

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 2026

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 1

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

Saturday	19 Sept	
4.15pm	Confession	
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sinead Marshall Intentions
Sunday	20 Sept	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Kathleen Gibbons RIP
11.15am	Mass	Clarice Kendall RIP (anniv)
No 5pm Mass		
Monday	21 Sept	Church Closed
Tuesday	22 Sept	Church Closed
7.30pm	Rosary	
Wednesday	23 Sept	Church Closed
Thursday	24 Sept	Church Closed
Friday	25 Sept	
11.00am	Requiem Mass	Winifred Curtis RIP
Saturday	26 Sept	
4.15pm	Confession	
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Elizabeth Richardson RIP
Sunday	27 Sept	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Maria Eugenia Pimenta RIP
11.15am	Mass	Bill Steijger RIP
5.00pm	Mass	Evelyn Borelli RIP
2026 Confirmation Certificates and refreshments		

Mass Count: 12th/13th September: Saturday 5pm = 87 ; Sunday 9.15am =116; 11.15am =167 ; 5.00pm = No Mass
Total 370.

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

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

First Holy Communion 2027 forms should be returned this weekend and placed in the basket by the sanctuary - 20th September. Please collect the first stamp for your passport.

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

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A More details of the Guildford Catholic Parish Congress

This year's Congress will take place

3rd October 2026 10.00am – 3.30pm

**St Polycarp's School, Waverley Lane, Farnham
GU9 8BQ**

Since 1st Sunday of Advent 2025, the 'Community of St Joan of Arc' is part of the new 'Guildford Catholic Parish' inaugurated by Bishop Richard. In May last year, some 90 people from across our new parish came together to reflect on our mission in the light of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Following that meeting we have formulated a vision for our parish as:

***A welcoming Catholic community of prayer,
formation, and mission***

***where Jesus Christ, the Word who is Life is
encountered,***

***where all can grow in holiness and bear witness in
their lives.***

This year, we invite those involved with catechesis, formation, liturgy and outreach to gather with us and reflect on how we can grow as a 'welcoming communities', with Jesus Christ himself at our centre. It is also open to those who are interested in becoming more involved or and of course to those who just want to find out more. The Congress will provide a source of learning and inspiration for our welcome, especially through sharing in a "Conversation in the Spirit", an opportunity to hear about how our new parish is developing. The programme for the day and a link to sign up can be found here:

<https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/ymugrrvs>

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

Winifred Curtis RIP.

Peter Stranding RIP.

Maria Eugenia Pimenta RIP

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Peter Giffin, Clarice Kendall, Paul Lynch, John Burland, Ann Taylor, Geneen McQuaid, Olga Chittock, Esmail Setra, Mary McDevitt, Gerard O'Brien, Kathleen McMillan, Gemma Barber-Miani, Norah Smith, Thomas O'Donnell.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Arcaid Cake Sale last weekend. £508.00 Cash & £218.89 Dona = **Total raised £726.89.** Thank you very very much.

Mass of Welcome to Bishop Elect Stephen Wang:

Our new parish has some 50 places for the Mass of Welcome with Bishop Stephen. For more details or to book a place go to details and to ask for a place go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Massofwelcome26>
The coach will pick up at Milford (St Joseph's) at 9.20am and then at St Pius, Merrow at around 9.40am and returning between 3.30pm and 4.00pm.
If you don't have access to a computer and would like to request a place you can leave a message with your name and contact number at godalming@abdiocese.org.uk or 01483 416880. <https://tinyurl.com/Massofwelcome26>

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. Further details on St Joan's website.

Rosary Group:

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

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.



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Diary Dates:

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

Parish Quiz Night: Friday 16th October.

Sunday Braai: Sunday October 11th.

Christmas Bazaar: Sunday 22nd November.

*If you would like to come and join the **planning team** for the bazaar or have any new ideas, please contact the Parish Office.*

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

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.

Readings – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Psalm: **Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R18a**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

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

Latin Prayers

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

Cake Sale - Calling all Bakers:

The roof fund cake sales begin again on **Sunday 4th October.** If you would like to set up and sell cakes or make/bring a cake to sell – **please sign up on the board in the Church porch.**

Sunday morning Coffee:

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

Sunday Braai 11th October
following the 11.15am Mass.

This is a joint fundraising event for **The St Joan of Arc Roof Fund and Arcaid.**

Can we please ask for help on the day itself, donations of any kind to the event (the 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

St Joan of Arc Playgroup:

Tuesday's term time £2 - 9.30-11am for parents and carers of pre-school Children, you will be warmly welcomed.

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.

Farnborough Hill School Open Morning:

Thursday 1 October at 9.00 am. Please see the poster for further details.

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->