

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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**Gaudete Sunday**

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Psalter Week 3

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Mic 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

## **Scripture Reflection**

'Rejoice in the Lord always'! The words from the Entrance Antiphon (or 'Introit') for today's Mass set the tone, as does the colour of the vestments. As with midway through Lent, the Church reminds us during penitential seasons (and Advent is supposed to be at least semi-penitential, or reflective) that our religion is not supposed to be a miserable one; that even penance has a purpose, which is seeking the joy of heaven.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.

The nearness of the Lord refers, of course, to Christmas, and also to the second coming. But there are so many other ways that the Lord is near, and why therefore we should rejoice. He is near to us in the Eucharist, in his Word, in our neighbour, in the poor. And he is near us in a particular way when we show mercy, for then we are actually making him also near to others. This should inspire us to be ministers of his mercy during this Year of Mercy; why not celebrate it by deciding to forgive someone who has hurt you?

The 'O Antiphons' are part of the Church's liturgy during the last, 'Greater', portion of Advent. They are the antiphons (refrains) sung with the Magnificat at the Office of Vespers ('Evening Prayer'), and at the Alleluia at Mass, reflecting on the Lord's coming as prophesied in the Old Testament; every day has its own proper texts for the Mass as we focus on the wonderful fact that God himself has become a human being for our sakes.

17th December: *O Sapientia*

O WISDOM, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reaching from beginning to end, strongly and sweetly orders all things: come and teach us the way of prudence.

18th December: *O Adonai et Dux*

O Lord, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush, and gave him the law on Mount Sinai, come and save us with outstretched arm.

19th December: *O Radix Jesse*

O root of Jesse, raised as a sign to the people, to put kings to silence and to whom all nations shall have recourse: come without delay and save us.

20th December: *O Clavis David*

O key of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel, who opens that none may close, closes that none may open: come and lead the captive from prison, who sits in darkness and the shadow of death.



### The Peace Light.

We need clean, washed jam-jars to give to people who would like to take the **Peace Light** home, but who do not have a jar of their own.

There will be a box in the porch where you can put them.

**The Peace Light** will be brought into our church at the 9.00a.m. Mass on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> December (next Sunday).

The flame starts its journey at the Grotto of Christ's birth where a Muslim Scout passes the flame to a Jewish Scout and then onto a Christian Scout for distribution around the world so that people can burn the flame in their homes and churches over Christmas as a symbol of peace.

Anyone who wants, can light their own light from it to take back home to burn over Christmas as a focus for prayer and a reminder of the need for peace, generosity and tolerance in our homes, in our country and throughout the world. Bring a jar for yourself – and a jar (or jars) for others next Sunday!



**Parish Office** - The Office will close at 12pm on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd December. The office will re open on Wednesday 6th December 2016.

**Ministers for the Christmas Services.** Readers and Ministers of Communion please sign the sheets in the porch if you are able to help at any of the Masses over Christmas.

Well done to the winners of the December draw of the Double C Club. What a lovely start to Christmas:  
£70 Marie Goh  
£50 Dawn Aaronson  
£30 Karen Rapps

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.

**Polite notice** - Please avoid putting posters up on the stone walls in the porch. The blue-tac is building up and is not always coming off cleanly.

**Carol Service.** This will be a service of readings and carols at 7.00 on 22nd December followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Centenary Hall. Everyone is welcome please invite family and friends to join us. If you would like to read just sign the sheet in the porch. You do not have to be on the reading rota.

St Francis' School will be celebrating its Carol Service here on Monday evening at 7pm.

**WELCOME.** With so many visitors at the Christmas masses we need a lot of people to help everyone to feel welcomed by the parish. If you are willing to help please leave your name and phone no in the porch and you will be contacted. The need is greatest at the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 10.45am Masses. This not an onerous task but is a very important one.

### A SIMPLE ACT:

This advent the Justice and Peace Group invites you to support the work of Action for Christians Against Torture. You can write a card or letter to individuals or to organisations and details are on line (below) or see notices in the porch [http://www.acatuk.org.uk/Christmas\\_Greetings\\_Card\\_List\\_2015.pdf](http://www.acatuk.org.uk/Christmas_Greetings_Card_List_2015.pdf)

*"Whoever tortures a human being, Whoever abuses a human being, Whoever outrages a human being, Abuses God's image, And the church takes as its own, That cross, that martyrdom."*

(Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, murdered in 1980 because of his support for the poor and suffering people of his country)

Penitential service here in the Sacred Heart at 7pm next Wednesday evening, 16th December. Fr Simon Hall, Fr Anthony Hale (and Fr Seán, of course, with maybe others) will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually with you in the context of a service designed and led by our Liturgy Group.

### World Gifts- CAFOD

Many thanks to all those who purchased World Gifts last Sunday. A more limited supply will be available again after all Masses this weekend.

### THE POSADA: Journey to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December -

We wish to invite 10 families of the Parish to welcome in their homes just for one night the figures of Mary and Joseph to remember their journey to Bethlehem, seeking an Inn for the night. The Journey will start next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm and will end at 7pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to take part in the Journey please contact: Marcela Turpin on 07543 875 878, 01883 370 241 so that we can choose the most suitable night for you and your family.

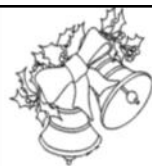


Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mary Edwards RIP, who passed away recently. Her funeral will be held here on Thursday 17th December at 10am.

