

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14th December 2014



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following Sunday Psalter  
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Gaudete! Today is called Gaudete Sunday from the Latin text of the opening words of today's Mass: Gaudete in Domino semper, iterum dico, gaudete; Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! (Philippians 4:4) This is a reminder that even during a penitential season, the Christian message is supposed to be one of joy. Hence the rose-coloured vestments, worn on only two days of the year, which somebody once said to me are the Church's equivalent of a party hat!

### Reflection

The notion of a prophet is little understood these days; one has a tendency to think of a hairy individual with rather original notions of personal hygiene and no sense of responsibility, shouting something about disasters. Others, perhaps more reflectively, see a prophet as someone who challenges institutions and promotes change. The Guardian, perhaps, would see itself as a sort of prophet in this sense, or maybe the Tablet in the Catholic world. Well there is a certain truth to all this, but these simplifications of what a prophet is are by no means the whole story. For instance, in the Bible, the first of the three possible Isaiahs is very much an 'establishment' figure, a temple priest, we think. And Nathan was to be seen rather a lot in King David's court.

The real and proper function of a prophet is to point away from himself towards God. To recall people to what is important, to what really matters. And this is just what we see John the Baptist doing in today's Gospel, from the first chapter of St John's Gospel;

I am, as Isaiah prophesied

'A voice that cries in the wilderness

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

The real prophets of our age are not odd-balls telling us to change everything, but those who remind us of our duties to God and our neighbour, those who encourage us in the daily fight for holiness, those who help us to do good and avoid evil. Those who see things not from our short-sighted worldly point of view, but from the eternal, Divine point of view, whose sandal straps we are unworthy to undo.

## Christmas Peace.

The **Peace Light** will be brought into our church at the 9.00p.m. Mass on Sunday the 21<sup>st</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.

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

Bring a jar for yourself – and a jar for others next Sunday!

## Christingle Service - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4.00pm



The Parish Christingle will take place next Sunday afternoon. This simple liturgy for children and their families gives us the opportunity to reflect on the coming of the Christ-Light at Christmas. Sheets are available after Mass this weekend, with instructions on how to make a Christingle. Please take one and encourage your children to participate fully by making a Christingle and bringing it along to the Service (It's very easy!) It will help them to appreciate the significance of this beautiful Service for children.



## Christmas Fayre TODAY Sunday

**14th December 2014** after the  
10:30am Mass.

COME AND ENJOY THE FAYRE!!

## Health and Safety

This week the Parish has had a Diocesan Health and Safety review which has highlighted a number of concerns.

These concerns will be communicated through the Newsletter over the coming months. We would be grateful for your involvement with future directions to make sure the Parish is a safe place for us all.

Donations of small gifts and mince pies are requested for the Caterham Churches Together Christmas day meal at the Douglas Brunton Centre. Please wrap gifts and label male or female. Take either to St Mary's Church Tuesday – Thursday 9.30-12.00 or to Sue Hooper 76 Campbell Road Caterham, Tel 01883 342 650.

## Baptisms

Please note we have a new baptismal application form, and a new procedure, described on the form. If you have already filled in one of the old yellow forms, there is no need to fill in a new one.

## Faith Revealed Group Meeting

Saturday 20th December 5 - 6:30pm  
(Committee Room, Centenary Hall)

The presentation is entitled:

'Born for what?

Jesus's birth and your life

Refreshments, pool, darts afterwards. All welcome from year 7 upwards.

## Christmas Friends of the Holy Land Appeal

Archbishop Peter Smith has endorsed a request from FHL that parishes donate their crib box collections to help our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, specifically in and around Bethlehem and the Holy Family Parish in Gaza. Every penny collected is distributed by FHL to named families in the greatest need to help them with their day to day living, to supply medicines and fund operations (there is no social service in this area), to repair houses of Christian families damaged in Gaza from the recent war and to support Christian children at the parish school with a special programme to overcome the trauma of the recent conflict. For more information on the work of FHL, please visit our website [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

## Finance Committee

I am very grateful indeed to Rayon Brown, who has acted as chair of our Finance Committee for several years now, and in your name I thank him very sincerely for all his hard work for the parish. I am also very grateful to Geoff Walker, who has most kindly agreed to take the chair with immediate effect. Fr Seán

## Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory - £797.06 (Gift Aid - £222.64)  
Second Collection - COAT - £830



## Midnight Mass Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be every Mondays and Thursdays at 7pm in the church. Please contact Julian Gavin, [squillissimo@gmail.com](mailto:squillissimo@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 14th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am Mass ONLY  
10:30am Youth Mass   
Parish Christmas Fayre after 10:30am Mass
- Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)
- Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: 10:30am Advent Group meeting
- Thurs: 7:30-9pm Advent Group meeting
- Fri: 7:30pm - 11pm Sacred Heart Club open  
Youth Club - Panto Redhill
- Sun 21st: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:30am Mass  
Teas & Coffee after Mass  
11:45am Nativity Rehearsal (Church)  
4pm Christingle service



**Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.**

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;  
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;  
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;  
Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie  
Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah;  
Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore;  
Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard  
Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy;  
Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bow-  
en & John Gilford.

### Second collection

THIS Sunday the second will be for the Church Flowers (Gift Aid envelopes can be used).  
Thank you.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS



**Did you miss 'Black Friday'? Never mind!**

CAFOD World Gifts will be on sale again this Sunday but please purchase (or reserve) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. £500 has been raised by the parish for CAFOD so far through this worthwhile Christmas scheme. Thirteen different gifts are available, ranging in price from £4 to £28. Each purchase is really a 'double' – a gift for a family member or friend, as well as one for those in need.

### Mass times



Having taken the various opinions of those attending the 10.30 Mass, it seems that the majority (about 75% of those who advanced an opinion) are in favour of a change to 10.45am. I suggest therefore that in the new year we try the new time for an experimental period and then review it again.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Fr Philip de Putron, who was assistant priest to Fr Scarborough. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 23rd December at 12 noon, at the church of Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU.

### Your Parish needs you....

We have all enjoyed the events put on by the Parish such as the Carvery, the Quiz Night, the fayres and recently the Parish Panto, but we need some fresh ideas and we need you to be involved. If you have some ideas and can get a team together to plan a Parish event or if you would just like to help out please contact the Parish Office.



Well done to the winners of the Double C Club for December 2014

£70 Miss E Bryant

£50 Maura Reilly

£30 Owen Flatherty

There is still membership available so if anyone would like to start the New Year off by joining, Your membership raises money for the parish with this, a bonus each month of the prize draws all for only £24.00 per year which is less than 50p per week

If anyone is interested please ring me on 01883 346399 (Sue)

### Going to Hospital?

Please note that chaplains are no longer automatically informed about Catholics being admitted to hospital. Therefore, if you would like to be able to receive Holy Communion - If you or one of your relatives are being admitted to East Surrey Hospital, or are admitted in an emergency, please contact St Joseph's Church, Redhill and inform the Hospital Chaplains: Tel: 01737 761017.

For those being admitted to Croydon University (Mayday) Hospital, you should contact the chaplain through the ward sister.

And for St George's, please contact Fr Jonathan on 0208 725 3086.

Should your illness be of a serious nature, please do not be shy of asking Fr Seán for the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Mass Intentions** - Please don't forget to add your Gift Aid number to your Mass Intention envelopes. Thank you.

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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**Chair of Parish Finance:**

Geoff Walker

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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**

<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Dianne Bailey RIP (J Joakim)
10:30am Mass	Ellen Finnegan RIP
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 15th</b>	<i>Monday in the Third Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	John & Kathleen Saunders Golden Wedding
<b>Tuesday 16th</b>	<i>Tuesday in the Third Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Séamus & Enid Quinn RIP
<b>Wednesday 17th</b>	<i>Mass for 17 December</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	For all who suffer as a result of abortion (A Pullin)
<b>Thursday 18th</b>	<i>Mass for 18 December</i>
10:00am Mass	John & Kathleen Saunders 60th Wedding Anniversary
<b>Friday 19th</b>	<i>Mass for 19 December</i>
7:00 pm Mass	Mary Preston (foundation)
<b>Saturday 20th</b>	<i>Mass for 20 December</i>
10:00 am Mass	Welfare of D'Souza Family
<b>Sunday 21th</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Sean Joseph Mullin (P Voorbach)
5:15pm Mass	Pat Moore RIP (B McCarthy)



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

**Lauds** Mondays at 9:45 am

**Rosary** Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am & Friday at 6:40pm

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am – 11am