

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**13th September 2015**



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## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Twenty-fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Readings:

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

Jas 3:16-4:3

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Mark 9:30-37

## Reflection

We are now at the hinge point of St Mark's Gospel. St Peter's 'confession' that is, his profession of faith in our Lord marks a significant change: our Lord passes from proclaiming the Kingdom of God (by his acts of healing and teaching) towards actually bringing it about; towards his passion, in other words.

St Peter sums up the faith of the Church by teaching even when the other disciples cannot see clearly. 'You are the Christ'; the Messiah, the expected one, he says. At this same point in St Matthew's Gospel, St Peter is confirmed as the leader of the Church, the rock on which the Church would be built, something which gives poignancy to the way that he is slapped down so very firmly the moment he tries to, rather gauchely, give policy to God, if I can put it like that, in suggesting that our Lord avoid his passion. It is useful to remember that while the Pope is of course the earthly leader of the Church, and in certain very carefully defined situations is able to teach infallibly the truth, that he can and does err as any other man does on other occasions. History has furnished us with many examples of popes who have been poor examples of faith to the Church, and have at times even done positive harm. St Peter, as we can see from today's Gospel, is no exception. It is impossible not to feel a little sorry for him. After all we all want to preserve those we love from pain. But, as our Lord reminds us, that is not the way God sees it, but is a simple human instinct which can even work against God's will, as in this case it would have hindered the work of redemption.

The last paragraph of the Gospel reading is sobering. Unless we too are prepared to carry our cross with the Lord, then we cannot be his follower. The Christian religion is not one of unalloyed pleasure, but is like life; simply true, with good bits and bad bits. The point is that by not constantly escaping pain it can positively do good. Salvation lay through the mystery of the Cross, and there can be little doubt that our personal salvation lies the same way. On a practical level, when afflicted, simply 'offering it up' for a good intention is a most powerful prayer, all the more so because it makes us like our Lord who suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps. (1Peter 2:21)

### Liturgy day with Catherine Christmas

10th Oct 10.00 - 5.00 at St Ambrose, Warlingham.

The day is aimed at readers in the morning and musicians in the afternoon.

If you are interested in taking this opportunity which is so close to home contact Eliz Wood at [elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com).

Catherine Christmas is the Liturgy Advisor for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.

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.



How is your knowledge of the Old Testament?

Do you know Ezra from Nehemiah and have you met Obidiah? **Join us** for an elucidation of these and more – and of the readings for next Sunday.

**All welcome!**

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September,  
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)**

### Parish shop

**St Elizabeth's Convent** - if you were unable to come on Saturday there are items from St Elizabeth's Convent on sale in the shop.

On Sunday 11th October, Bishop Richard will be coming to our parish to celebrate the 5.15 Mass, remembering Fr John Gwynne, on the centenary of his death in the First World War. The scouts and some children from St Francis' school will also be present. Fr Gwynne was chaplain to the Irish Guards, and was based here in Caterham for a while; there is a memorial to him in our church. You can read more about him on our website, at <http://www.sacred-heart.co.uk/public-information/history/fr-john-gwynn/>

Thank you to those who offered to help with moving the old altar and font up from St Thomas': in the end it has all been already sorted, and the items are now here at the Sacred Heart. Now we need to think what to do with them.

Lectures begin at St John's Seminary this week, so Fr Seán will not be around on Friday mornings. However, Leila will usually be in the office.

### School forms

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

### Youth Club update and Christmas

#### Eve Mass



Sacred Heart Youth Club is for children in school years 3 to 6 inclusive and usually meets on the first Friday of the month, term-time, at Centenary Hall, cost £1. However, the sessions planned for the rest of 2015 are all outings, two of which had to be arranged before the summer break and are already fully subscribed (Science Museum sleepover on Saturday 10th October and Panto at Redhill on Friday 11th December). The November session will be a visit to the Splash Disco at Tandridge Leisure Pool, for children aged 8-11, further details to follow. We are very much looking forward to the opening, hopefully next Spring, of the new St Thomas' Hall in the old squash club, which will enable us to hold Youth Club meetings in our own dedicated space. In the meantime, if your child is now in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to be involved in the Youth Club, please join our emailing list by contacting Mel Flaherty at [youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com).

**This year's 6pm Christmas Eve Mass nativity story will be re-enacted by Youth Club members, so please do register asap.**



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Bridie Mullen who passed away recently. Her requiem Mass is on Tuesday 15th September at 11am. We pray for Jimmy, their children and grandchildren at this time.

### Parish Women's Group

The Parish Women's Group will hold a business meeting on Friday 18th September 2015 at 7:30pm in the Bar area.

### The Double C Club

The winners for the August draw of the Double C Draw were:

£70 Moyra Brohier  
£50 Tree Dodington  
£30 Mr and Mrs Tuck

The winners for the September draw of the Double C Draw were:

£70 Peter and Biddy Lovat  
£50 Marion Copley  
£30 Marge Lowrie

Well done to all winners  
The Double C Draw is always looking for new members so if you are interested in raising money for the parish in a easy way just £24 per year which is less than 50p per week or one cup of coffee per month.  
I will be in the porch after the 9am Mass on Sunday if anyone would like to join and to answer any questions you may have. Sue

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £933.49 (Gift Aid £475.90)

Second collection: £426.51 (Gist Aid 184.70)

### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 13th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am  
Masses  
Leaven Group meeting after 9am Mass  
Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Mon: Teas & Coffees after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: NO Toddler Group this week.

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Thurs: 8pm Baptism preparation course (Old Hall)

Fri: 7:30pm Parish Women's Group (Bar area)  
7:30pm NFP talk (Old Hall)  
CANCELLED - quiz night

Sun 20th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses  
Teas & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am 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; 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.

### 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 27 September. 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.

### Let's Talk About Natural Family Planning: A Natural and Scientific Approach to Fertility

Some information on Natural Family Planning...

"Nearly two-thirds of the qualitative comments were positive. Four themes were identified in the positive responses: relationship enhancements, knowledge improvements, spirituality enrichments, and method successes. The majority (74%) found [NFP] beneficial, often resulting in stronger bonds, better communication, and improved knowledge."

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1547-5069.2003.00171.x/abstract>

"McCusker found that NFP contributed positively to the marital relationship, and Borkman and Shivanandan interviewed 50 couples who were using NFP and discovered that these couples reported a better understanding of fertility, improved communication, sexual intimacy and spiritual well-being.[7,9]"

[http://lifeissues.net/writers/feh/feh\\_37spiritualwellbeing.html](http://lifeissues.net/writers/feh/feh_37spiritualwellbeing.html)

Come and join a special talk on this subject on Friday 18th September at 7:30pm in the Old Hall.

### Save the date!

The Parish Christmas Panto has been booked for Sunday 29th November 2015 at 2pm. Tickets will go on sale a few weeks before. Keep a look out in the newsletter for further information.



### 9am Leaven Group

*The Group will meet following 9am Mass today. If there is any item you would like discussed or you have any suggestions concerning 9am Sunday Mass then please speak to one of the group Members. If not to the Welcomer who will let one of the group know.*

### The Guild Of Friends of St Lawrence's Church - Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th September 10am to 12pm in the Ancient Church  
\*Bring and Buy\* Cakes\* Raffle\* Entry £1 to include refreshments  
Last Guided Tour of the summer 20th September.



### Weddings

Congratulations to Holly Andrews & Ollie Thomas who will be married this week.

### Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice in the World (correction from last weeks newsletter) - this collection is **not** eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Next week we will have a special collection for the Syrian Refugees

**Taste & See:** Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Education Service for those interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at one of our Catholic Schools? Then come along to a 'Taste & See' event for Prospective Foundation Governors to be held at DABCEC on Monday 14th September, 2015 7.00pm— 8.30pm. Refreshments available on arrival. Please confirm attendance to Gill Sajnog, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Tel: 01293 511130; Email: [gill.sajnog@dabnet.org](mailto:gill.sajnog@dabnet.org)



### Baptisms

Oscar Philpot, Victor Sear, Luc Constantopoulos & Sofia Horrigan will be Baptised next week. Please keep her in your prayers.



### Open Evening for Entry September 2016

The John Fisher School Open Evening is on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm – 8pm**

Guided tours of the school by current students will be run throughout the evening with example lessons being taught. This will give you and your son an idea of life at the John Fisher School. Mr McCullagh, our new Headteacher, will speak to parents/carers about his vision for the future of the School in the Chapel at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. There will be parking available on site or in the surrounding residential roads. Application forms and advice on how to apply will be available. For further information, please contact Mrs L. Stubley on 020 8660 4555 x2201.

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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**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**

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| <b>Sunday 13th</b>    |   |
| 9:00am Mass           | Bridie Mullen RIP (J & T Cutler)            |
| 10:45am Mass          | Eileen Kearns (S & M Flanagan)              |
| 5:15pm Mass           | People of the Parish                        |
| <b>Monday 14th</b>    | <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>     |
| 10:00am Mass          | Les Hickson RIP (Ruby and family)           |
| <b>Tuesday 15th</b>   | <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>                  |
| 11:00am               | Requiem Mass for Bridie Mullen              |
| <b>Wednesday 16th</b> | <i>SS Cornelius and Cyprian</i>             |
| 10:00am Latin Mass    | Fred Hudson RIP (P Howlett)                 |
| <b>Thursday 17th</b>  |   |
| 10:00am Mass          | Val Williams Ints (Roberts family)          |
| <b>Friday 18th</b>    |   |
| 7pm Mass              | Eileen Kelly RIP (Jean)                     |
| <b>Saturday 19th</b>  |   |
| 10:00am Mass          | Patrick Quinn RIP                           |
| <b>Sunday 20th</b>    | <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 9:00am Mass           | Les Hickson RIP (Cutler family)             |
| 10:45am Mass          | People of the Parish                        |
| 5:15pm Mass           | Jim Horrocks RIP (Bernie)                   |



**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