita Lynch In Thanksgiving (80 th Birthday)
Sunday	11th January	The Baptism of the Lord
9.15am	Mass	Jane Thornton RIP
10.20-10.50am	Confession	
11.15am	Mass	Mary & George Dunn RIP
5.00pm	Mass	Mary Vaughan-Neil RIP
Monday	12th January	Ordinary Time
11.00am	Mass	Deceased Fuller Family
Tuesday	13th January	Church Closed
7.30pm	Father's Prayers	
Wednesday	14th January	Church Closed
Thursday	15th January	
12 noon	Mass	Vera Arathoon RIP (anniv)
Friday	16th January	
11.00am	Mass	Deceased O'Donnell Family
Saturday	17th January	
9.00am	Parents First Holy Communion Meeting in the Centre (2)	
12.30pm	Baptism	Rafi Runsewe
4.15pm	Confession	
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Mass	Simon Maher RIP (anniv)
Sunday	18th January	Second Sunday in OT
9.15am	Mass	The Collins Family Intentions
11.15am	Mass	Brian Wagstaff RIP
3.30pm	1 st Confirmation Session in Centre. Parents to attend the end of the session for 15 minutes.	
5.00pm	Mass	Lily Thompson RIP (anniv)

2nd Sunday of Christmas A 2026

May God be pleased to fill the world with His glory.

In 2006, the Church in England & Wales responding to developing universal norms transferred the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on the Sunday falling between 2nd & 8th January. In 2017, the Bishops of England & Wales, having heard requests from many people in the territory, petitioned and received Vatican approval to move the Epiphany of the Lord back to its proper day of 6th January (unless this day falls on a Saturday or a Monday).

Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship said, '*The Bishop's Conference is to be lauded for taking this decision which goes to underline the importance of liturgical time. Many people will no doubt rejoice that they can once again mark this day as they had been marked until 2006.*'

The Epiphany of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation, and in the Farnham & Ash Hub, these will be the Masses for this Feast of the Manifestation of the Lord's Divinity:

- A Vigil Mass at 7pm on Monday 5th January in St Joan's.
- Mass of the Day at 9.30am on Tuesday 6th January in Holy Family, Heath End.
- Mass of the Day at 11am on Tuesday 6th January in St Joan's.
- Mass of the Day on Tuesday 6th January at Holy Angels, Ash. www.holyangels.org for Mass time.
- And a Mass for St Polycarp's School.

Last year on the Feast of St Joan (30th May) we celebrated 95th anniversary of our Church of St Joan of Arc. This Wednesday, 7th January is the anniversary of the Parish of St Joan of Arc, founded in 1932. As Wednesday is my day off, I will transfer the anniversary Mass to Thursday. While we have become part of the new Parish of Guildford this anniversary is still a moment of great significance for our community of faith. Perhaps, we might reflect that the life of the Catholic community has evolved and changed many times over the years, through recusant times, to its reestablishment in Frensham and later as St Polycarp's at Bear Lane in the Town Centre before moving to our current site under the auspices of Fr. Etienne Robo. No doubt, it will evolve again according to the pastoral needs of God's people in these parts.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr. Simon.

Holy Day of Obligation – Mass times:

Epiphany of the Lord **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

Monday 5th January Vigil Mass 7.00pm;

Tuesday 6th January at 11.00am

Christmas Mass Attendance:

Christmas Eve 4pm: 586, 6.15pm: 465, Christmas Day 9.15am: 173, 11.15am 272 = Total 1496.

Mass Count: 27th/28th Dec: Saturday 5pm:= 90; Sunday 9.15am:= 77; 11.15am:= 160; 5.00pm= 90;= **Total 417**

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed until the 13th January.

Emails during this time will be monitored.

Cecilia, Lee & Mylah.

We wish you all a Happy & Peaceful New Year 2026.

Christmas Champagne Raffle

Raised £213.00 for the roof fund, the winning purple ticket, number 136.

