

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

Sacred Heart Church
Essendene Road,
Caterham, CR3 5PA

Parish Priest:

Fr Seán Finnegan

37 Whyteleafe Rd
Caterham, Surrey
CR3 5EG

Tel: 01883 343241

priest@sacred-heart.co.uk

www.sacred-heart.co.uk

FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st February 2015



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone



Psalter Week 4

The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No 252878
with Fair Trade Status

Gospel Reflection

There was a tendency not long ago to explain away every instance of the miraculous in the Gospels (and indeed in daily life) and try to find a 'rational' explanation. It was a process that began in Germany with what was known as 'higher criticism' and what has continued in the popular media as 'finding the real Jesus' and 'separating the man from the myth'.

This is an entirely human, understandable, good and rational instinct; to explore the world we live in, to explain it in terms that we can all understand. The drive to be able to put everything in a box, clearly labelled, belongs to our society, and even to our nature. But it can be pushed to extremes when, for instance, science or philosophy claims to be able to provide all the answers.

There is no doubt that some of the things that earlier ages saw as miraculous were probably just natural things that they did not understand. Some of the greatest minds the world has seen have believed in things that would stretch credulity today. St John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church, recommended always making the sign of the cross over a lettuce in case there were a demon lurking in the leaves.

However, when one comes to the Gospels, one is naturally more cautious for a number of good reasons. After all, it is our Lord we are reading about, and the scriptures are supposed to be inspired.

I think, however, we may exercise a little prudential judgment concerning whether some of these people who were then believed to be possessed were indeed possessed by evil spirits, and not, say, epileptic or mentally ill. In which case, the miracle was a cure, not an exorcism; it is simply the way the disciples saw it. Perhaps today's 'unclean spirit' was a bad case of Tourette's syndrome. But it would be foolish to simply discount the possibility of possession, for there is ample evidence in our modern times for the phenomenon—leaving aside sensationalist rubbish from Hollywood. The very experienced exorcist at the Vatican, Fr Gabriele Amorth, has written some very disturbing books about the whole subject. Some at least of our Lord's miracles did, to my mind, genuinely concern possessed people; it's just hard to know which.

What this does not change is the reality of his miracles. He is more than a real teacher; he is God Incarnate, who made the heavens and the earth. A little healing would be child's play to him.



Baptisms

This week Thomas Kolkman will be baptised.

Health & Safety

Polite reminder

Parents are responsible for their own children when they are lighting votive candles and we ask that you are vigilant to prevent any accidents.

Please can we also request that if you choose to sit near the confessional boxes during mass that your children remain seated with you and do not play near the votive candle stands. Thank you

Ice and Snow

Thank you to the volunteers that have come forward for gritting in the event of ice and snow. Many hands make light work and if anyone else can volunteer please can you let the Parish office know.

St Thomas' Church

As you may have heard, the sale of St Thomas' church at Whyteleafe will be going ahead. The building sadly has been deteriorating substantially for many months now and demolition seems to be the only option.



Since coming to the parish in September, I have heard from many of you how important St Thomas' has been in the lives of your families, and as a consequence I would like to establish some sort of permanent memorial in the Sacred Heart church.

Suggestions made so far have included: a statue or picture of St Thomas of Canterbury; a memorial book with a record of all the people who have celebrated significant occasions at St Thomas'; and/or the renaming of the Old Hall as the St Thomas Hall. I would welcome your feedback on how you would like to see St Thomas' remembered.



We are looking at the possibility of one last Mass there. This will depend on having clearance from health and safety, and the speed of the sale; there will be no heating, so we will need to wait for warmer weather. There are also no longer any seats or other furniture, so everyone will need to bring their own, if we can proceed with this.

LUNCH CLUB

WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY

This months lunch club is to held in the old hall.

Menu

Chicken casserole, vedge and potatoes, followed by Spicy fruit cake and custard. There will be coffee/tea and a raffle.

All welcome for good food and company.

Unfortunately we are having to increase the cost of the lunch to £4

'Made for More...' -

A Teenage Retreat at Worth Abbey for Teenagers: in School Years 9-13

20th - 22nd February 2015

If you are in school years 9-13, you are invited to the come away for a weekend to Worth Abbey in Sussex. Come along to make new friends, play lots of games, ask some of those "big" questions about life, explore your faith and eat lots of cake!

The retreat is run by the Lay Community of St Benedict in collaboration with the monks of Worth Abbey. The cost of the weekend is £78 but **subsidies are available**. For more info and booking forms, please contact Mary Hunt (mary_hunt@hotmail.co.uk).

Parish Woman's Group

The Parish Woman's Group will meet in the Old Hall on Wednesday 4th February at approximately 2pm after Lunch Club.

