



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 10th January 2016
The Baptism of the Lord

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Psalter of the Epiphany

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isa 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

Gospel Reflection

If the idea of Christ being baptized does not strike you as odd, then it ought to. Even granted that the baptism of St John the Baptist was not the sacramental baptism that Christians undergo today, but only an external sign of repentance for sin, the fact that our Lord received it is distinctly peculiar. What sins did our Lord need to repent? We know that he was like us in all things but sin, and therefore we might reasonably expect that he would undergo anything except Baptism. But here we have him, not disassociating himself in any way with all those crowds who had come to acknowledge their repentance before God.

This question has occupied many minds wiser than ours. St Matthew in today's Gospel alludes to it—the only one of the four evangelists to do so, by the way; the others simply record the baptism—and has the Baptizer truly asserting that it would be more appropriate if our Lord baptized him. The authors of many apocryphal gospels also address the issue, often at length.

If we are to look for an answer to this puzzle, it must lie in our Lord's insistence that the reception of Baptism is absolutely essential for the Christian life. We cannot be a proper Christian without it, in other words for, although faith may justify us without the rite of baptism in certain circumstances (baptism of desire or baptism of blood, for instance), we cannot live the Christian life without the sanctifying grace that flows from the sacraments, and from baptism above all into the source of this grace, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ himself, members of whose mystical body we become.

Secondly, we are reminded by St Paul that 'For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.' 2Cor 5:21 In other words, our Lord took upon himself all that was human, even, or most particularly, our sinfulness, though he, of course, had no sin himself. Thus, our leader and founder in faith goes before us in all things, into the baptismal font, through a virtuous life to death and a glorious resurrection. Where Christ our Saviour goes, we hope to follow, and not just parts of his journey, but it all, from baptism to eternal life.

Baptism, then, stresses our entire dependence on the mercy of God, and we know that an active acknowledgement of this is a prerequisite for salvation. Let us pray that God renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us today, that we, too, may be led after our death to a glorious resurrection.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) –
Saturday 23rd January 2016 11.00-4.00**

Please join us for a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* by Derek Williams, Catholic Evangelist on "Our participation in God's Mercy"; 3.30 *Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm.

There is no need to reserve places, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Following meeting – Saturday 27th February 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: Charles Whitehead.



Did you know about the crosses in the corners of the altar – or the hidden bag of bones? No?

Join us to find out on our tour of the church and more – and our consideration of the readings for next Sunday

All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 13th January, in the Old Sacristy



**John Fisher School Vacancy - Clerk to the Governing Body
Required as soon as possible**

The John Fisher School is a Roman Catholic voluntary aided boys school at Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey. The School is looking for an experienced (ideally in the secondary phase), well informed and independent clerk to support the Governing Body. The person appointed will be required to manage and organise at least four full Governing Body meetings a year and four different committees, which meet at least once per term. The Finance & Premises Committee will meet at least four times a year. The total number of hours likely to be devoted to these meetings is approximately 34 hours, with a further 6 hours per meeting for agenda preparation after liaising with HT and Chairs, write up and editing of minutes, dissemination of papers including minutes as well as advice and guidance to the Governing Body, giving a total of 136 hours on meetings related work per year. The meetings typically start between 5 & 6pm during term time however some will be held during the school day.

In addition, the clerk will be expected to provide full clerking support throughout the year amounting to at least a further 20 hours, which will include the maintenance of records, completion of returns, monitoring the policy review cycle and facilitating the election of Governors when required, providing advice and guidance to the Governing Body and liaising with the school through Janet Rigby, PA to the Headteacher, on a weekly basis by telephone or email in first instance.

Rate of pay: equivalent to the Merton ME Grade 7 scale which including holiday pay amounts to £16.16 per hour.

Application forms (support staff) are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org where further information on the school may also be found including job description and person specification. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by the closing date Wednesday, 20th January 2016. Interviews will be held week commencing 25th January 2016.

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

The Diocesan **Annual Justice & Peace Assembly** - a day of inspiring talks, debate and lively 'marketplace' activities - takes place on **Saturday 16 January 2016: 10.00 - 16.00 at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Open to all.** There is no charge.

Bishop Richard will open the event with a talk on the Year of Mercy. John Battle MP 1987 to 2014 will address what it means to 'be a poor church for the poor'. Alison Gelder, Director of Housing Justice, will examine the current housing crisis. Also time to meet others and learn about initiatives across diocese including to the current Refugee Crisis.

