

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

1st December 2013

First Sunday of Advent Year A



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## Advent

Advent, which we begin today, is a time of preparation, a time of awaiting, a getting ready for the hoped-for-but-unexpected breaking through of the divine into this world. The story that we retell in the course of each year of Emmanuel, God-with-us; of his saving and reconciling acts, his birth and life, his teaching and his miracles, his passion, death and resurrection, is about to begin again. Advent is the introduction. "Listen to me... listen to me," says God through Isaiah. "This is who I am, this is my story. This is who you are. This is our story. Look beyond your present troubles, raise your eyes and hearts to heaven, believe that I, your God, will come in justice and power to restore and renew."

We're fundraising for

**World Gifts**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 281716

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

The Cafod Group will be selling a range of ten different 'World Gifts' after all Sunday Masses from next weekend, providing the opportunity for you to buy 'alternative' gifts for family and friends, while at the same time helping people to break free from poverty. These gifts range in price from £1 to £20. Please take one of the leaflets in the porch, giving full details of this project through which the parish raised over £700 for Cafod last Christmas. A tag will be placed on our Parish Giving Tree each time a gift is bought, as a visible sign of the Parish's solidarity with the poor of the world. - Biddy.

## APF Red Boxes

Would all Member and Promoters who have a Red Box take a Mission Calendar from the back of the church. There are a few boxes that have not been collected. Please take your box if you have not done so. It will be nice to clear the area before Christmas. Moyra Brohier, APF Local Secretary.

## "Journey of Faith"

"Journey of Faith" meet this week: Wednesday 8 pm Old Sacristy, and Thursday 10 am, Bar Lounge. We will look at the readings for Sunday, and Jesus, Incarnation. All welcome." - Peter Lovat.

### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Children's liturgy for all ages at 9am & 10.30 am  
Tea & Coffee after 9 am & 10:30am (Cent Hall)  
(Grainne Adamson & Maribel Chambers )

Mon: Tea/Coffee after the 10 am Mass in Old Hall  
7 pm Cubs in the Old Hall

Tue: 9.30 am Mother & Toddler Group  
6.30 pm Beavers in Old Hall  
7.30 pm Scouts in Old Hall  
7.30 pm Advent Group in Presbytery

Wed: 12.45 pm Lunch Club in Cent Hall  
7:30pm Parish Women's group meeting (Bar)  
8pm RCIA meeting - Sacristy next to Old Hall

Thu: 1.30 pm: Advent Group meeting in Annabel's

Fri: 10am: Healing Mass with Benediction  
Youth Club meet from 7 pm onwards. Bar  
facilities available.

Sun: Youth Mass at 10:30 am  
1-5 yrs Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:30am Mass  
Over 5 yrs Children's liturgy at 9 am Mass only  
Tea & Coffee after 10:30am (Cent Hall)  
(Sun & Mark Fanthome )

**Aladdin Christmas Panto - 1:45pm for 2pm start**

### Lunch Club

Wednesday 4th Dec. In the Centenary Hall at approx. 12.45pm. Menu Steak and kidney with herb dumplings, potatoes and vegetables. Followed by Chocolate pudding and custard. Coffee, tea and a raffle.

### Parish Web

Calling all Web Designer enthusiast to get together with Leila, Parish Secretary, from time to time to help keep our web site current and refreshed. Ring the Office with offers of help.

### First Communion Children

All the Children in preparation for First Holy Communion 2014 (42 in total) will meet in the Centenary Hall this Friday at 7 pm

### Parish Women's Group

The group will have a meeting and Social in the Bar Lounge on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30 pm.

### Ecumenical Carol Service

St Mary's Anglican Church are holding a their annual Carol Service on Tuesday 10th at 8 pm. All welcome.

### Fundraising update!

By the time we add on all the various sponsorships etc., the Christmas Fayre will have raised in excess of £2,000. Sincere thanks to all who donated items and those who came to support it. Our biggest thanks especially go to Mike and Carina Cordina for all their hard work and inspiration in bringing it all together on the day and we extend to them also our best wishes as they await the arrival of their first baby in March.

If we add the total from the Spring Fayre to this Fayre, then the combined income from Fayres 2013 is in excess of £3500!

### Healing Mass

The monthly Healing Mass takes place every first Friday at 10 am concluding with traditional Benediction. Last month we had over 150 parishioners in attendance.

### Bidding Prayers at Mass

Each of the Eucharistic Leaven Groups will take it in turn monthly, to write the Bidding Prayers for all the Masses on Sundays. Starting today and for the rest of December, the Bidding Prayers have been prepared and composed by the 9 am Leaven Group.

### Community Reconciliation Service

The Parish Community Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday 22nd December at 3.30 pm. Despite falling numbers in other parishes at these Services, some of which have abandoned them all together, each year sees our numbers increase steadily. Last year we had around 130 in attendance.

