



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 13th March 2016  
Fifth '1st Passion' Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 1

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Palm Sunday

Isa 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Luke 22:14 - 23:56 or Matt 23:1-49

## Gospel Reflection

Today the liturgy changes gear, both figuratively and literally. You can see the literal change of clothes around you in the church; the images have been veiled as an indication that the Church encourages us now to focus less on ourselves and our Lenten penances, and more on our Lord and his passion. For this reason, from time immemorial this part of Lent has even been called Passiontide. We set aside all distractions, even good ones like images of our Lady or the other saints—and even the crucifix—in order to meditate on the Lord's passion, and indeed to see him where he intended to be seen in his passion: in the sacrifice of the Mass, and not in any carved image, however beautiful.

The Sundays in Lent contain some of the most moving of all the Gospel passages, and today's incident, taken now not from Year C's St Luke, but from St John (itself a sign that things are becoming more momentous), is no exception. Our Lord's hearers were now familiar with his dismissal of much of the practice of the Pharisees, but this incident is truly different; it takes it to a new level. At least on one level, the Pharisees would have understood our Lord's seeing to the heart of the law of Moses and his condemnations of hypocrisy; in this case, however, he would have been saying to them, as they would see it, that sin should go unpunished. This is radically different, and might have been enough for them to have sought his death.

He escapes, however, by simply embarrassing those who were going to stone the woman. An ancient tradition says that what he was writing on the ground was their sins. Now, of course, what we do not know was the circumstances of the woman's sin, nor what happened to the man. Presumably, since our Lord nowhere else recommends not punishing offenders, there were some particular circumstances that made punishment inapplicable in her case. I think that what we must take out of this is a care against rushing to judgment without knowing all the facts. Treating an action as a sin without knowing the circumstances or intentions of the one who commits it is not right; there can often be extenuating circumstances which may make an apparent offence at the very least understandable, if not actually not an offence at all. In the end we would always be best, as individuals, to leave judgment in the hands of the One who knows everything, and us better than we know ourselves.



Spoilt for choice this week! - Saints (Peter and Paul) with DVD backup, or the Holy Spirit in the Creed.

- **Join us** for this and more – as well as our in-depth look at the readings for next Sunday

**All welcome!**

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March,  
in the Old Sacristy** (next to the Old Hall)



John Fisher School have a vacancy for an **ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT** required from Easter 2016. Please see the noticeboard or the school website for further details

St Bede's School community prayer group will be meeting again on Tuesday 22nd March from 6pm to 7pm in the school chapel. Coffee and biscuits will be available from 5:30pm. It would be great to see people and to pray for the school community. All members of the Catholic Community of this deanery would be most welcome - you do not need to have children attending the school.

**Lenten Small Group Programme:** The format for this year's Lent prayer and reflection programme is inspired by the Year of Mercy which began on the 8th of December 2015 and runs until Christ the King, 20th November 2016. Each week we will reflect on a different aspect of Mercy, using a mixture of Scripture, Church teaching and prayer. Contact the Diocesan Bookshop to order booklets on 01293 651165 or email [bookshop@dabnet.org](mailto:bookshop@dabnet.org).

**CAFOD International Evening – Saturday**   
**9<sup>th</sup> April, 6 – 9pm**

Please put this date in your diary and don't miss a celebration of the cultural diversity of the Sacred Heart Parish. Plans are now well under way for what promises to be an enjoyable event at which all will be welcome. There will be no charge for entry, so do come along to see the displays and taste the goodies on offer! Telephone Mary (349760) or Biddy (345749) for further details or if you can help in any way. We need your support!

Fr Seán will take leave this week. Please note there will not be Mass on Monday and Wednesday. Fr Gerry will celebrate Mass here on Tuesday at 10am and Fr Seán will return on Thursday 17th March to celebrate Mass at 7pm.

**Lent Groups** - Traditionally we give things up during Lent – often booze or chocolate (depending on age or inclination!). It's not too difficult and not only does it do our soul good, but our health as well. How about something different this Lent? – time. Nobody has enough time, so it's a real sacrifice, but it would be enjoyable! Join one of the Lenten groups advertised in the church porch and sign up for the one that suits you best. If you feel you'll miss the healthy option, choose a venue near you and walk – then instead of the normal two, you'll get three benefits: enjoyment, spiritual uplifting and exercise! Sign up **today!**

**Parish Retreat**

**Sign up today! Sign-up sheets at the back of the church.**

Today will make you think, whether you are 18 or 80 (or in-between!). What are you doing with your faith – and what is it doing with you?

The theme of the day will be the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We guarantee you will be surprised and stimulated! It's a chance, at the end of Lent for a day of quiet prayer and thoughtful meditation. Come for a 10am start, and a 3.30pm finish, with a shared lunch. This is an ideal opportunity to finish Lent well, or, if somehow all the good intentions are still just good intentions, to make up for lost time. Do not let this golden opportunity slip past!

This year our Passion Week 'Day' is on the Saturday before Palm Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> March). Reserve the date Sign-up NOW!

**St Patrick's Day**

Mass will be at 7pm on 17th March 2016 (no 10am Mass). Drinks and cakes will be served after Mass to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

All welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** The Sacred Heart Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599 890043.

**Double C Club**

Well done to the winners of the Double C Club draw this month

£70 Marie Valento

£50 Margaret Monen

£30 Raymond Campbell

There are still memberships available if anyone would like to join this fund raising club please contact Sue on 01883

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**Calling all children of the Parish**

We would like to invite all the children of the parish to make an Easter Garden to bring into Church on Easter Sunday and to be on display throughout Easter week.