To book a place contact Ruth Gerunt: 01293 651164 ruth.gerunt@dabnet.org or visit www.dabnet.org/Courses

If you need or can offer a lift please contact the Parish Office or Janet D B on 01883 712440.

A big thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind wishes, Christmas and Get Well cards and particularly for Fr Sean's visit at a very busy time, also the SVP for bringing me Holy Communion.

I hope to be back in circulation in the not too distant future. In the meantime, a Happy New Year to everyone.

Kind regards, Jean Joakim

Overcome Indifference and Win Peace

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday when we will reflect on Pope's Francis' theme – 'Overcome indifference and win Peace'. There will be a 2nd collection for the work of Pax Christ and envelopes are available this week.

Teenagers: the famous former gangster John Pridmore will be coming to our parish on Sunday 10th January to speak about what his faith means to him. This is primarily intended for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but all teens are very welcome.

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This programme can help you too. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend of 11th-13th March 2016, please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443 or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £862.44 (Gift Aid £343.43)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 10th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45
Masses
10:45am Leaven Group Meeting
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

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

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Thurs: 8pm Baptism Preparation Class (old Hall)

Fri: 7:30pm - 11pm Club Bar open

Sun 17th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45 Masses
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Double C Club

What a wonderful start to the New Year for the following members of the Double C Club

£70 Tree Dodington

£50 Jim Millmore

£30 Moyra Brohier

Cheques have all been delivered.

Anyone interested in joining this easy funding raising club for the parish, for the small sum of only £2 per month

or £24 per year memberships are available if anyone is interested please contact Sue on 01883346399

Sacraments for the Sick

If you know of anyone who through age or infirmity is unable to come to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please would you let Fr Seán or Eliz Wood know? Nobody should be deprived of the sacraments if it can be avoided.

On a similar theme, should you be seriously ill, please do ask me for the Sacrament of the Sick. I would be happy to come out and administer it, or if you are able to come to Mass, you can ask afterwards and we can do it there and then. This also applies if you are going to have a general anaesthetic. Please don't be shy about it: I have seen great things result from this sacrament.

90th Birthday celebration

Congratulations to Ruby Gornell, celebrating a significant birthday this week. Many happy returns.

After morning Mass on Monday 11th January, cakes, teas and coffees will be served in the Old Hall to celebrate Ruby's birthday. All are welcome.

A warm welcome to John Pridmore, talking to our confirmation candidates this evening. Please do pray for our candidates, who will be intensively preparing for their confirmation in April. I am most grateful to all our catechists.



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, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Second Collections

Today there will be a Second Collection for the SPUC White Flower Appeal. This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Next week there will be a second collection for Peace Sunday, please use the envelopes they have provided in the porch.

10.45 Leaven Group meeting.

The Group will meet following 10.45 Mass on 10th January. Parishioners are welcome to attend or if there is any item you would like discussed or you have any suggestions concerning 10.45 Sunday Mass then please speak to a member of the Leaven Group.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



We will be meeting again at the end of the month but in the meantime, 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 30th January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4A
Sunday 31st January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4B
Saturday 27th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5A
Sunday 28th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5B
Saturday 19th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6A
Sunday 20th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6B
Thursday 14th April 2016, 8pm - 9pm - Parent Session (Old Hall)
Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7A
Sunday 24th April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7B

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

Baptisms

Oscar Denton will be Baptised next week. Please keep him in your prayers.



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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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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 10th	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	Celsa Vigh RIP (Hill family)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	All those affected by Abortion (A Pullen)
Monday 11th	
10:00am Mass	Sheila French RIP (E Leake)
Tuesday 12th	<i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>
10:00am Mass	Jean Joakim Ints (B Gilford)
Wednesday 13th	<i>St Hilary</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	George & Kathleen Watts RIP (J Watts)
Thursday 14th	
10:00am Mass	Ruby Gornall's 90th Birthday (Daughters & family)
Friday 15th	
7:00pm Mass	Ruby Gornall Ints (Jean)
Saturday 16th	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10:00am Mass	Debbie Cutler RIP (Cutler family)
Sunday 17th	<i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Fr Frank Garvey (Mullen family)
10:45am Mass	Altar Servers (foundation)
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

