

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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All Saints

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Proper Psalms

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Thirty-second Sunday

Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10

Heb 9:24-28

Matt 5:3

Mark 12:38-44 or Mark 12:41-44

Scripture Reflection

The paired feasts of All Saints and All Souls begin the month of November during which the Church encourages us to meditate on the fact that here on earth we have no abiding city. Which is a posh way of saying that our life here on earth is rather like a railway waiting room: sufficient, I suppose, for a while, but growing increasingly uncomfortable as the time goes on, what with old age, arthritis &c. This is for the very good reason that a waiting room is for waiting in, not for living in. And if we set about making ourselves too much at home here (to stretch the analogy still further), we might well find that when the train comes, we will be so hampered by the baggage we have accumulated that we end up missing the train.

The point I want to make is that this world is not our home, and it is a good idea to keep our bags packed and not make ourselves too comfortable. We keep before our minds the fact that we are only here in order to catch the train—if we get the train, we have achieved the point of being here. If not, then not.

Saints and Holy Souls are there to remind us of those who have gone before us. Saints represent those who have already reached the final destination, of whom we may have known many who have never been formally canonized, and Holy Souls represent those who are firmly on the train, assured of their arrival, but have not yet got there, having too much of the waiting-room still around them.

Now clearly Purgatory is, somewhat like the train, only an analogy. There is no 'place' as such, but it is what we call a 'state'. What we mean is that we retain all our individuality and personality after death, and that individuality and personality carries an awful lot of baggage, as every one of us knows. There must be few who die as saints; our excess weight is going to have to be exercised off (changing analogy again) before we can be reckoned as saints. Which is why I find the analogy of a gym quite useful: going to a gym is a good and fruitful exercise which we can entirely see the point of since it makes us better and happier, even if people say 'no pain, no gain'. I think Purgatory must be like that: Newman wrote of the purification of Purgatory as a pain that the Holy Souls 'joy to undergo'. And if we are prepared to undergo the unpleasantness of Ryanair to get to our holiday destination, we might possibly begin to see something of the point of Purgatory.

School forms - Fr Seán will sign school forms after all Sunday Masses. Please bring the appropriate documentation with you.

Caterham Overseas Aid Trust Welcome 'Surrey Harmony'

Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment from an award winning women's Barbershop Chorus on Saturday 14th November at 8pm at St John's Church, Caterham Valley. Tickets £10 (include a glass of wine or soft drink). Tickets available from Ann 01883 62 4773 or Phil 07905 718346.

Rowland Bros Undertakers are offering to come and speak to a group of people about end of life issues—wills, power of attorney, funerals, all that sort of thing. If you would like us to take them up on the offer, would you please let the office know, and if there is enough interest, we will set something up.

Reflection Day for Year of Mercy - 'Christ looks at us with Mercy and calls us to Discipleship': Saturday 14 November from 10am-4pm at St Theresa's School, Effingham, Surrey RH5 6ST. Tickets £10. To book contact David Wills on 01293 651157 or email david.wills@dabnet.org.



Where do our prayers come from and what do they mean? Explore the prayers we say every day, for greater depth and satisfaction!

Join us for this and more – and of the readings for next Sunday

All welcome!

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 4th November,
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)**

The Parish of the Nativity will be offering a group for bereaved people to enable them to talk about their loss and how it is affecting them.

The sessions will be facilitated by members of the Bereavement Team but areas of discussion will be put forward by members of the group.

This group will run on the second Tuesday of every month commencing on 10th November.

We will meet after 10am Mass, 10.30am - 12.00pm in the meeting room at St. Joseph's. For further information please contact Maureen on 07759 795319 or Nicki on 07753 661791

**PRAYER MEETINGS AT ST. BEDE'S ECUMENICAL SCHOOL,
Carlton Road REDHILL RH1 2LQ**

We are starting a half termly series of prayer walks and prayer times for parents, teachers and friends of the school community. The focus for this year will be to pray through biblical themes as they relate to our work and lives here at Saint Bede's.

We would love to invite anyone with a heart for prayer for our community here at Saint Bede's and a passion for developing the Christian Ethos to join us from 18:00 to 19:00 in the chapel on the following dates: Tue 15/12, Mon 8/2, Tue 22/3, Tue 24/5, and Tue 19/7. Refreshments available from 17.30. For more information please email jk@saintbedes.net

Coloma Convent Girls' School
www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk



CARETAKING DUTIES FOR THE COLOMA TRUST

Hours variable (weekend and evening work) From November 2015. We require Caretaking Assistants to liaise with external organisations to provide security during weekend and evening premises bookings. Also to carry out site and facilities duties as required. The ideal candidates should be physically fit and have good interpersonal skills. An application form is available from Mrs Michelle Price either by email mprice@coloma.croydon.sch.uk or by telephone 020 8654 6228 ext 294. **Closing Date: Friday 6th November 2015**



Not Much Time!

Are there any card makers or scrapbookers out there?

Are there any crafty or artistic parishioners out there?

Are there parishioners with a bit of time to spare?

If so

We are looking to recycle last year's Christmas cards and sell them in aid of Cafod.

We have the old cards, we just need you your flair.

If you have any good quality coloured card, envelopes or equipment, that would be a real help too!

Please contact Gemma Zarembski 01883 342508 to discuss.

Thank you



Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Pantomime is coming!!

Sunday 29th November 2015

2pm

The Centenary Hall

Tickets £5 for Adults and Children (children under 1 free)
Refreshments will be available for purchase.

MOTHER GOOSE



Children must be accompanied by a paying adult

For further information or tickets please email the Parish Office - info@sacred-heart.co.uk

Tickets for the Panto will go on sale after every Sunday Mass on 8th November 2015

Gift Aid

If you took away a Gift Aid Declaration Form at the recent appeal please return it to the Parish Office.
Thank you.

Blessing of Graves

Father Séan will bless the graves at St Marys on Sunday 8th November at 3pm.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £887 (Gift Aid £437.93)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 1st: NO Children's liturgy
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith

Fri: 7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open

Sat: 4pm FHC Session 2A (Old Hall)

Sun 8th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only
10:45am Youth Mass plus FHC Enrolment
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
****Christmas Panto Tickets to go on Sale after all Sunday Masses.****
3pm Blessing of the Graves - St Mary's
4pm FHC Session 2B (Old Hall)

Second Collections

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Retired Priest Fund. This collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your Parish envelopes.

Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests

At present, we have 32 retired priests cared for by the Diocese. They have each given many decades of service to the people in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Although a priest "retires" from parish duties he is still in ministry and may, if he wishes, assist parishes with his services.

We want to help our retired priests to live independent lives for as long as possible. So the Diocese provides accommodation and pastoral care. As time goes on a retired priest, like any other aging person, may require more and more assistance to continue living at home. The Diocese ensures he receives all necessary personal and pastoral care. Eventually he may need to move to a residential or nursing home. The Diocese helps locate suitable accommodation. Caring for the elderly, we all know, is costly but is something we do not want to skimp on. In 2014, the Diocese spent £253,000 on our retired priests.

o please help by giving generously to the Retired Priests collection. Your donation can also be Gift Aided and the tax rebate benefits your parish.

As we prepare for the launch of the Extraordinary Justice Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis – "Be merciful even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 3:36) Woldingham School would like to invite parents and local parishes to join with our community for a key note address given by Margaret and Barry Mizen on **Tuesday 3rd November in the Auditorium at 7:00pm**. Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm.

Margaret and Barry's son, Jimmy Mizen, was murdered in an unprovoked attack, the day after his 16th birthday in 2008. Since his death they have worked tirelessly for peace, championing a message of forgiveness which can change lives, the importance of family and the need to stay strong in the faith.

Please come along to Woldingham to hear a thoughtful and inspiring presentation.



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 Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman, Maureen Kelly, Sheila French, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders & Don Hancock .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



Please remember that all candidates need to collect a badge from a catechist **before** Mass and **return** it after Mass. If you are late for Mass and are unable to get a badge please find a catechist at the end of Mass.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 7th November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 2A.

Sunday 8th November 2015, 10:45am - Enrolment Mass

All candidates to meet at 10:30am in the Old Hall

Sunday 8th November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 2B.

Saturday 21st November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 3A.

Sunday 22nd November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 3B- **this session is now FULL**

Saturday 28th November, 4pm - First Reconciliation (all children)

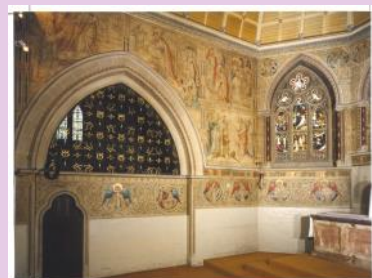
If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com .

Parish Meeting

Our parish needs to decide on whether we will preserve and restore the historic paintings in the sanctuary.

If you would like to have your say, please look at the Parish website for full details (<http://www.sacred-heart.co.uk/sanctuary-paintings/>).

Voting cards will be available t all Sunday Masses on 1st and 8th November 2015 – please ensure that you familiarise yourself with the proposal before voting.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: a date for your diaries. There will be an afternoon of reflection at Woldingham School on Saturday 14th November, beginning at 2.30pm and ending with Mass, hopefully to end at 6.30pm or so. Communion ministers from throughout the deanery are warmly encouraged to attend.

CONTACTS**Parish Office:**

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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 elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com

First Holy Communion

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Gift Aid:

Peter Kelly 01883 330684
 peterkelly67@gmail.com

Chair of Parish Finance:

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

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>All Saints</i>
9:00am Mass	Sheila Hanley Ints (Peggy)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	W.M. Roe (Foundation)
Monday 2nd	<i>All Souls</i>
10:00am Mass	For Souls in Purgatory (S Ellis)
12pm Latin Mass	Ann Cummings (L Hurman)
7:00pm Mass	Florence Flaherty RIP (O Flaherty)
Tuesday 3rd	<i>St Martin de Porres</i>
10:00am Mass	Bill Jones RIP (Jones/Crispin family)
Wednesday 4th	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	John Handover RIP (N Handover)
Thursday 5th	
10:00am Mass	Cormac Nolan Ints (Maura)
Friday 6th	<i>First Frida of the Sacred Heart</i>
7pm Mass	Bereaved parents Siab & Danny (Wood family)
Saturday 7th	<i>St Willibrord</i>
10:00am Mass	John Sheridan (S Murphy & family)
Sunday 8th	<i>All Remembrance Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	Bert & Elizabeth Bailey RIP (Denton family)
10:45am Mass	Fr Michael Sewell RIP
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

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

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