An Easter Garden usually includes Jesus' tomb and the three crosses but you can add the garden of Gethsemane, an angel, people, grow real grass and flowers in it! They can be made in seed trays, lined cardboard boxes, wide flower pots – it's completely up to you as long as the container is no bigger than A3 size (but can be smaller). For lots of ideas log onto Google images and type in 'Easter Gardens' then let your creativity run wild. Entries can come from individuals, family groups or club groups. All entrants will receive a small chocolate egg & certificate. Parents – it can be a lovely, creative, active way to bring Easter to life and the children could add something to their gardens each week during Lent!

**Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £821.82 (Gift Aid £387.90)

Second collection: £322.18

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 13th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only  
10:45am Youth Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass  
Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch  
Fairtrade refreshments after each Mass

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group. (Old Hall)  
8pm Open Caterham meeting (Committee Room)

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Thurs: 7pm St Patrick's day Mass followed by teas & coffees in the Bar area  
8pm Baptism Preparation (Old Hall)

Sat: 3:45pm FHC Session 6A (Old Hall)

Sun 20th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass  
3:45pm FHC Session 6B (Old Hall)

### Stations of the Cross (led by CAFOD and Justice & Peace Groups) Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in the Old Hall

These Stations of the Cross will allow us to meditate on Jesus's journey to the Cross whilst reflecting on the reality of the lives of the one in four people living in Uganda who do not have access to safe, clean water. It is an opportunity for us to do as Pope Francis encourages us, to "enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy"

The school would like to say a huge thank you for the generous donations that you have made towards the purchase of new school Bibles. Your response to the appeal has been truly overwhelming and heart warming. With the money donated we will be able to purchase over 100 new bibles for our school. When the bibles have all been bought we would like to invite parishioners to join us at school for the blessing of the bibles and to stay for teas/coffees and tours of the school. We will let you know more details after Easter. If you would still like to write a dedication and make a donation please place both in an envelope marked 'St Francis School Bibles' and post your envelope through the Parish Office letterbox. Please make any cheques payable to St Francis Catholic Primary School. Once again, many thanks.

**Open Caterham 25 –26 June** During the Caterham Festival the Church of the Sacred Heart will be one of the many Caterham buildings that will be opened for visitors. There are a number of events planned including guided tours, talks, flowers, a cafe and music. This will require a lot of peoplepower. if you are able to help for a while or have any ideas to make this an interesting and welcoming weekend there will be a meeting on Tuesday 15th March 8pm in the Committee Room or contact the office or Eliz Wood 01883 348081.

The safeguarding reps have recommended doing DBS (safeguarding checks). The diocese is now up and running with doing electronic applications, however the first stage of application still requires form filling and paperwork checks with your safeguarding reps, so for anyone requiring a check please email [safeguardingreps@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingreps@gmail.com) to arrange an appointment to start the process.

### **Gift Aid**

Please could all Gift Aid members collect their envelopes for 2016/2017. Our Gift Aid organiser Peter Kelly will be in the porch TODAY with your envelopes. If you would like to join our Gift Aid scheme please speak to Peter.



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

### **Fairtrade Fortnight: 29 February- 13 March** **'sit down for breakfast stand up for farmers'.**

Many of the people who provide items for our breakfast table don't earn enough to feed themselves or their families all year round. Seasonal hunger, lean periods and poor pay are all real issues facing the people who produce the food we often take for granted. **You can help change this, by simply switching your breakfast to Fairtrade.** Please look out for the display in the church porch next weekend; if you can, buy fair trade goods – we have items in the shop; join us for Fairtrade refreshments after 9am and 10.45 Masses TODAY. To learn more see [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) or contact the Justice & Peace Group via the Parish office.

### **Second Collections**

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Church Flowers over Easter. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid please use your Gift Aid envelopes.

**Day of Reflection at Minter Abbey, Ramsgate.** There will be a day of recollection at the very beautiful Minister Abbey on 30th April with Fr Seán. We will leave at 9.30am. If we car share the day will cost £15 pp including lunch and refreshments. Please keep the date. More details to follow.

Would anybody care to organize a small (5 min max) firework display to end our Easter Vigil this year? Please have a word with the office or Fr Seán

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016**

We will be meeting again at the end of the month but in the meantime, please remember that all candidates should be attending Mass at The Sacred Heart Church and 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. Could we also remind parents that all children should be guided through Mass and supervised at all times. If you have younger children please ensure that the FHC candidate is left with a responsible adult.

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 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 (Scouts, Cubs & Beavers please be aware that there will be a St George's Day parade on 24th April so you will need to attend the 23rd April session)

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com) .



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**THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<i>Fifth '1st Passion' Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	P Howlett Ints (L Leake)
10:45am Mass	Rita & Eddie Croke RIP (Young family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 14th</b>	<i>Lent Feria</i>
NO MASS	-----
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Mikie & Maura Moore RIP (BM McCarthy)
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<i>Lent Feria</i>
NO MASS	-----
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<i>St Patrick</i>
7pm Mass	Pricilla Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<i>Lent Feria</i>
7pm Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (P & M Power)
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>
10:00am Mass	Eileen Kelly RIP (M Stephenson)
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	James Quinn RIP
10:45am Mass	Rosalin Long (foundation)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30am – 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

\*\*\*\* **Stations of the Cross** Friday 6:20pm \*\*\*\*