

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Psalter week 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Isa 53:10-11

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Heb 4:14-16

Mark 10:45

Mark 10:35-45 or Mark 10:42-45

Reflection

What an extraordinarily powerful image that camel conjures up! I well remember being fascinated by it at school and wondering what on earth it meant.

The image sounds just too implausible to be taken literally, though the reaction of the hearers: in that case, who can be saved? might perhaps suggest that our Lord meant literally what he said. If it may be assumed that he was speaking of something else, I have heard two plausible interpretations. One, from my uncle in Ireland, is that a 'camel' is a form of thick rope, which would indeed be very difficult to thread through a needle. The best explanation I derived from the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, who taught me as a child. They said that the 'eye of the needle' was a postern gate; a small gate in a city wall intended for one human being to pass through at a time and no more. Were a merchant to require his camel to pass through this gate, the beast would have to be unloaded first. This explanation very nicely helps us to understand that we can't enter heaven carrying all our possessions; they will have to be unloaded first.

We should also note that our Lord does not rule out the salvation of rich people. But what he does do is make the point that who goes to heaven or hell is none of our business; only God is the judge. And that it is undoubtedly easier to enter heaven poor than wealthy!

The comment at the beginning of the Gospel, when Jesus is addressed as 'Good Master': Why do you call me good? No-one is good but God alone, has sometimes been used (by Moslems and others) in order to demonstrate that our Lord explicitly denied his divinity. That could indeed be one reading of the bare sense of the words if that is all our Lord said on the subject; however, taken with all the claims he made on other occasions, it must be given the other possible reading, that indeed he is good, since he is God. In other words, it can actually be read as an assertion of his divinity. He praises the astute perception of the rich young man in seeing that indeed he is good, and confirms that real goodness is a property of God Himself.

Today's Gospel ends with our Lord's promise that if we have given up anything at all for his sake, then we will be rewarded even in this present life. This has been the experience of countless saints and other Christians.



**The Intriguing Ancestry of Rev. Francis J. R. Roe.
First Parish Priest of The Sacred Heart Caterham.**

WHO DO YOU THINK HE WAS?

**WHY IS THE TRICENTARY OF THE BIRTH OF HIS
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER BEING CELEBRATED IN
CHESHIRE?**

**WHAT PROFESSION LINKS SO MANY MEMBERS OF
BOTH SIDES OF HIS FAMILY?**

WHERE DOES JANE AUSTEN ENTER THE PICTURE?

**ALL TO BE REVEALED IN A TALK BY
ANN LARDEUR ON FRIDAY EVENING
23th OCTOBER AT 7.45 PM
IN THE SACRED HEART CHURCH**



Pontifical Mass for Feast of St Philip Howard: Bishop Richard will celebrate Pontifical Mass for the Feast of St Philip Howard, Co-Patron of the Diocese on Sunday 18th October at 3pm. For more information contact Arundel Cathedral.

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.

Room at the inn? Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.

PNL 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



Today, Bishop Richard will be coming to our parish to celebrate the 5.15pm Mass, remembering Fr John Gwynn, on the centenary of his death in the First World War. There will be a celebration in the Centenary Hall after Mass, refreshments will be served. All are welcome

School forms

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

If you have a bike/scooter/buggy that you've been meaning to sell but still not got around to it, let us sell it for you and all sales will go to the diocesan refugee appeal. Items will be collected on Sunday 11th October after each of the masses. Please bring them to the church car park. If you're looking for a bike/buggy or scooter, please come and grab a bargain, all the money is going to a very good cause.

150 Year Celebration Concert at the United Reformed Church On Sunday 18th October 2015 at 3pm. Three International Musicians offering beautiful music suitable for most age groups. Followed by afternoon tea and cakes.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL - vacancy



SITE ASSISTANT required as soon as possible
Salary Scale 3/4 – Salary range £18,045 - £21,552 full time equivalent
The school is currently looking to employ a permanent Site Assistant to work with the Site Supervisor to ensure that the school grounds and premises are a clean, tidy, safe and well maintained environment. The hours are 20 per week, all year round. These hours are to be worked 7am – 11am but flexibility is required. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Janet Rigby, Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by 12 noon on the closing date Monday, 12th October.