The Rosary Group:

Meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church **6th & 20th January 2026**.

Childrens' Liturgy:

Takes place every 2 weeks during the 9.15am Mass. The next Liturgy sessions **will be on 11th January 2026**. These are for Parents with Children in Reception to Year 2. **A Case 4 form must be completed on the first visit.**

Fathers' Prayers:

Takes place in the Church every **second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm** and all the other Tuesdays are on Zoom at **7.30pm** Contact Antony for further details. Antonyjohnson@gmail.com **Date: 13th January.**

Coffee:

Coffee will be served after the 9.15am and 11.15am Mass in the Centre after **Mass 4th January 2026**. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

2:2 Club:

Wednesday 14th January at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Come along for a chat, games, tea and cake. Open to all of retirement age.

Monthly Roof Fundraising Cake Sale:

Cake sales will resume on **Sunday 1st February** following the 9.15am & 11.15am – please contact the parish office or use the sign up board if you would like to help set up and sell the cakes or make some cakes for this fundraiser.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:

9.15am Family Mass - Every Sunday. Sign in weekly for Mass attendance.

Parents only session on the Eucharist: 9am on Saturday 10th January 2026

Parents only session on Reconciliation: 9am on Saturday 17th January 2026

At least one parent should attend both sessions. (Not for the Children).

Opening Mass: 9.15am on Sunday 18th January 2026. At this Mass the children will be presented to the parish and course books will be available for collection.

CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE 2026:

Attendance every 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

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



The Baptism of the Lord A 2026

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is administered in different age categories.

In the case of children, at least one parent is already a practicing Catholic.

Infant Baptism 0-6 years: Ideally, parents will have their children baptised soon after birth. This assumes that there is a reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the practice of the faith (*measured by the parent(s) attendance at Sunday Mass*). As such, application forms are available from Fr. Simon at the end of your normal Sunday Mass. Once returned, Fr. Simon will arrange to see you to discuss your baptism preparation.

Children of Catechetical Age 7-13 years: If a child has reached the age of reason (7+), they are old enough to understand, in part, what is happening to them. Along with their parents, the child needs to consent to baptism and be properly prepared. Again, there must be a reasonable hope that the child will practice their faith. As such, application forms are available from Fr. Simon at the end of your normal Sunday Mass. Once returned, Fr. Simon will arrange to see you to discuss the preparation. The child will be prepared for both baptism and First Holy Communion at the same time, unless pastoral reasons suggest otherwise.

Adults 14 – 17 years: From 14, the teenager must make an application to the bishop (*via the Parish Priest*). As we do not have a specific baptism course for this age group, we use the Confirmation Programme to prepare the individual for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This runs once a year, with expressions of interest being taken from September, with the Sacrament administered the following year in early Summer.

Adults 18+: An 18month to 2-year process using the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It starts with the pre-catechumenate (*lasting six months to a year*), where the individual shows they have already made the Mass and Community part of their life. Then in May, the RCIA course begins (*run as a HUB activity at Holy Angels, Ash*) with the possibility of baptism at the Easter Vigil the following year. If you are thinking of starting the 'pre-catechumenate' or think you are ready for the RCIA course, book an appointment to see Fr. Simon.

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

Sheila Thorp, Ariane (St Polycars), 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, Edward Striegel, 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:

Fr Charles Borelli, Charles Appelbee, Germaine Mason, Hilary Sutton, Pamela Larmer, Magdalena Bortello Diaz, John Kane, Brenda Harvey, Frances Ashworth, John Kane, Frances Ashworth, Kitty Marshall, Catherine Smith, Ronald Trinder, Thomas Willis, Michael Sargent, Catherine Hooker, Margaret Riley, Patrick Doherty, Sheila Bettin, Barbara Wlasow, Michael Chandler, Siobhan O'Hagan, Maria -Angela Palk, Dorothy Spencer, Natalia Maria Gomes Mason, Tom Blakeway, David Hemingway, Barbara North, Peter Maxted, John Scanlon.

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