

Sunday 11th September 2016
24th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13 (shorter form, Luke
16:10-13)

Gospel Reflection

The story of the Good Samaritan has passed into our imaginations as one of the most powerful stories in the Bible. And also it encourages us reflect on the whole theme of Mercy, as Pope Francis encourages us to do.

Mercy can be defined as not exercising the punishment or revenge to which one is entitled for some offence, or extracting the compensation that might be owed in justice. We see two examples in today's central parable; the Father who was perfectly entitled to treat his prodigal son like a hired servant upon his humiliating return, and the brother who refused to extend the same mercy.

I suspect that in fact it is these two characters that our Lord is intending us principally to learn from, rather than from the rogue at the centre of the story. His story is simple; don't ever think you can't ask forgiveness of God. But we are more powerfully being asked about how we treat those who have done us wrong: are we able to set aside our perfectly just retribution? And if we choose to exact the just penalty, what does that do to us?

There is no doubt that the brother is not an attractive character. What he alleges against his prodigal brother and their father is perfectly true, and maybe he has a right to complain. But if we spend our lives extracting our due with never a moment of generosity, tolerance or kindness, then it is going to shrivel us as people far more than the original offence will damage the offender.

Sometimes an offence can be so severe as to make us incapable of forgiveness—or at least of feeling forgiving. Many people have experienced this. But we can usually be merciful and not exact revenge. In that way, I think, we can be said to have forgiven; all that is left is the bruised feelings of the hurt that has been done us.

Some call this parable 'The Forgiving Father', noticing that he, not the naughty boy, is really the central character. It might, perhaps, be better to call the parable 'The Merciful Father', because that is, really, what it is about.

Parish International Christmas Market – Sunday 20th

November

There will be all the usual favourites (bottle stall, tombola, lunches) as well as new stalls and plenty of homemade produce and art and craft items! Many countries of the world are represented in our parish and we look forward to sharing Christmas ideas from every continent. In the true spirit of Christmas the proceeds will be shared with those in need at home and abroad, through the work of CAFOD and the SVP. There will be a short meeting at **8.00pm on Monday 19th September** in the Old Hall. Please come along if you would like to help in any way towards the success of this event. If you cannot make the meeting please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office.

APF Red Boxes



Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the presbytery clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me by 2 October. Would any one in the parish who has a red box but does not have a promoter to collect their money please contact me. Moyra Brohier 342928, Local Secretary, APF Red Boxes.

First Holy Communions

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme for those in academic year 3 will be available shortly. In preparation for this please can we ask that those interested in registering for the programme ensure that their family details are up to date on the Parish Register. If you are unsure if your details are on the register the registration form can be downloaded from the parish website and once completed returned to the Parish Office.

Full information on the programme will be given at the first parents meeting (date tbc) however for your planning purposes and in considering whether to register for the programme please be aware that classes will be held on Saturdays from 11am. All children undertaking the programme will be expected to attend all classes as well as weekly mass.

Double C Club

Well done to the winners of the August and September draw of the Double C Club

August

£70 Sue Daniels
£50 Chris Walsh
£30 Tim O'Donghue

September

£70 Rosemary Kinman
£50 Eileen Sayer
£30 Cheryl Daly

We are looking for new members, as people move out of the parish or unable to continue, if you would like to join for only £24 per year, which is only £2.00 per month that is less than 1 coffee in Costa or Marks. This fund raising club is for the parish, all money raised after the 3 prizes draw each month goes to the parish. If you would like to join please give me a ring on 01883 346399 (Sue) or if you have any questions please contact Sue.

Chill Club - Friday 16th September, St Thomas' Hall

New school year, new youth hall, 'new' youth club! If you're in secondary school, come and give the relaunched Chill Club a go next Friday, 16th September, from 7pm-8.30pm in the new St Thomas' Hall. The aim is to provide a 'chilled' environment away from home where you can meet up with your friends to sit and chat or play games (we've got a football table, pool table and table tennis to start with). No need to book or let us know if they're coming, just turn up. It's £1 entry and we'll have a few refreshments available. The plan is to run once a month on the 3rd Friday of the month. Chill Club is open to all children aged 11-16 (school years 7-11). Any queries, contact chillclubsacredheart@gmail.com

Bar Staff required - If you are interested in a few (or a lot!) paid shifts in our Bar? It's a good way to socialise and also help the Parish in a fun way. Please contact Jo Waiton on waitoninnocent@talktalk.net. Thank you

If anyone would like a lift to the Film Club please telephone the Parish Office.



