



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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First Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

Gospel Reflection

Temptation is not sinful. I don't know how often I have to reassure people about this, in and out of the confessional. I think that there may be a number of reasons why people should think that it is; it can make somebody feel unclean, like touching something dirty. It can set up uncomfortable resonances in ourselves—a real drive to commit that sin, a real wanting to do it which can make us feel guilty. Then again there is the fact that our culture has still a lot of Protestant heritage, and classical Protestantism thought that temptation is sin—most don't think that nowadays, however. Our whole 'naughty but nice' element in our national psyche, I suspect may stem from this.

We should be very clear that what cannot be helped is not sinful. We are unable to stop ourselves being tempted, therefore temptation is not a sin. And if you want further proof, look no further than today's Gospel. Our Lord was tempted—and yet our Lord never sinned. Just consider; our Lord was tempted. That doesn't mean that he sort of looked on coldly while Satan proposed all these ridiculous things that he didn't even want—it means that his human nature really, genuinely, desired what Satan proposed. He just didn't give way to it, because our reception of the temptation is where sin begins, when instead of pushing it away, we begin to play with the idea and work out in our minds how we might go about doing whatever it is.

There is a word for this weakness in human nature which we all share. It is 'concupiscence', and we think that because all humans share it, it must be something belonging to our fallen nature, and therefore deriving from the original sin. We don't learn it, therefore; it's in us right from the moment of our conception. However, from the moment of our baptism and belief, we have the grace of Almighty God to combat both concupiscence and sin, as we read about in today's Gospel, a grace that is particularly abundant at this time of year, in Lent.

And as another comfort, we have the words from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:15): 'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one [i.e. Jesus] who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.' I find that a comfort indeed.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 19th February

This Lent the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal (from 10 Feb – 9 May) up to the value of £3.5M. Your donations can be used to bring water to more villages of the world's poorest families, meaning girls don't have to walk hours every day to collect it. Don't forget to fill in the gift aid form and put it in the envelope with your donation. Many thanks for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them.

Double C Club

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

£70 Peter and Biddy Lovat

£50 Mrs B Crook

£30 Leila Merrett

Welcome to the 2 new members who joined at the coffee meeting where the draw of the winners took place.

Many thanks to all members as I was delighted to give a cheque for £1,000 to Father Sean for parish funds (a small drop to help with parish costs) but without the support of the Double C Club members this would not be possible so many thanks once again.

I will be in the porch after the 9am Mass on Sunday anyone who would like to join or ask any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me. Sue

APF Red Boxes



There are a number of Red Boxes that have not been collected from the back of the church. If we are to continue to support the missions as well as we have done in the past, it is important that all box holders ensure that they have their boxes. If you are unable to continue collecting for the missions, would you please let me know. Moyra Brohier, Local Secretary, Tel: 01883 342928



This week we continue our consideration of the Eucharist?

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

All welcome!

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 17th February,
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)**

There will be an open evening session at the Community Church on Caterham Hill, Westway, CR3 5NF, 7.30pm. There will be discussions over whether there are any specific ways in which we could offer practical help as well as spiritual support to those in Calais.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Saturday 27th February 2016 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the **Year of Mercy**, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* by **Charles Whitehead KSG** author and international conference speaker, on "Forgive us our trespasses - Reconciliation in the Year of Mercy"; 3.30 *Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to reserve places, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Following meeting – Saturday 19th March 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: Fr Tony Meredith



We fondly remember Fr Jim Maguire, who passed away last Sunday. Fr Jim was well known to many of us as our Parish Priest from 1994 until 2007. His funeral was in Ireland on 9th February but there will be a Requiem Mass for him here on **Saturday 20th February at 10.00am**,

followed by refreshments in the Old Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in remembering Fr Jim's life and work. There is a book of condolences at the back of Church which will be given to Fr Jim's family.

We also remember William (Terry) Crook who passed away last week. His Requiem Mass will be held here on **Friday 26th February 2016 at 4pm**.

Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

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.

Refugee Update: The work for refugees continues and information is continuing to be drawn together and the necessary plans put in place. A letter has been sent to everybody who offered any form of help. It is hoped to be able to make a further announcement about plans before Easter. Any monies should be sent to Aidan Cantwell, Social Action/Justice & Peace Adviser payable to DABCEC and sent to DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. You can contact Aidan on 01293 651154 or email aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org for more information.

