

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Good Shepherd Sunday

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May is the month of Mary



Psalter Week 4

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Teas/Coffee: after 9 am & 10.30 Mass (Grainne Adamson & Diane Lawless)



Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Mother & Toddler group (Old Hall)

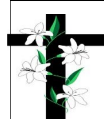
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith

Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 - 10.30

Sun: Teas/Coffee after 9am & 10.30 am (M O'Donoghue & A Baker)

Parish Diary 2015

In order for us to continue to receive our annual parish diary, the printing company rely on local advertisers placing adds within the diary. Would you or your business be willing to do this? If so, contact David Measure 01530 811529 for further details.



Please keep in your prayers Fabia Tallintire who died this week. Our condolences to her husband Dennis and family. Her Requiem Mass is on Friday 23rd May at 1 pm.

Parish Mission Statement

The Liturgy Group have created a Draft Mission Statement and we need your help.

Do you have any Photos or Symbols that represent the 'Life of the Parish'?

We would like representation of every aspect of the parish. If you have photo's you would like to share, please leave **COPIES ONLY** (as we will not be able to return them), in an envelope, with your name on the back at the parish office or email your photos to: info@sacred-heart.co.uk

These photos will be used in a Public Display, so please seek permission of all persons in the photos before submitting. If you have any questions, please contact Marion Copley on 07983 384 385

Jubilarians

I will be a guest of my friend Fr Rory Kelly who celebrates his 40th anniversary of Priesthood in Arundel Cathedral this Wednesday at 12 noon with the Bishop. The morning Mass here will be at 9.00 am instead of 10.

Developing our Parish Mission

The Liturgy Group is drafting a Mission statement for the parish.

A mission statement is a written summary which sets out what we value, what we seek to become as a faith community, and to guide us in our parish life together.

To help us in this task you are invited to contribute your thoughts on the following:

What does my faith mean to me?

How do we show God's love in our parish and in the local community?

What is our mission as Christians in the wider world?

Similar to last Sunday, today there will be Post-It notes and pens in the porch and church for you to write on, and baskets to gather these up.

If you wish to send responses by email, please mark your message 'Parish Mission' and forward to info@sacred-heart.co.uk.

If you would prefer to speak to a member the Leaven Group, they will be available after Mass, wearing badges.

If you have any questions, please contact Marion Copley on 07983 384 385. *Thank you*

St Anne's College Re-union

St. Anne's College Old Girls' Association are holding a Re-union at Coloma Convent Girls' School in Croydon on Saturday 17th May. Please e-mail sacoga@hotmail.co.uk for details, or to be added to the mailing list or telephone Fiona Kemp on 01883 342421.

Altar Servers

Could parents of Altar Servers make a note that as a thank-you to the Servers, we are taking them Bowling on Saturday 5th July at 2 pm in Crawley. More details later.

Healing Mass in June is on the 13th as I will be away on 6th.

The next Prayer and Healing Day at Chilworth Abbey is on Saturday, 17th May 2014 from 10.20 until 4.20.

The theme is the transformation brought about by the life of faith.

The Catholic Lay Evangelist Derek Williams will speak.

Holy Mass will be celebrated, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR.

Please bring a packed lunch.



Commissioning Mass

The following Youth from our Parish will be Commissioned at the 5.15 pm Mass this evening to be sent by the Community to Bishop Kieran for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Redhill, some of them this Saturday 17th May at 11 am and others on Friday 13th June at 7.30 pm. Their chosen Confirmation name is in

brackets.

GIRLS: Penelope Brown (Maura); Tunu Brown (Mary); Aislinn Flatley (Lelia); Rachel Balcombe (Teresa); Sarah Lawless (Rose); Lucy O'Dell (Frances); Sophie O'Dell (Bernadette); Rhiannan Sidwell (Mary); Georgina Spiteri (Arianna-Lily); Vicky Stitson (Fara); Anna Thornton (Catherine);

BOYS: Jack Allen (Oscar); John Chambers (Michael); Connor Dolce (Isidor); Austin D'Souza (Dominic); and Andrew D'Souza (Batholomew); Alex Fortune (Francis); Hayden Gibbons (Jude); Sean McGrath (Patrick); Max Neale (David); Jonathan Reeder (William); David Zajdlic (John).

Half day out to Nymans Gardens, Handcross.

Put your name down on the sheet if you wish to join us on a half day visit to Nymans Gardens, Handcross, Sussex. Departing in cars at around 12 noon, on Tuesday 27th (weather permitting). We will visit the gardens and the Messell family home, (what's left of it). Take afternoon Tea there at around 3.30 and be back for 5.00 pm. Every day there are guided walks and talks in the garden and woods, a small gallery in the house with changing exhibitions for every season; a second-hand bookshop; shop tastings and mobility tours of the garden and woods. The Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Wisteria will be in full bloom. Total cost per person: £12 which includes entry fee (£9) and (£3) petrol allowance. I think it's best if we all collect in the Nymans Gardens Car Park at 12.45 pm and go in as a group to qualify for the group price. Nymans Gardens, Handcross, Haywards Heath, Sussex RH17 6EB. 01444 405250

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory £701.50 (Gift Aid £309.35)

The Offertory Collection last week reflects the absence of so many who were taking advantage of the Bank Holiday.



Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive & John Wood; Fabia Tallantire; John Gilford.

Second Collection today

At present the Diocese has five men in training to the priesthood attending seminaries at St John's Wonersh, the English College in Rome and Valladolid in Spain. It takes six or sometimes seven years for a student to be ordained to the priesthood. This long training allows time for a student to fully discern his vocation and decide whether to proceed to ordination - a lifelong celibate commitment. The training is not solely academic; one full year is spent in a parish on pastoral work. In addition, students work part time in parishes and schools during their stay at the seminary. Higher education is expensive and the total cost of training one man to the priesthood is about £140,000. Without a doubt it is money well spent. New priests are essential to the continuing development of the Church in our diocese. So please give as generously as you can today at the second collection. Your donation can be Gift Aided and the tax benefits our parish.



Cake sale

There will be a cake sale today after 10:30am Mass in the Centenary Hall in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Jackie Voorbach is also completing a 46 mile trek in June. Any donations gratefully received.



Winners of the Double C Club for May are: £70 Paul Hooper; £50 Ann Walker; £30 T Streifler. A further cheque for £1,000 was given to Father Kieran for parish funding, so "Thank You" to each member of the club as without your support this would not be possible. If any member has moved in the last couple of years would they please contact me to confirm that the correct details are held on record. I will be in the porch after the 10.30 mass on Sunday, so if anyone would like to join please see me there. I can be contacted on 01883 346399 Sue.

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St. Francis Primary School:

Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy
Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Toni Crosarive RIP (J Watts)
5:15pm Mass	Bernard & Una Darby (C Roofe)
Monday 12th	
10:00 Mass	Amelia & Nicholas Int (M Watts)
Tuesday 13th	
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Wednesday 14th	<i>St Matthias</i>
9.00 am Mass	Jeremy Mudi Ints (Journey of Faith Group)
Thursday 15th	
10.00 am Mass	Holy Souls (Barron family)
Friday 16th	
10.00 am Mass	Olive Woods Ints C Daly)
Saturday 17th	
10.00 am Mass	Hugh O'Neill RIP (R Knight)
Sunday 18th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
9:00am Mass	Alban Donnelly (foundation)
10:30am Mass	Roan Conneely RIP (K Craig)
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 returns after Easter) ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

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

