

Sunday 12th February 2017
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary
Time
Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18
1 Corinthians 3:16–23
Matthew 5:38–48

Today's reading are very rare in the Church's liturgy; we have a late Easter, and so to be celebrating a sixth Sunday before we get down to Lent is rather unusual. This Sunday is the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday, a Sunday which traditionally is called 'Septuagesima'. It serves as a warning to the great fast which is approaching, and encourages us to consider and plan just how we will deal with that.

There's no doubt that the world today would like us to feel good about whatever it is that we would like to do. During Lent, we remind ourselves that actually God is the one who has created us, and that if we want to be happy, we might be actually well served by reading the maker's instructions. As a typical man who doesn't tend to want to read instruction leaflets before constructing IKEA's furniture, I have a certain interest in this point of view.

Revelation; the truth revealed by Jesus Christ through the Church he founded, including the stuff which is written down in the Bible, is the way we can come to understand the maker's instructions. We read in today's first reading; 'If you wish, you can keep the commandments'. God will always give us grace to do the right thing, as long as we are prepared to do our part; 'he has given no one permission to sin'. This grace is what St Paul is writing about in the second reading, which prepares us for 'the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him'

Why not take some time this week to consider some way we could improve the virtue of our lives (and we can all make some improvement somewhere)? We should identify one fault to be overcome, and plan some concrete strategies to help us deal with it. After all, if we wish to make some use of the holy season of Lent, and the graces God will give us, it isn't a bad idea to plan it all out first.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 12th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only
10:45am Youth Mass
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
Mon 13th: Teas & coffee after Mass
Tues 14th: No Toddler group (Half term)
Wed 15th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (URC Church)
No Journey of Faith
Thurs 16th: 7:30pm SVP meeting (Old Hall)
Fri 17th: Peace Rosary before 7pm Mass
Sun 19th: No children's liturgy (Half term)
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass
Cake sale after Mass



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; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy, 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, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Alan Gully.

NB. No changes to Mass times this week.



CATERHAM, OXTED & GODSTONE LIONS CLUB

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SWIMATHON

Would you like to raise money for a charity or cause close to your heart whilst also helping your local community? Can you and up to 5 friends or colleagues swim for up to 25 minutes in relay? COG Lions do all the organising, leaving you to arrange sponsorship from friends and relatives and just turn up at your time slot ready to swim.

All we ask is that 50% of your total sponsorship is donated to the Lions, which is used to support LOCAL causes and charities.

2017 is the 100th year of Lions International and we wish to celebrate it by giving even more assistance to those in need.

Saturday 20th May 2017 5pm – 7pm de Stafford Sports Centre. If you would like to take part or for further information please contact Ian on ian_rm@blueyonder.co.uk

TODAY there will be a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Thank you.

Fr Richard Biggerstaff of the St Barnabas Society would like to express his gratitude for the warm welcome he received last weekend.

Fr Richard writes:

Thank you for having me in your wonderful parish of the Sacred Heart, Caterham.

It was a privilege to spend time with you and celebrate Sunday Mass.

Thank you for your generosity to our work and your prayers and great interest in all we do and the convert individuals and families we support.

Please do keep in touch with us and let us know if you would like to receive our newsletter. We send out only two newsletters a year and no other organisation uses our database!

May God bless you all and St Barnabas, son of encouragement, pray for us.

Coloma Convent Girls' School
Upper Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 5AS



VACANCY - EXAM INVIGILATORS

Part time: periodically throughout the year

Coloma requires invigilators to invigilate both public and internal examinations. You will need to be well organised, have a professional approach and work well as a member of a team to ensure that examination regulations are adhered to.

An application form and job description are available from our website www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk or via Sallie Trembath: strembath@coloma.croydon.sch.uk / 020 8654 6228 ext. 222.

Closing Date: 26th February 2017

The Governors at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls are seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to invigilate public examinations at the School. Required for mid May-June 2017. Further details and an application form are available by emailing recruitment@stphils.org.uk or contacting Marsha Adams, on 020 8642 2025 ext 202 or can be downloaded from the school website www.stphils.org.uk. Closing date 12noon 24th February 2017. Interviews: week beginning 6th March 2017.



Half term - no Journey of Faith this week

Ecumenical morning prayer will be at the URC Church (for the whole month of February) on Wednesday at 8.30am. All are welcome to join.

Baptisms - Lauren Kelly and Phoebe Wastell will be Baptised here. Please keep them in your prayers.



Cake Sale - NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 19th February

In aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital

Amelia & Anne Ford will be walking to raise funds for the Royal Marsden Hospital on 19 March 2017.

Can you help?

Support them by buying cakes!

Making cakes! Small and large, all donations welcome.

On sale after 9am, 10.45am and 5.15pm Masses (if any are left!) For anyone interested in contributing cakes please contact Anna on 07765106784.



ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) -

Saturday 25th February 2017 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit*. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.