We are looking for some more volunteers for the Teas and Coffees after the Sunday 10:45am Masses. It provides a valuable service for our Church community. Please contact Mark on: 07736750085.

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!** Lent is less than a week away!

CAFOD DIARY DATE: International Evening - Saturday 9th April 6 – 9pm - more details to follow.

4 Stages of Marriage - The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille, (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 11th - 13th March 2016. email info@retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £942 (Gift Aid £397.84)

Second Collection: £297.07

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 14th: No Children's liturgy
10:45am Youth Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group. (Old Hall)
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)
Thurs: 7:30pm SVP Meeting (Old hall)
Sat: 10am Requiem Mass for Fr Jim Maguire
Sun 21st: No Children's liturgy
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Extra opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent:

Mgr Jeremy Garratt, Rector of St John's Seminary will be hearing confessions at all Mass times on Sunday 21st February. There will be a Deanery period of Reconciliation and Adoration: St Joseph's Church, RH1 1LF, Redhill - 6:15pm – 10pm, Saturday 5th March 2016

St Francis' School is needing to top up its bibles, as the wear and tear of years, and also the hugely increasing numbers of children have made things too difficult. Would some parishioners like to contribute towards buying some bibles for St Francis'? They can be dedicated to the memory of somebody, and the children can be encouraged to pray for the person whose name is written in the front.

Internship with the Pastoral Team at Dabcec:

An internship for a maximum period of one year working with the advisers on different initiatives and will include a range of duties and administrative work.

This opportunity is for those with an interest in pastoral work within the Church or who wish to develop and evidence workplace skills and who may be waiting for places at university or longer-term work opportunities.

This internship scheme builds on two recent successful experiences and is designed both to assist the Pastoral Team in its work but also to ensure that participants receive a valuable and rewarding experience, with benefits for their personal and professional development.

For further details of terms, conditions and remuneration, please contact Deacon Andrew Bayes, Pastoral Team Coordinator at Dabcec or via email: andrew.bayes@dabnet.org

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage:

From Winchester to Canterbury from Saturday 13th – Sunday 28th August 2016. More information see www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Big Church Day out: Tickets are now on sale for the Big Church Day Out 2016. Taking place on the **28th & 29th May**. BCDO is the UK's largest Christian celebration of its kind, gathering more than 25,000 people from all denominations and ages for 2 days of world class music, family fun and incredible worship on the Wiston Estate in West Sussex. More information on their website www.bigchurchdayout.com.

One Day to explore **why Later Life Matters** Monday 29th February 2016; 12.30 – 20.30 Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH. For more information visit www.mha.org.uk/oneday/



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.

Second Collections

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Dialogue and Unity Adviser:

The Pastoral Team is currently advertising to fill a vacancy (.5FTE) for a Dialogue and Unity adviser. The post is based at Dabcec, Crawley, but will require ability to travel across the diocese. Applications and further details of the post may be obtained from Deacon Andrew Bayes at Dabcec andrew.bayes@dabnet.org or from Mgr Tony Barry tony.barry@dabnet.org The closing date for applications is **Monday 22nd of February 2016**.

Baptisms - Lillie Rose Stanley will be Baptised next week. Please keep her in your prayers.



This Friday is CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: we are asked to eat a little less, and put the money saved towards next Sunday's Second Collection for CAFOD.

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 with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 (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.

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(First Friday during school term. 7pm)

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (F Roberts)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Richard Flaherty RIP (Flaherty Family)
Monday 15th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Special Intentions (C&R Sowa)
Tuesday 16th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Lattimore family)
Wednesday 17th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Latin Mass	Emma Jahiel RIP (C Daly)
Thursday 18th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Don Hancock Ints (A Charlier)
Friday 19th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
7:00pm Mass	Eileen Kelly RIP (Jean)
Saturday 20th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10:00am Requiem Mass	Fr James Maguire RIP
Sunday 21st	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Fr James Maguire RIP
10:45am Mass	Maisie Lonergan RIP (M Peters)
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