

St. Joan of Arc, Farnham

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
18 th October 2026		
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Readings 2, Psalter Week 1		
We gather to worship God in union with Leo XIV, Our Pope.		
Saturday	17th Oct	
12.30pm	Baptism	Emilia Rosellina
4.15pm	Confession	
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rita Bell RIP & David Nolan RIP (anniv)
Sunday	18th Oct	29th Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Bishop-Elect Stephen Wang
Handmade Soap Sale		
11.15am	Mass	Amiti Grech RIP
Handmade Soap Sale		
5.00pm	Mass	Bill Thompson RIP (anniv) Patrick Dooley RIP (anniv)
Monday	19th Oct	Church Closed
Arundel Cathedral 12 noon: <i>Ordination & Installation of Bishop Stephen Wang.</i>		
Tuesday	20th Oct	
11.00am	Mass	Our new Bishop Stephen Wang
7.30pm	Rosary	
Wednesday	21st Oct	Church Closed
Thursday	22nd Oct	No Mass
Friday	23rd Oct	
10.30am	Adoration	
1.45pm	Requiem Mass	Peter Alfred Standring RIP
Saturday	24th Oct	
12.30pm	Baptism	Rupert Doyle
4.15pm	Confession	
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	In thanksgiving for the De Moraes Family
Sunday	25th Oct	30th Sunday in OT
9.15 am	Mass	Eamon O'Rourke RIP (anniv)
11.15am	Mass	Private Intention
5.00pm	Mass	DRF of the Thompson & Dooley Families RIP
Mass Count: 10th/11th October: Saturday 5pm = 117; Sunday 9.15am = 148; 11.15am = 150; 5.00pm = 92 Total 507		
Prisoner's Sunday £462.75 Cash Dona £162.37 Total = £625.12. Many thanks.		
2nd Collection: World Missions Sunday 18 th October. No GA.		
Bring a bottle for the Christmas Bazaar Bottle Stall – next weekend 24th/25th October.		

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

St Philip Howard

Monday 19th Oct. is the Feast of Philip Howard, co-principal patron of our Diocese, a fitting day for the ordination & consecration of our new bishop, Stephen Wang. You can live stream the Mass of Ordination here: <https://arundelcathedral.uk/live-stream>

Philip was Earl of Arundel and like others, he and his wife Anne had been baptised Catholic, but had conformed to the Elizabethan Church. Anne was drawn back to the Catholic faith and aware of the persecution risk, she smuggled a priest into Arundel Castle. By refusing to attend the Protestant church services, she was placed under house arrest. At this time, she was pregnant and so Philip, to protect the child, had him baptized in the Elizabethan Church.

Philip was also interested in the truth of Catholicism having heard Edmund Campion debate with some protestant divines at the Tower of London. Philip, wrestling with his conscience, knew he needed to return to the Catholic faith and began communicating with Cardinal Allen at Douai. Inevitably his reconciliation with the Church became known and his letter to Cardinal Allen was intercepted by Sir Francis Walsingham, who sent a fake reply encouraging Philip to flee to France. Philip was intercepted, arrested and spent eleven years in Tower of London.

He was charged with leaving the realm without the Queen's permission, for becoming Catholic and for plotting with foreign powers. He was later charged with praying for the safety of the Catholics in the Spanish Armada – he was condemned as a traitor for prayer. Many people were unhappy with this, and Elizabeth said to Philip that if he would go to one Protestant Service, she would restore his titles and honours, but he refused. He died in the tower on 19th October 1595. His famous inscription on the wall of his cell is still visible:

'The more suffering for Christ in this world, the more glory with Christ in the world to come'.

Advance Warning:

On Saturday 14th November there is no 5pm Mass, as Fr. Simon is not available due to other pastoral commitments within the wider 'Guildford Catholic Parish' that week. The 9.15am, 11.15am and 5pm Mass on Sunday 15th Nov. will be celebrated as normal.

Saturday Masses: 5.30pm at Holy Angels (Ash); 5.30pm at St Mary's (Aldershot); 6pm at St Anselm's (Hindhead); 6pm at St Edmund's (Godalming); 6pm Sacred Heart (Bordon). **Please check their websites for any alterations to their schedule.**

Readings – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading: **Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

Psalm: **Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R7b**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**

Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-21**

Daily Readings can be found www.universalis.com

Fr Simons Daily Reflections are on the website.

www.stjoanofarcfarnham.co.uk

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.

A Message from Bishop-elect Stephen (short film)

Fr Stephen has recorded a short message reflecting on the last few weeks, sharing his experience of a new bishop's course in Rome, a recent retreat with sisters in the Verbum Dei community on the Isle of Wight, and the significance of the chasuble he will wear on Monday.

- **Vimeo:** <https://vimeo.com/1235744831/5f46c5a181> (you don't need the Vimeo App or account)
- **YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/1YhcB7KL0Y4>

The film is also available to watch on our website:
w: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/message>





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, toys, plants, homemade jams & chutneys.

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 an Irish 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.

Wine Tasting Event – Saturday 28th November
1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Parish Centre in aid of the
Church Roof. 30 spaces available £20pp please see
the poster on the noticeboards for details.

Homemade Soap Sale:

This **Sunday 18th October** following the 9.15am & 11.15am Masses. Cash or Dona. **Perfect Christmas gifts!**

A Huge Thank You:

To everyone involved in organising and running the BBQ/Braai last Sunday – it was so lovely to parishioners enjoy the food out on the piazza.

There was so much work involved so thank you to those that made it all happen and those who came along to enjoy the South African Feast. **Chance again this weekend to buy a raffle ticket** for the amazing hamper filled with wonderful South African goodies.

Diary Dates:

Handmade Soap Sale: 18th October.

CAFOD Soup Lunch: Friday 6th November.

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

Gerry O'Donnell (*Gerry is now home and thanks everyone for their good wishes*), 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.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael George Quinn, Marie Smith, Bill Walsh, Violet May Rollins, Ann Woellwarth, John Castle.

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

Being is Belonging:

A welcoming community for the sharing of experiences, the celebration of gifts and the generation of ideas to support a real experience of belonging for the neurodiverse members of our Guildford parish. All parishioners are warmly invited to join our online monthly meetings to share together through dialogue and listening. Our first meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11th November at 7p.m.** Please email beingisbelonging@gmail.com if you would like to attend. For those who feel more comfortable participating in other ways, there will be opportunities to contribute face to face, by email or through other preferred forms of communication. For further details, please email beingisbelonging@gmail.com. Through our conversations, we hope to enable neurodiverse parishioners, and their families, to feel able to flourish spiritually and participate fully in the life of our Catholic Church. Through our learnings, we hope to grow in faith collectively as a whole community.

Sharing the Seeds of Faith: 10am to 3pm on Saturday 5th December at Christ the Redeemer, Cranleigh. Come and be inspired as the **Dominican Sisters of St Joseph** help us (*the communities of the Guildford Catholic Parish, including St Joan of Arc*) explore the gift of our baptism – and how it calls us to inspire, guide and lead others in their faith. Whether you share your faith at home or in a wider catechetical setting and / or sacramental programme, everyone who loves their faith is welcome. The day begins with Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee will be provided. More information about the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph can be found here: <https://www.dominicansisters.net/>

Rosary Group:

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

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group:

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

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. Return forms by the 23rd October.**