VOLUNTARY - AIDED

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

Upper Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 5AS
www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk

Admission Events for 2017 Entry

Year 7 Open Evening: Tuesday 13th September 2016, 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 11th October 2016, 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Year 7 and Post 16 Open Day: Saturday 15th October 2016, 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Parish Day Retreat at Woldingham. Sunday 23rd October. Led by Sister Sheila Moloney (Currently chaplain at Mayday Hospital). Cost £20. Lunch and Mass included. Please contact Peter Lovat for further detail.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £806.11 (Gift Aid: £278.99)

Second collection (Catholic Education): £231.80

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 11th: Children's liturgy at 9am and 10:45am Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (old Hall)
Fri: Chill Club (St Thomas' Hall)
Sun 18th: Children's liturgy at 9am and 10:45am Mass
Tea & Coffee after 9am Mass
9am Leven group meeting
after 10:45am 5th Caterham Scouts Cake and
Dessert Sale

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Headteacher - Required for January 2017 or later subject to negotiation with suitable applicants For further information and an application pack please e mail Mrs Jennifer Blackburne at clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk Closing date September 16th

Do you enjoy a good film? If so, the SVP is starting a monthly Film Club - Come along at 2.00pm on **Monday 26th September**, to enjoy our first film, 'Suffragette' followed by tea and cake. This film was released in 2015 and widely acclaimed as 'a masterpiece' and 'the best film of the year'. The SVP's new venture will take place at 2.00pm on the last Monday of each month in the Old Hall. We are hoping to have sufficient comfortable chairs for everyone, but please feel free to bring a cushion. There is no need to book and there will be no charge.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 24th Sept 2016 11.00-4.00
You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Year of Mercy*.
Please note change of venue: at St. Andrews Hall, Medstead. GU34 5LX. 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 Kristina Cooper: **"The Imitation of Christ - Blessed are the merciful"**; 3.30 Reconciliation and *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 and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.
Following meeting – Saturday 22nd October. 11.00-4.00.
Guest speaker: Fr Nicholas Broadbridge.

Baptisms - Aydan Crooks-Martin, Alicia François Sebesteny-King and Sadie Dolly - Marie English will be Baptised here next week. Please keep them in your prayers.



COFFEE MORNING

Friday 16th September 10am - 12 noon St. Paul's Centre at St Mary's Church In Aid of Macmillan Cancer Appeal. Coffee and Cake!



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; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Harry Gaut, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell & Charmaine Wise.



You are a committed Catholic and want to deepen your faith - **Join us!** You are not confirmed and want Confirmation - **Join us!**

You are not a Catholic and want to find out more or be received – **Join us! All welcome!**

8.00p.m. Wednesday 14th September, in the Old Hall

Today there will be a Special Collection for Home Mission Sunday this is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

5th Caterham Scouts Cake and Dessert Sale - Sunday 18th September, after 10.45 Mass, Centenary Hall

The Beaver, Cub and Scouts based here at Sacred Heart need to raise funds for much-needed camping equipment and so will be selling cakes and desserts in the Centenary Hall after the later morning Mass on Sunday 18th September. Any donations of nut-free individual biscuits/cakes and whole cakes/desserts that people can buy to serve at home after their Sunday lunch all gratefully received, ideally in the hall just before Mass. Contact melflaherty@hotmail.com if you have any queries.

The next meeting of the 9am Leaven Group will be following the 9am Mass on Sunday 18th September. If anyone has anything they would like discussed then please contact one of the group:- Pat Magnus, Cheryl Daly, Moyra Brohier, Frances Roberts, Richard Williams, Val Williams, Rosemary Kinman, Joy Cutler or Mark Ryland. Alternatively if anyone is interested in joining the group, we would warmly welcome you to come along.



Cash4Coins: Here is a great opportunity to make a little money for the SVP out of those old coins and banknotes and leftover holiday currency which is not worth exchanging for pounds.

Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, the SVP can collect all foreign coins and banknotes, any old British and Irish money and even obsolete currency! 50% of the funds realised will go to our Caterham Conference and 50% to national SVP funds.

There will be a clearly labelled large plastic bottle in the Church porch for you to deposit your donations. Thank you.

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)
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5th Caterham Scouts
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St. Francis Primary School:
Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Michael Finnegan RIP
10:45am Mass	Bob Tomlin RIP (M Tomlin)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 12th	
10am Requiem Mass	Requiem Mass - Eric Waters RIP
Tuesday 13th	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>
10am Mass	Bernard Ellis RIP (J Dunlop)
Wednesday 14th	<i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>
10am Latin Mass	Louis & Austin Linton Ints
Thursday 15th	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
10am Mass	May Woolven RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)
Friday 16th	<i>Saints Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
7pm Mass	Thanksgiving to Saint Jude (P Drury)
Saturday 17th	<i>Saint Robert Bellarmine</i>
10am Mass	Thanksgiving (Mrs Fameri)
Sunday 18th	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Sister Margaret Mary Petterson (T Doddington)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Bernard Ellis RIP (D Waddington)

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday 9am to 10am
Rosary every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturdays: 9am – 10am
Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succor after Saturday Mass
Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm