

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2026

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 3

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

Saturday	3rd Oct	
10.00am	Adoration	Parish Congress
4.15pm	Confession	
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Dan & Donna Freshwater Intentions
Sunday	4th Oct	27th Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Pat Padilla RIP
Cake Sale & Coffee after Mass		
11.15am	Mass	Mary Ditchburn RIP
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5.00pm	Mass	Marcus Johnson Intention
Monday	5th Oct	
11.00am	Mass	Special Intention
Tuesday	6th Oct	
11.00am	Mass	Pawet Spyczak Von Brzezinski RIP
7.30pm	Rosary	
Wednesday	7th Oct	Church Closed
Thursday	8th Oct	
11.00am	Mass	Scripture Group Members Intentions
Friday	9th Oct	
10.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Mass	Sheelagh Steed RIP
Saturday	10th Oct	
4.15pm	Confession	
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ray & Marie Traynor RIP
Sunday	11th Oct	28th Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Jeannette O'Donnell RIP
10.00am	Confessions	
11.15am	Mass	Peter King RIP (anniv)
BBQ/Braai after Mass		
5.00pm	Mass	John Walsh Intentions
5.45pm	Confessions	

Mass Count: 26th/27th September: Saturday 5pm = 98; Sunday 9.15am = 141; 11.15am = 150; 5.00pm = 167 **Total 556**

2nd Collection: Prisoner's Sunday 11th October.

Mass of Welcome to Bishop Stephen Wang:

Saturday 24th October 11.30am at Worth Abbey

Following his Ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome followed by a reception. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

St Francis of Assisi & Rosary Sunday

The 4th of Oct. is also the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year (10th Jan. 2026 to 10th Jan. 2027) is a special 'Jubilee Year' given by Pope Leo to commemorate the 800th anniversary of St Francis' death. We are invited to rediscover the way of life of St Francis, one that is simple and essential, open to peace, fraternity, and respect for creation.

Francis did not try to eliminate poverty but strived to make his poverty holy. The Franciscans worked for every necessity, only begging when required, believing possessing something was the death of love. His rule stems from the 'parable of the rich young man' who is told to sell everything he owns and give it to the poor. Francis said, 'it is in giving that we receive' and 'when you leave this earth we can take nothing that we have received, only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage'.

The Apostles too were told to take nothing for the journey, to stay in one house and eat what is set before them. Francis saw the Christian life as an acceptance of the Cross, but as it can seem heavy, he said, 'be patient because the weaknesses of the body are given to us in this world by God for the salvation of the soul. They are of great merit when borne patiently'.

"Francis, Francis, go and repair my house, as you can see, is falling into ruins". Initially thinking this was a request to rebuild the Assisi Church, he came to see it as an appeal to more formation and evangelisation. May we, therefore, open our catechisms, listen to Catholic podcasts and / or watch Catholic videos – do something extra!

This Sunday is **Rosary Sunday** and the 5pm Saturday Mass will be of Our Lady of the Rosary (readings of 27th Sun. in OT A). October is also the month of the Rosary. We often pray the Glorious Mysteries on Sunday and Wednesday, the Joyful Mysteries on Monday and Saturday, the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Friday, and the Luminous Mysteries on Thursday.

St Joan's Rosary Group will meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Church throughout October.

Pope John Paul II said "Rediscover the Rosary in the light of scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy and in the context of your daily lives".

Readings – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Psalm: **Ps 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R̥ Isaiah 5:7a**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

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

Sunday morning Coffee & Cake Sale:

Sunday 4th October after the 9.15am and 11.15am Masses.

Rosary Group:

Will meet every **Tuesday throughout October at 7.30pm** in the Church. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Father's Prayers:

We hold Fathers' Prayers in the Church every second Tuesday of the month, **13th October at 8.15pm** all other Tuesdays on Zoom at 7.30pm for more details contact antonyhjohnson@gmail.com

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

Every **Wednesday – 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Come and refresh your prayer life. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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. **Collect an application form by the sanctuary at the end of Mass.**

Childrens' Liturgy: Will take place on the 4th October during the 9.15am Mass.