Please also remember in your prayers the soul of Sheila French RIP who passed away this week.



**NEXT SVP MEETING:** 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, Old Hall, 7.30pm



We can arrange transport for you to attend and drop you home afterwards – just let us know.

Transport Queries Hilary Clark  
07795 573180  
Hil.clark221@btinternet.com

A space for you to record your drivers details when you are told

**Christmas Day Contact Details**  
The Douglas Brunton Centre Park Rd,  
Caterham, Surrey County CR3 5TA  
01883 347 260



Caterham and District Churches Together invite you to join us for

### Christmas Lunch

the over 60's at  
The Douglas Brunton Centre  
Caterham

On Christmas Day 2005  
From 12 noon until 4pm

If you would like to attend please complete a form.

For general queries contact St Marys Church Office 01883 347230  
Invitations are available from the SVP, from the church porch, or from the office. Offers to help from volunteers would be gratefully received.

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £1,014.77 (Gift Aid £541.04)

Second collection: £657.23 (Gift Aid £334.50)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 13th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only  
Leaven group meeting after 9am Mass  
10:45am Youth Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass  
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)  
7pm St Francis School Carol Concert  
Tues: 9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.  
Wed: 7pm Penitential Service  
Thurs: 7:30pm SVP Meeting (Old Hall)  
Fri: 7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open  
Sun 20th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

### Christingle Service - Wednesday 23rd December at 3.00pm

All children will be welcome at our Christingle Service at 3pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. In the middle of last-minute Christmas preparations why not encourage your children to focus on the coming of Jesus? Christingle means 'Christ-Light' and this simple service celebrates the coming of the Light of the World.

If possible, please help your children to prepare and bring along their own Christingles. (There are slips available in the porch explaining how to do this.) It's very easy and will help the children to appreciate the significance of this beautiful service. For those who don't manage to make one, there will be plenty of spare Christingles available before the service.

### Health & Safety

Fire Safety - We have had our biannual fire check this week and would like to take this opportunity to remind parishioners of the following. In the event of a fire in Church there are two escape routes, either through the fire exit at the front of the church or through the fire exits in the Old Hall. In the event of a fire the call "Fire" will be given and we would ask parishioners to evacuate by the safest route and assemble on the lawn in front of Church. Personal possessions and buggies should be left in church. If you have any mobility issues please remain in your seat and assistance will be given. Children will be led to the assembly points by Catechists if they are in Liturgy and we ask parents to meet them there. We would like to remind parishioners that aisles should be kept clear and push chairs should be left in the porch underneath the screen if there is no safe space in Church.

In the event of a fire in the Centenary Hall, Club or Committee Room the fire alarm will be activated and parishioners should use the signed exits and wait at the assembly point on the lawn in front of Church.

We would remind you that Arundel and Brighton policy is that only trained people should use fire extinguishers.

Finally a reminder about candles in Church. Please can all parishioners exercise care when lighting candles and when they are around candles. Parents please ensure your children are supervised whilst lighting and around candles. Please do not allow children to play with, near, around or behind the candle stands as this is extremely dangerous as well as distracting for other Parishioners. For this reason we would ask that parents with children try to avoid sitting on the chairs next to the Confessionals and candles.



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

### Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for Church Flowers. This collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your purple envelopes.

For Bletchingley parishioners: there will be a service of nine lessons and Carols Service on Sunday Dec 20th at 5:00 pm in the (Anglican) parish church. Catholics have had a close connection with the parish church in Bletchingley for many years. Deacon Tim from Redhill will be present.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



During the festive period, 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.

You will have received your First Holy Communion dates via email - if you haven't received your notification please let us know.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com).

### New Year's Eve Party

We hope to have a New Year's Party in the Centenary Hall. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Mark on 07736750085. Tickets will be on sale soon.

## **CONTACTS**

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### **Baptism Preparation:**

John Baron 0208 763 2144

### **Marriage Preparation:**

(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

### **Journey of Faith (RCIA):**

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### **Chair of Liturgy Group:**

Eliz Wood  
elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com

### **First Holy Communion**

Anne Marie Young  
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### **Confirmation**

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al.pullin@ntlworld.com

### **Safeguarding:**

Dee Hall and Jacqui Mullin  
e-mail: safeguardingreps@gmail.com

### **Gift Aid:**

Peter Kelly 01883 330684  
peterfkelly67@gmail.com

### **Chair of Parish Finance:**

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

### **Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:**

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991  
kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

### **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**

<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Wladyslawa Mazur RIP
5:15pm Mass	Nowel Edward (AR Edward)
<b>Monday 14th</b>	<i>St John of the Cross</i>
10:00am Mass	Ellen Finnegan RIP
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Cherise Pullen Ints (A Pullen)
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<i>Ember day in Advent</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Séamus & Enid Quinn RIP
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<i>Weekday in Greater Advent 'O Sapientia'</i>
10:00am Requiem Mass	Requiem Mass Mary Edwards RIP
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<i>Weekday in Greater Advent 'O Adonai'</i>
7pm Mass	Eileen Kelly RIP (Jean)
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<i>Weekday in Greater Advent 'O Radix Jesse'</i>
10:00am Mass	Mary Preston (Foundation)
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent 'O Clavis David'</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Ebenezer Moses RIP (M Aranda)
5:15pm Mass	Winston Edward (AR Edward)



**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