St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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First Sunday in Advent
29th November 2026
Sunday Cycle B, Weekday Readings, Psalter Week 1
We gather to worship God in union with Leo XIV, Our Pope and Stephen, Our Bishop.

Saturday	**28th Nov**	
The Season of Advent	**Sunday Cycle Year B**	
4.15pm	Confession	
5.00pm	Mass	Susie Pitt RIP (anniv)
Sunday	**29th Nov**	**First Sunday of Advent**
9.15 am	Mass	DSCD family members of the Hakalo Family
Coffee in the Centre after Mass		
11.15am	Mass	Amiti Marie Théresè Grech RIP
Coffee in the Centre after Mass		
5.00pm	Mass	Yvette Brownscombe Intentions
Monday	**30th Nov**	**St Andrew**
11.00am	Mass	Xavier John Motha RIP
Tuesday	**1st December**	
11.00am	Mass	Peter Lordan RIP
7.30pm	Rosary	
Wednesday	**2nd Dec**	**Church Closed**
Thursday	**3rd Dec**	**St Francis Xavier**
11.00am	Mass /Y3	Special Intentions
Friday	**4th Dec**	
10.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Mass	Intention of Luke Fernandes
3.30pm	School Carol Concert	
Saturday	**5th Dec**	
10am	***Christmas Tree & Crib building helpers***	
10am-2pm	***Leaf Clearance – Church Grounds***	
Second Sunday of Advent		
4.15pm	Confession	
5.00pm	Mass	Helen Dooley RIP (anniv)
Sunday	**6th Dec**	**Second Sunday of Advent**
9.15 am	Mass	Larry Leavy RIP (anniv)
11.15am	Mass	Christopher & Jean Caillard RIP (anniv)
Christmas Sunday Parish Lunch in the Centre		
5.00pm	Mass	Mary Getting RIP

2nd Collection: ~~**21st/22nd**~~ **28th/29th November** Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid).

2nd Collection: For our Parish Christmas Flowers 12th/13th December.

During the Christmas Season the Crib Collection: Catholic Society A&B Crisis Fund.

Readings – First Sunday in Advent
1st Reading: **Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8**
Psalm: **Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. ℟4**
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
Gospel: **Mark 13:33-37**
Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com
Fr Simons Daily Reflections are on the website. www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk

1st Sunday of Advent B

This weekend, Fr. Simon is celebrating the Haslemere grouping of Masses.
And we welcome Fr. Jonathan How to Farnham to celebrate our four Masses.

Happy Anniversary! Today, the *'Guildford Catholic Parish'* is one year old, the bringing together of St Joan of Arc and the other 14 communities of the former *'Guildford Deanery'* as one parish.

So, what has changed? The Parish is administered by a team of *'parish priests'*, working in *'solidum'*, meaning the priests together agree the Parish's pastoral priorities, so that as changes are required, we can co-operate in providing the Parish's liturgical & sacramental needs. There is an over-arching *'Steering Committee'* made up of representatives of the three HUB areas: *'Town Centre'*, *'Farnham & Ash'* and *'Cranleigh, Godalming & Haslemere'*, helping the priests develop these pastoral priorities, and an over-arching Finance Committee, taking a strategic view of the Parishes resources. It would be good to strengthen the *'Farnham Voice'* on the *'Steering Committee'*, so please discern if that person is you!

Neither of these two committees preclude local groups keeping a *'watching brief'* on their needs and we always have the opportunity to inform the wider parish of our views and needs. For now, each community retains its usual priest to shepherd the *'day-to-day'* mission, but there have been some steps to work more closely together. Here in the HUB area of Farnham & Ash, we have brought the RCIA and Confirmation programmes together and Fr. Robin and Fr. Simon have been better able to cover each other. As Bishop Stephen begins to understand the needs of the Diocese, no doubt, he will communicate his vision but we can be sure that for any community to remain viable, all the *'day-to-day'* pastoral & liturgical needs should be covered: from welcomers, readers, altar servers, musicians, flower arrangers, cleaners etc.

Advent in St Joan of Arc:

- Advent Group: Videos by Bishop Stephen Wang, *'The Heart of Prayer'* continues Wednesdays 2nd, 9th & 16th December.
- Our *'Advent Day of Recollection'* is Saturday 12th December, with 11am Mass for the Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by our spiritual talk – *'The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me'*, a reflection on our 'Confirmation'.
- Our *'Day of Reconciliation'* is Thursday 17th December, with Confessions after 11am Mass, at 3pm to 4pm, and 6.30pm to 7.30pm.
- Our Advent Carol Service is 3pm on Sunday 20th December.

Prosecco Winner
Of the Christmas Bazaar Entrance ticket.
Pink ticket – Number 765.
Please collect your bottle from the Sacristy.

St Joan of Arc Christmas Bazaar

Huge thanks to the team who put it all together, Jenny, Mary, Alan, Mike, Polly & Cecilia. To all in the kitchen helpers, to the stall holder volunteers who made it such a happy event, to the parking marshall, to the chaps who moved tables, chairs and boxes and to all of you who came and supported it. **Over £5,900** has been raised for the Roof Fund so far. (*Final figure to follow).*

The remaining items are in the foyer this weekend, if you would like to make a monetary donation or use the card reader to continue raising funds.

Christmas Parish Sunday Lunch

will be served on **Sunday 6th December at 12 noon** in the Centre. Cost £10 per person, contact nikkimfarnham@gmail.com to book your place 07969189381. *If you are not able to get there please email to discuss options.* Book by ***Wednesday 2nd December.***

Annual Leaf Clearance & Christmas Tree Helpers

Needed between 10-2pm. *Saturday 5th December.*

Help is requested for the Annual Leaf Clearance, and to put the Christmas tree, crib and decorations up.

10.00am Christmas Tree & Decs helpers;

Anytime between 10.00am – 2.00pm: Garden help

Refreshments will be provided.

Bring a rake, broom, leaf grabbers etc.

Ladies Christmas Bring A Dish

Tuesday 15th December @ 7.00pm

Ladies of the parish are invited to come along to the Parish Centre, with a dish to share *(Pot luck supper).* Everyone is warmly welcome to come along for an evening of good food and good company. The sign up board is in the Church porch/contact Cecilia 07484114716 for more details.

2:2 Club: Takes place in the Parish Centre on the Second Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm. Come along on **Wednesday 9th December at 2.00pm** for games, tea, cake and a chat. Open to all over a certain age and retired!

Advent Course: "The Heart of Prayer". Wednesday evenings **until 16th December** 7.30-8.45pm in the Parish Centre. A chance to refresh your prayer life. Videos created and presented by Fr. Stephen Wang, now our new Bishop. No booking needed.

Childrens' Liturgy: Will take place on **Sunday 29th November** during the 9.15am Mass in the centre.

Rosary Group: Meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church. **Next date: 1st & 15th December.**

Scripture Study Group: Meet at 10am on Wednesday mornings in the foyer of the Centre. You are welcome to attend to study this weeks scripture.

Diary Dates:

Advent Course: Wednesdays 2nd -16th Dec 7.30pm.
Autumn Leaf Clearance & Christmas Tree helpers: Saturday 5th December.
Christmas Parish Sunday Lunch: 6th December.
2:2 Club: Wednesday 9th December 2pm.
Ladies Christmas Bring a Dish Evening: Tuesday 15th December 7pm.
Carol Service: Sunday 20th December 3pm followed by refreshments.

Let us pray for those in our families who are unwell at this time and especially for: Sheila Thorp, Sheila Potter, Michael Pattie, Liz Cross, 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.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Susie Pitt, Teresa Cole, Joe Bannan, Jean Doe, Diana Hegarty, Nellie Brittin, Pearl Davis, Eileen Price, Emma Thomson, Jerzy Tadeusz Ciaglinski, Tricia Westlake, Thomas McDonagh, Lady Margaret Southworth, Shaun Dixon, Glayds Short, James Gimble, Bob Hyland, Evelyn Pearse, Vincent O'Brien, David Dadson, Elizabeth Jones, Danny Newell, Tony Desmond.

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

A Journey of Prayer for Advent Booklets – Walk with Me.
Are available from the basket on the sanctuary @ £1.50.

Stella Maris Appeal: There will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends. It can be a tough, relentless and dangerous life. Stella Maris wants to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we're planning to collect lots of chocolate Christmas presents for seafarers visiting the Southampton ports in the days before Christmas. Can you please help us by donating chocolate gifts? Tubs, packets, bars - all gratefully received. Bring donations to the porch, and Yvonne Bergman rix77opr@aol.com will take them to the Southampton office on **15 December.**









Also : calling all knitters! The seafarers **love** their hats, scarves and mittens and look forward to receiving them, so please bring your knitted offerings too. Thank you for you generosity.

Easyfundraising for the Roof fund: Amazing news! St Joan of Arc Farnham Parish Centre Fund is being paid £179. in easyfundraising's £2.5 million Donation Day – all thanks to our supporters shopping online. **Want to get involved?** Sign up for free and turn your online shopping for Black Friday and Christmas into donations for our cause, at no extra cost to you! Plus, sign up today via the easyfundraising app and we'll get an instant £2 donation: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-joan-of-arc-farnham-parish-centre-fund/3XQ1FX/2pae/tzanbMkd/DAPGN/textcopy/

Sharing the Seeds of Faith: Saturday 5th December 10am – 3pm, Cranleigh: Come and explore the gift of our baptism and how that enables us to inspire, guide and lead others in their faith. A day led by the inspiring Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. This session is open to everyone who has a love for their faith and wants to share it either at home or in a broader setting. Please sign up at https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/tz0qmdlv

Heartstart/CPR training: Free training classes in how to use a defibrillator, Wednesday evenings at the Ball & Wicket Pub in Holt Pound. www.heartstartfarnhamlions.co.uk or call Jo on 07793273941 to book or see the flyer in the porch.