11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "The Gift of Wisdom" by Peter Hobbs 3.30 Reconciliation and Prayer for healing; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

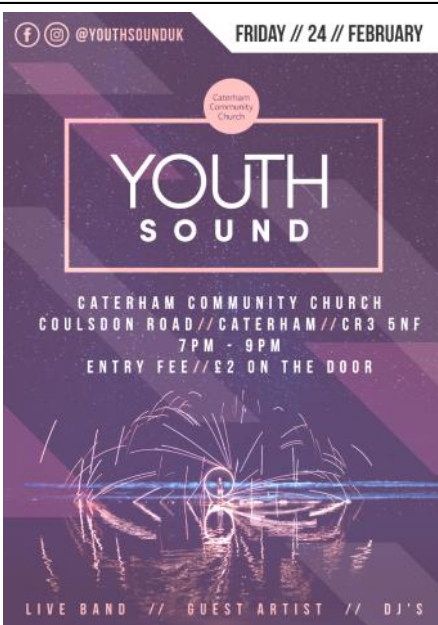
For more information and directions, see poster or website:

www.altonrenewal.com

Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Next meeting at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton – Saturday 25th March. 11.00-4.00.

Guest speaker Cathy Stayne: Discernment of Spirits.



Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £746.53 (Gift Aid: £339.37)

Second collection - St Barnabas: £837.49 (Gift Aid: £304.20).

Parish Sunday Lunch

12th March

Sunday Roast in the Centenary Hall

Parishes for Peace

Proceeds to the Iraqi refugee families in Madaba.

12.30 pm Sunday March 12th.

Bar Available. Prize Draw.

£12 per person booked in advance.

Tickets available after Sunday Masses

Please bring your family and friends.

Enquiries: Jo Waiton 07724613407
or Mike Wood 01883348081



St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

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CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS - Required Spring Term 2017

Closing date for applications: 21st February

Date for interview: 24th February

Core hours 120 per year Salary S6/7 £20,628-£27,814 pro rata

Please email school office to obtain an application pack.

The role requires attendance at all Governing Body meetings (flexibility to attend during the day and evening required) including preparation and distribution of documentation. Excellent written and oral communication skills essential. Please email school office to obtain an application pack. *St. Francis' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Such posts will require an Enhanced DBS and Barred List check and references will be taken up prior to interview.*



Peace Rosary Friday 17th February @ 6.30pm. With so much strife and division in our World please come together for a short time to pray and reflect on the need for Justice and Peace in our hearts and to remember many areas of conflict across the globe.

Health & Safety - Snow planning

With the threat of snow coming and going, the Parish needs to ensure that we can all get to Mass. If you are within walking distance of the Church, would you be willing to add your name to an emergency contact list to be called upon should we need help to clear a path to the Church (weekdays and/or weekends)? Please contact the office if you would be willing to be called upon.

St John Vianney Group:

A group for men, aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place at 4pm on Sunday 19 February at The Presbytery, 3 Springfield Rd, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PJ. For more details contact the Fr. Con Foley - 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com



Message from Fr Eyad Badar - "...I would like to thank you for contacting us, carrying us in your prayers, your contribution of £800.... This is a great vote of confidence in our mission for humanity. I will be very delighted to build bridges between our two parishes through all the possible means.

Your financial contribution will be distributed evenly to the refugees. I am sending their recognition through this letter...I will also - as soon as possible- send you pictures or lists of poor students or families in our parish, if you wish to sponsor them when you are able to...I have attached pictures of our church ... Kindly send my thanks and wishes to Father Sean and the parish of Sacred Heart in Caterham...God bless you all..

Please accept our most sincere thanks and prayers for your support and warm feelings.

Best regards, Father Eyad Bader "

Please note that they have only received part of the our collection so far. The monies will be sent in instalments.



SVP Film Club Monday 27th February Film at 2pm – Eddie the Eagle (2016)

Inspired by true events, Eddie the Eagle is a feel-good story about Michael "Eddie" Edwards, an unlikely but courageous British ski-jumper who never stopped believing in himself - even as an entire nation was counting him out. With the help of a rebellious and charismatic coach, Eddie takes on the establishment and wins the hearts of sports fans around the world by making an improbable and historic showing at the 1988 Winter Olympics. This is an inspirational and heartwarming film.

Double C Club

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

£70 Bridget Mc Carthy

£50 John Watts

£30 Liz Leake

If anyone would like to join this wonderful fund raising club were all the profits go to the Parish for only the cost of a cup of coffee per month please contact Sue 01883 346399

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term 7pm)
Mel Flaherty
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St. Francis Primary School:

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th	<i>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Madalena RIP (Anna)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Robert, Eamon & Liam Halpin RIP (D Hall)
Monday 13th	
10am Mass	Sheila Hepplewhite RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)
Tuesday 14th	Sts Cyril and Methodius
10am Mass	Mollie Fay Ints (G&R Walker)
Wednesday 15th	
10am Latin Mass	Edgar & Edna Latcham RIP
Thursday 16th	
10am Mass	Michel Labonté RIP (family)
Friday 17th	<i>Servite Founders</i>
7pm Mass	Georgina Formosa RIP (C Lunn)
Saturday 18th	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
10am Mass	Ruby's Intentions
Sunday 19th	<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	John Dunlop RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)
10:45am Mass	Intentions of Sister Roselin (Wood family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

every Tuesday 9am to 10am (cancelled this week)

Rosary -every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour -

after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm

