

Parish of the Sacred Heart,



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Today there will be a second collection for the Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT). This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Thank you.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK.

Sun 10th: Children's liturgy - 9AM Mass
10:45am Youth Mass
Coffee & Teas after 10:45AM Mass
3:45PM Confirmation Session 1 (Old Hall)

Mon 11th: Coffee & Tea after 10AM Mass

Tues 12th: 9:30AM Toddler Group (St T Hall)
7:30PM Bible introduction (Old Hall)
8PM Choir practice (Church)

Wed 13th: 8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer
(St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe)
8PM Journey of Faith (Old Hall)

Thurs 14th: 7:30PM SVP (Old Hall)

Sat 16th: 1:30PM FHC session 3B (Old Hall)

Sun 17th: Children's liturgy - all morning Mass
Coffee & Teas after morning Mass
4PM Carol Service (Church)

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40AM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every
Tuesday and Saturday 9AM to 10AM
Rosary every Thursday 9:40AM
Confessions every Saturday 10:45AM – 11:15AM
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour -
after Saturday Mass
Benediction every Sunday 4:45PM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £846.22 (Gift Aid: £434.55)
Second collection (Churches in Need):
£730.28 (Gift Aid: £330.24)



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

**Sunday 10th December
2017**

Second Sunday in Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th

9:00AM -

Jenny Searle RIP
(B&T Searle)

10:45AM -

People of the Parish

5:15PM -

Susie Labonté RIP (Elizabeth)

Monday 11th

St Damasus

10:00AM -

Sheehy Family (Foundation)

Tuesday 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00AM -

Noel & Bernadette Kinsella
RIP (J Watts)

Wednesday 13th

St Lucy

10:00AM Latin Mass -

Evan Thomas Ints (C Linton)

12:15PM Funeral -

Pat Power RIP

Thursday 14th

St John of the Cross

10:00AM -

Ellen Finnegan RIP

Friday 15th

10:00AM -

Bernard Ellis RIP (S Ellis)

Saturday 16th

10:00AM -

Séamus & Enid Quinn RIP

Sunday 17th

Third Sunday in Advent

9:00AM -

People of the Parish

10:45AM -

Mayret & Joel Chacon Ints
25th Wedding Anniversary

5:15PM -

Morris Family Ints

DOUBLE C CLUB

Well done to the winners of the December draw of the Double C Club

£70 Ann Roden

£50 Ollie Neary

£30 Geoff Walker

HEALTH & SAFETY

Snow Angels needed!

It's that time of year again where we are warned about the possibility of snow and ice. Could you spare half an hour to help grit the drive and walkways to the Church and Halls? If we have a bank of volunteers to join a rota you would not be called upon very often. If you can help please email hands@sacred-heart.co.uk.

Please take extra care as you walk around the Parish.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE DOUGLAS BRUNTON CENTRE

Will you or someone you know be without company on Christmas Day?

Would you like to enjoy a Community Christmas Lunch? You are warmly invited to celebrate the joy of Christmas with others at the Douglas Brunton Centre.

Transport can be provided. If you would like to receive an invitation please complete one of

the slips which are alongside the little red box in the Church porch, and then post the slip in the box. An invitation will then be sent to you.

Drivers: Can you offer the gift of a little time on Christmas Day to help with lifts for guests to or from the Douglas Brunton Centre? (around 11.30AM and/or 3.30-4.00PM). There is a

list in the church porch for names and contact details. There is currently a desperate need for help with this.

Sponsors: If you wish to support this wonderful event organised by Churches Together, but cannot offer your time, please consider sponsoring a dinner (£5) or table (£25). Please contact the Parish Office.



Jesus – Nativity, Incarnation.

The big "I will"!

Join us for this and Advent thoughts with the readings for next Sunday

All welcome!

8.00PM Wednesday 13th December, in the Old Hall

ST LAWRENCE'S CAROL SERVICE

St Lawrence's Church, Church Hill, Caterham.

Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 8PM with the Croydon Citadel Salvation Army Band. Followed by wine and mince pies

PARISH SHOP



Now stocking Advent calendars, Advent wreaths and beautiful Christmas cards. We also have copies of Advent Extra on sale which you may find helpful in preparing for Advent. Please come and have a look as our new stock. Purchasing items from the Parish Shop, helps to support the Parish.

MINISTERS

Please could you add your name to the list at the back of the Church if you would like to read or be a Minister of Communion at any of the Christmas services.

NEW YEARS' LUNCH

Our annual New Years' Lunch will be held on Saturday 13th January 2018 (12:30PM for 1PM). Please complete and return the forms in the porch if you are able to attend.

ADVENT GROUPS

To prepare for Christmas there will be groups meeting on Sunday evening in Godstone, Monday morning in the Old Hall, and Tuesday Scripture course with Fr Seán. Please see notice board for details.

DAY FOR THE POOR – 'NOT IN WORD BUT DEED' POPE FRANCIS

Following on from Pope Francis' invitation to understand that sharing with those in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel.", we ask you to keep this in your minds especially over the Christmas period and

beyond. Here are some suggestions of how you can help.

- 1) Help bring people to Church by joining the taxi rota.
- 2) Offer to help with transport on Christmas day.

Taking people to or from the Brunton Centre for Christmas Lunch.

- 3) Does your neighbour need help e.g. shopping or simply a visit?

Ideas are not limited to these. Please get involved.



MADABA PARISH LINK

The Madaba share of the Christmas market and the £628 raised at the parish lunch mean that we have raised over £1,400 for the Jordan parish in the last fortnight. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to make this possible. It is a wonderful outcome.

This extract from a letter

from the new parish priest, Fr. Butrus Hajazeen, underlines how much our help is needed and appreciated:

‘Our poorest parishioners are struggling to pay their school fees and anything you can give for these families would help us. As parish priest I have offered to

assist by matching everything the parents can contribute but with so many out of work or sick, I know how difficult it is for them.

For the refugees we do the best we can. Their existence is precarious, nothing is certain for them, whether they will get a visa, how long they

will be in Jordan. It is hard to be insecure in your own country, it is doubly so in a strange country as a refugee.’

The Sacred Heart’s next contribution to Madaba will be delivered to Fr Butrus by Parishes for Peace, shortly before Christmas. Mike Wood.

CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017, 4PM

Join us in Church for our annual Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Would you be willing to bake a few extra mince pies to donate to this celebration after the Carol Service? If so please bring them along with you.

OF INTEREST...

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Bishop Richard invites you to join him for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin with the Holy Father, Pope Francis: 21-26 August 2018 sees the arrival of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. The Diocese is making the most of this wonderful opportunity by organ-

ising a pilgrimage for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandparents. We will be staying together in Dublin City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A three day congress will be fol-

lowed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis.

If you would like more information about the event visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/

If you would like to join us on pilgrimage, please speak to your parish

priest about how he can support you financially, and for a booking form. Alternatively you can contact Lizzie or Katherine of the Diocesan Pastoral team wmof2018@dabnet.org

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?

Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the

admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend.

The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and

had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove

the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

St John Clareville Road Caterham Valley welcome you to sing Christmas carols on Tuesday December 19th at 7PM There will be

refreshments after the service. If you would like to join the choir for this service please contact Shona Fenion or John Wood-

house johnwood-housecat@gmail.com 0790 8888 586 by text. The final rehearsals for this service will be on Fri-

day Dec 15 at 7PM in St John's church and on Dec 19th at 6:15PM.

All singers welcome!



Your Prayers are requested for the following people 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; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Richard Sowa, Ann Walker, Val Williams & Patrick Eade.

BAPTISMS



Leo Lambe & Laila Materon will be baptised here next week. Please keep them in your prayers.



Please pray for the soul of Susie Labonté, her funeral will be held here on Thursday 28th December 2018 at 10AM. Pat Power's funeral will be held here on Wednesday 13th December at 12:15PM. May they rest in peace.

Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The figure of John the Baptist in the New Testament is a vitally important one. It has often been said that he is the last of the Old Testament prophets, and reading today's Gospel one can see how true that is. In a sense he focusses to a point all that the prophets stood for with respect to the coming Messiah; above all, John stands at the gate of the Kingdom of God and points out that in order to enter it there must be genuine repentance and good works. He sees with shocking clarity the hypocrisy of the age, and particularly that of the religious experts and controversialists; rather than respecting their authority, he calls them a 'brood of vipers', or 'children of the snake', (a bitter insult, recalling the snake in the garden of Eden, and the snakes worshipped by the devotees of Baal) rather than of children of Abraham. God could raise children of Abraham from the stones if he wished; it is not enough simply to claim physical descent from Abraham, or belonging to the Jewish race, without repentance and good works. John proclaims the coming Messiah as one who will clear out all the rubbish (by which he means the hypocrites) and test what is good with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Earlier ages of the Christian faith had a much greater devotion to St John the Baptist than is common these days (as witness the number of mediæval churches dedicated to him up and down the land). Perhaps the time has come for us to once more hear his message of repentance and good works if we are to find our place in the Kingdom of God. For we must never forget the words of our Lord 'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.' (Matthew 11:11)

FOR YOUR DIARY

PEACE SUNDAY 2018

This will take place on **Sunday 14 January**. The theme this year is 'Migrants and Refugees - Seekers of Peace'. Information and resources is available from the Pax Christi website - www.paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday. This includes the full text of the Pope's letter for Peace Sunday. There can also be a collection in parishes to support the work of Pax Christi.

'Save the date' the Easter Parish Retreat will be on Saturday 24th March 2018. Put it in your diaries NOW! A great way to prepare for Easter!