### Baby Oliver Madden R.I.P.

Please keep in your prayers the parents Christopher & Helen of baby Oliver who lived for 15 days. The Service for Oliver is tomorrow Monday at 11 am

### Men's Church Cleaning

Group 1 & 2 - this Tuesday at 7 pm



### Children's Carol Service

The Junior section of St Francis school would like to invite you all to come and participate in their Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols here in the church on Monday 16 December 2013 at 2:30pm.



**£10 per adult;  
£5 per Primary School Child**

The Parish will celebrate New Years Eve in the Centenary Hall again this year following on from the very successful party held there last year from 7.30 pm until 1.00 am. **Limited number** of tickets are now on sale through the Parish Office and after Masses on Sundays on a first come first served basis. You can also pre-book tickets /tables which must be paid for at the time of booking by contacting the parish office. Cheques made payable to the "Sacred Heart Church". The price includes a Disco, delicious buffet - style food, served around 10.30 pm and a free glass of champagne served just before midnight. The Bar facilities will also be available and extended until 1 am. (We have been granted an extended licence for this occasion). Secondary School pupils under 18 can, if they so wish, convene in the Old Hall under supervision ( volunteers requested please) where they are at liberty to provide their own choice of music and entertainment. Perhaps they may like to come in and decorate the Hall in advance to their own style. If so, kindly let the Parish Office know beforehand. Soft drinks and eats will be provided for them in the Old Hall. The Old Hall will close at 11.45 pm so that families can all be together when the clock strikes midnight in the Centenary Hall. *(The room above the bar is now being used to store the Food Bank and is not available.)* Today we appeal in advance for helpers with the preparation and serving of the food on the night; we appeal for helpers with the decoration of the Hall in advance and we appeal for some abled- bodied men to ensure the evening passes without incident and is enjoyed by all. If you feel you can help in any way with the above mentioned, please give your name and contact details as soon as possible to:  
Karen Rattigan 07775996012 or email the Parish Office.

The consumption of any kind of alcohol is strictly forbidden by anyone under the age of 18 on any part of our premises at any time.

#### **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory £1,031.36(Gift Aid £497.70); Cafod: £2004.55

#### **Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeeble.**

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;  
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;  
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;  
Michael Labonte; Leon & Sophie Kozlowski;  
Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Ken Archer; Jenny Trumper; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey,; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Avi Aaronson; Ian Lester; John Gilford. & Christopher Miles.



Many people have asked to have the Carol Concert back in the Church this year again for acoustic purposes and so it has been agreed. It will be on Saturday 21st December starting at 6 pm led by the Medway Brass Ensemble plus a variety of highly talented guest musicians from the parish and our own parish Male Voice Choir. This is a free Concert - not a Service - run on similar lines as last year which was thoroughly enjoyed by all ,with a retiring collection to cover the cost of the hire of the Band. Some of the Carols played or sung may be of a secular nature and for that reason, the Blessed Sacrament will be removed from the Tabernacle for the duration of the Concert. Refreshments in the Centenary Hall afterwards includes free Mulled Wine and Mince Pies .Bar facilities will also be available.

#### **Christmas Eve - Bar**

This year for the first time, the Bar will open to all ages on Christmas Eve following the Children's 6 pm Mass until 11.30 pm.

#### **Mary Matthews - Requiem Mass**

The Requiem Mass for Mary will be on Friday 13th December at 2 pm.

#### **Parish Diaries**

My Christmas Card to you all outlining the times of Masses here on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day plus a free Parish 2014 Diary are available from today. If you are visiting relations over Christmas, you can try Googling the parish for their times of Services. If this fails, ring the Office as we have access to the National Catholic Directory.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Parish Office:**

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### **Parish Youth Club:**

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)  
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### **Chair of Parish Finance:**

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### **St. Francis Primary School:**

Acting Headteacher: - Mrs Patricia Burke  
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## **THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 1st Dec</b>	<i>First Sunday in Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Patrick Leonard R.I.P.
10:30am Mass	Anthony Charlier R.I.P.
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	<i>Monday in the First Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Holy Souls (Peggy)
11.00 am	Funeral Service for Baby Oliver Madden
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>
10.00 am Mass	Holy Souls (Piper family)
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<i>Wednesday in the First Week of Advent</i>
10.00 am Mass	No Mass
<b>Thursday 5th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Tony Kowal Int (K&S Saunders)
<b>Friday 6th</b>	<i>Friday in the First Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Agnes Ralph RIP (Gail)
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<i>St Ambrose</i>
10:00am Mass	Jenny Searle RIP (Trevor & Beverly)
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Joe Moggan RIP (M Flanagan)
10:30am Mass	Rita Azzopardi (Giuseppe)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

**Lauds** Mondays at 9.45am

**Rosary** Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; 1pm -2pm ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

**HEALING MASS with Benediction** every first Friday at 10:00am