Second Collection

TODAY there will be a second collection for The Catholic Education Service (this is not eligible for our Parish Gift Aid collection please do not use your envelopes).

Next Sunday we will have a second collection for a hospital bed in Malawi. This appeal has been drawn to our attention by COAT, via the Churches Together in Caterham. The hospital made the appeal, as patients are having to lie on old blood-soaked and filthy mattresses: the consequences for their health can only be imagined. If you are really generous, perhaps they could buy two hospital beds..... Over to you.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £977.25 (Gift Aid £353.59)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 1st: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am
Teas & Coffee after Mass

Mon: After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15 - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)

Wed: 12:30pm Lunch Club (Old Hall)
2pm Parish Women's Group meeting

Fri: 7pm Youth Club (Cent Hall)

Sun 8th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am
Coffee after Mass



Please remember in your prayers the souls of Chris McCabe and Sean Madden who have died recently.

The funeral of Sean Madden will take place on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 10am (there will be no Latin Mass)

The funeral for Chris McCabe will take place on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 1:45pm

Chris didn't have family, so if parishioners able to come and support and pray for him, it would be appreciated.



The next Youth Club will take place a week on Friday 6th February, from 7pm-8.30pm, in the Centenary Hall. We have a special visitor who will be leading a fascinating astronomy session. Admission is £1 and open to all children in school years 3 to 6 inclusive. Children must be signed in and out.



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford & Chris Norman.



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
VANCANCIES
INCLUSION COORDINATOR
required as soon as possible

Salary Scale 6/SO1 Salary range £24,744 – £28,935 pro rata

The school is currently looking to employ an Inclusion Coordinator to assist, develop and coordinate the delivery of inclusion in the school, ensuring cohesive communication between the different agencies responsible for the care, education and welfare of identified pupils. The hours are 36 per week, term time plus one week. Application forms (support staff) are available by downloading via the school website on www.johnfisherschool.org where further information including the job description and person specification for this post can be found. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, the Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by the closing date Tuesday, 10th February 2015. Interviews will be held week commencing 23rd February 2015.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sat 14/03/15

Please take note of the following dates as the children prepare for the very special Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Date	Time	Place	Details
Sun 01/02/15	09.30 - 10.30am	Centenary Hall	Session 3 (chps 4-6 of book)
Sat 14/02/15	10.15 – 11.20am	Old Hall	Session 4 (chps 7-8 of book)
Sun 08/03/15	09.30 - 10.30am	Centenary Hall	Session 5 (chps 9 of book)
Sat 14/03/15	11.30am	Church	Reconciliation Service

Next Children's' Session: Sun 01/02/15 – 9.30am – 10.30am - Centenary Hall (chps 4-6 of book) Please bring a photo of your child's Baptism if possible.

If you have any questions regarding Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, please contact **Anne Marie Young** either via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com or by mobile on **07949 938 984**.

CONTACTS**Parish Office:**

Leila Merrett (Mondays & Wednesdays :
9.30 am - 12.30 pm)
info@sacred-heart.co.uk
01883 343241

Centenary Hall Hire

Anne Marie Young
07724 613407
thecenthall@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation:

John Baron 0208 763 2144

Marriage Preparation:

(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

Journey of Faith (RCIA):

Peter Lovat 01883 345749
peter_lovat@yahoo.com

Chair of Liturgy Group:

Eliz Wood
elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com

First Holy Communion

Anne Marie Young
07949 938984
fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com

Confirmation

Allison Pullin 01883 382506
al.pullin@ntlworld.com

Safeguarding:

Dee Hall and Jacqui Voorbach
e-mail: safeguardingreps@gmail.com

Gift Aid:

Peter Kelly 01883 330684
peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk

Chair of Parish Finance:

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.co

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991
kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
Mel Flaherty
youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591
paul_lovell@rocketmail.com

Chill Club

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)
Veronique Wood

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Richard Flaherty (O Flaherty)
5:15pm Mass	Walter Masservy (Foundation)
Monday 2nd	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
10:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen Ints
7pm Sung Latin Mass	Elizabeth's Intentions
Tuesday 3rd	
10:00am Mass	Kathleen Hebborn (A Walker)
Wednesday 4th	
10:00am Requiem Mass	Funeral of Seán Madden
1:45pm Requiem Mass	Funeral of Chris McCabe
Thursday 5th	<i>St Agatha</i>
10:00am Mass	Alan Skilton RIP (C Daly)
Friday 6th	<i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>
7:00pm Mass	John Wood RIP (Cutler Family)
Saturday 7th	
10:00am Mass	Melanie Jamulis (A Edward)
Sunday 8th	<i>Fith Sunday in Ordinary Times</i>
9:00am Mass	Chu Eng Eng (A Edward)
10:45am Mass	Bill Bergin RIP (AM Young)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am & Friday at 6:40pm

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am – 11am