World Youth Day: The next World Youth Day will be celebrated in Krakow, in July 2016. Young people 15-30 can go in a group; 18-30 as individuals. The cost will be £450, all-inclusive. Would there be interest among our young people to making up a group? Please let the office know. You can find out more on www.WYD.org.uk

On a similar theme, our parish seems not to have a tradition (recently anyway) of getting involved in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Would there be interest for this coming year? The A&B pilgrimage is generally acknowledged to be one of the best available; there are places for able pilgrims as well as the sick. There are places for those who want to work with the sick (one of the best ways to make the pilgrimage), doctors and nurses (of whom we have plenty in our parish) being particularly welcome. There is a children's group, to enable parents to participate without having to constantly manage their child-care. There is a particular role for the 16-18 age group, the 'redshirts', for which there is fierce competition for places. The cost tends to be in the £600-700 range, but there is plenty of time now to start raising money. Sick people and the young should not let cost be a reason not to go: the parish will help if necessary.

Called by Name - Exploring the call of Christ: Young Adults Retreat (18-35s) @Worth Abbey 23rd -25th October. For more info, contact A&B Vocations via: admin@ewellspringbrighton.org.uk or call 07595761483



Baptisms

Madalyn Henley and Amber de Claro will be Baptised. Please keep them in your prayers.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £924.09 (Gift Aid £380.77)
Second collection CAFOD : £942.91

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 11th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am
Masses
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 (Old Sacristy)

Thurs: 8pm First Holy Communion Parent's meeting
(Old Hall)

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

Sun 18th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Would Ministers of Holy Communion going to the tabernacle at Mass please endure that the doors of the tabernacle are not left wide open when they bring the ciborium to the altar. The doors needn't be locked at that stage, but simply closed over.

Second Collections

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for MISSIO. This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. MISSIO have provided their own Gift Aid envelopes for you to use.

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 2.30 and ending with Mass, hopefully to end at 6.30pm or so. Communion ministers from throughout the deanery are warmly encouraged to attend.

A & B News

Should any Parish organisations wish to have their events mentioned in the A & B News would they please contact Peter Patterson on 01883 348380 as he is short of feed back!

St Francis' School will be holding two Open Mornings for prospective parents on Tuesday 13th October & Thursday 12th November 2015. The Headteacher will address parents at 9.15am, followed at 9.30am by a tour of the school. Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office.



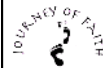
Marriage Anniversaries Mass 2015: This year's Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth on Saturday, 17th October, 12 noon, at Arundel Cathedral. All couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary are invited to apply for places. Please contact Katherine Bergin email: katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or 01293 651152.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of the decision to kindly grant us permission to visit Your parish. We heartily thank the Lord for You and Your parishioners' hospitality and precious help during the visit of our sisters. A possibility to visit was truly a blessing because it enabled us to continue our work. Let us assure You that You are always welcome here at St. Elisabeth's Convent.



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 & Alex Joseph-Gabriel.



We are told that our faith is founded on love – but both Moses and Jesus gave us a plethora of commandments. What's going on? What are these commandments and what do they mean? **Join us** for an elucidation of these and more – and of the readings for next Sunday.

All welcome!

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 14th October,
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



Registration has now closed for 2016.

We are excited to now start our programme which begins with the first **Parent only session on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 8pm** in the Old Hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 18th October 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child Session 1A.

Saturday 24th October 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 1B.

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

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

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.

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

All sessions will be in the Old Hall. As you will note each session is run twice. Candidates will need to commit to either session A or B.

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

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Chair of Parish Finance:

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

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 11th	<i>Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Fred Hudson RIP (J & T Cutler)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Fr Gwynn SJ
Monday 12th	
10:00am Mass	John Quinn RIP (M & S Flanagan)
Tuesday 13th	
10:00am Mass	George Reavey RIP (E Reavey)
Wednesday 14th	
10:00am Latin Mass	Andy Lisbasa Ints (AR Edward)
Thursday 15th	<i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>
10:00am Mass	Patrick Lardner RIP (C Lardner)
Friday 16th	
7pm Mass	Rosemary Waddington RIP (D Waddington)
Saturday 17th	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>
10:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen (Moyra & Rienzie)
Sunday 18th	<i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Tom Moran RIP (AM Young)
5:15pm Mass	Pamela Mary Blunden RIP (Blunden Family)



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