200 Club:

Contact John Dick to join St Joan of Arc 200 Club it's £12 a year for one number. 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.

2:2 Club:

Takes place in the Parish Centre on the Second Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm. Come along on **Wednesday 14th October at 2.00pm** for games, tea and cake and a chat. Open to all over a certain age and retired!

Diary Dates:

Cake sale & coffee: 4th October.

2:2 Club: 14th October; 11th November.

Sunday BBQ Braai: Sunday 11th October.

Parish Quiz Night: Friday 16th October.

Handmade Soap Sale: 18th October.

Christmas Bazaar: Sunday 22nd November.

*If you would like to come and join the **planning team** for the bazaar or have any new ideas, come along to our next planning meeting on Tuesday 13th October 10am-11am in the Centre Foyer.*

Leaf Clearance & Christmas Tree helpers: Saturday 5th December.

Christmas Readings & Carols: Sunday 20th December 3pm followed by refreshments.

Registered? Are you registered with your community here at St Joan of Arc? Please complete a green registration form which are in the Church Porch, so we have your most up to date details and return it to the Parish Office.

Foodbank: www.farnham.foodbank.org.uk

Food supplies are low at the moment, donations are appreciated: this month: Tinned vegetables & Tinned Potatoes, UHT juice; UHT milk, UHT Desserts – Rice pudding, jelly, sponges and Toilet Rolls. **Many thanks.**

Latin Prayers

Said during the Mass are in the hymn book, numbers - 470 Sanctus / 473 Agnes Dei.

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

and especially for: Gerry O'Donnell, Liz Cross, 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 the recently deceased:

Peter Standring RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 23rd October at 1.45pm.

Robert Page RIP

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

John Prendergast, Conor Cassidy, Patricia Brooker, Martin Wake, Josephine Burrige, Margaret Aitkins, Frantisek Kominak, David Holdsworth, Ruth Barrow, Virginia Adungo, Molly Moore, William Cooper, David Napier, Elizabeth Garsed.

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

SUNDAY BBQ/BRAAI 11TH OCTOBER 12 NOON

Joint fundraiser for **The St Joan of Arc Roof Fund & Arcaid.**

Can we please ask for help on the day itself, Donations of any kind to the event (the BBQ/Braai will include Boerewors in a roll / plus veggie alternative) a Raffle of South African goodies and we ask for assistance to make South African milk tarts (the recipe will be provided and no previous experience is needed making these!) Please contact: joanneellisuk@gmail.com

QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 7.00PM for 7.30PM

£10 per person. Bring your own picnic supper and drinks.

Raffle on the night. Tickets on sale after all Masses.

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HOMEMADE SOAP SALE

Amicie will be selling her wonderful homemade soaps in aid of the Roof fund on **Sunday 18th October** following the 9.15am & 11.15am Masses. Cash or Dona. Perfect Christmas gifts!

PUZZLE SWOP IN THE LINK

Take a puzzle and donate £2 for the roof fund. You can exchange it for one of your own or return it once completed, take another one, donate £2 again.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR **Sunday 22nd November 10.00am -1.30pm.**

Come along after or before Sunday morning Mass.

Please sign up – on the board in the Church porch if you would like to get involved in helping in any way.

Please start to gather brand new or nearly new gifts, toiletries, chocolates, bottles, jewellery, Christmas items. If you run a business and would like to offer a service, dinner for 2, wine, money off an activity voucher, etc all would be very much appreciated for our Silent Auction or Raffle prize. But most of all – put the date in the diary and come and have a coffee/tea and a Bacon/hotdog/Veg roll and enjoy your community of St Joan of Arc.

We will be **collecting items** on the weekends of 7th/8th November & 14th/15th November.

Specific request dates:

Bring a Bottle Sunday – 24th/25th October

Bring a Tombola/Raffle item Sunday – 31st Oct/1st Nov.
