



Fifth Sunday of Easter

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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THIS WEEK'S
MASS TIMES
AND
INTENTIONS**Sunday 14th***Fifth Sunday of Easter***9:00am Mass** -

Intentions of Nancy Finnegan

10:45am Mass -

Sr Marian Nestor RIP

(Flannery family)

5:15pm Mass -

People of the Parish

Monday 15th**10am Mass** -

Derek Walker Ints

(Ruby & the girls)

Tuesday 16th**10am Mass** -

John Clifford RIP

Wednesday 17th**10am Latin Mass** -

Margaret O'Neill RIP

(T Warren)

Thursday 18th*St John I***10am Mass** -

Alban Donnelly

(Foundation)

Friday 19th*St Dunstan***7pm Mass** -

William Dean RIP

(Wood family)

Saturday 20th*St Bernadine of Siena***10am Mass** -

Jean Lobo welfare

(D'Souza family)

Sunday 21st*Sixth Sunday of Easter***9:00am Mass** -

A deep thank you to

St Jude for his unfailing

response (Peggie)

10:45am Mass -

Kevin Belford RIP

(Nessie)

5:15pm Mass -

People of the Parish

Understanding
CAFOD Morning

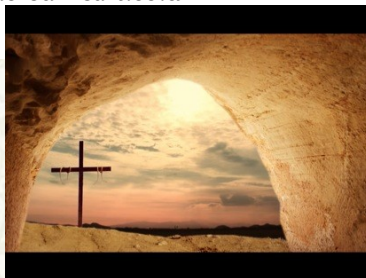
You are invited to come and find out about CAFOD's work overseas and how we are trying to end poverty on **Wednesday 14th June** at **Holy Family Church Hall Lancing BN15 9BB** from 11:30-1pm. The morning will end with a simple lunch so please let us know if you would like to come (for catering purposes) by emailing arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or calling Martin or Jo at the Arundel and Brighton CAFOD volunteer centre 01483 898866.

**Baptisms** -

Joseph Lopez will be baptised here next weekend. Please keep him in your prayers.



Please pray for the soul of Patricia (Pat) McCoy RIP who passed away recently. Pat's Funeral Service will be held



on Tuesday, 16th May at 12:30pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Caterham, with refreshments following in the church hall. All would be most welcome. May she rest in peace.

One of our parishioners is travelling to Lourdes at the end of this month with the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes, formerly known as the English National Pilgrimage. This is the oldest Lourdes pilgrimage from England with an emphasis on the Sick. If anyone would like their intentions to be handed in at the Grotto there will be a basket available in the church porch at all 3 Masses today and Sunday 21st May.



This week's Journey of Faith meeting (17th May) **is cancelled!** We will meet on the 25th May to explore the Passover (etc) as a preparation for the Mass. Don't miss it!

We are happy to announce that Fr Kieran (former Parish Priest) will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination with us here, at the Sacred Heart Church on **Friday 9th June**. Fr Kieran will celebrate Mass at 7pm followed by an evening of family entertainment including a gameshow and live music. There will be a finger food buffet served at around 9pm. Everyone welcome! Due to capacity restrictions we only ask that you confirm your attendance (group numbers) to the following email: fatherk40@gmail.com. If you do not have email access please contact the Parish Office. Avoid disappointment and register your attendance as soon as possible.

Today there will be a collection for the Peru Flood Appeal this collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your Parish Gift Aid envelopes.

Next Sunday we will have a second collection for the 40th anniversary of Fr Kieran's ordination.

SVP news

◦ **SVP Film Club - Monday 22nd May at 2.00pm**

Please note that Film Club will be a week earlier than usual this month, to avoid the Bank Holiday. We will be showing 'Belle', a 2013 British period drama, based on an extraordinary true story. It has been described as a 'gorgeous must-see film' and an 'exquisite masterpiece'. The showing of 'Jackie' has been postponed to a later date, since the DVD has not yet been released in the UK. ◦ The Sacred Heart SVP Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599 890043. Confidentiality is assured.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)

- **Saturday 20th May 11.00-4.00pm** - You are welcome to a mini-retreat day of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focusing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. At Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge. For more information, website www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £2,719.39

(Gift Aid: £466.08)

Second collection -

Vocation Sunday: £492.61

(Gift Aid: £189.66)

APF Red Boxes

Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the sacristy clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me by 28 May. 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.

Fundanami Trust - If you have children's books you no longer need please leave bags or boxes of books by the entrance to the shop in the porch OR phone 01883 348081. Books will be greatly appreciated by the children in KZN schools.

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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; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy, Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Derek Walker & Richard Sowa.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 14th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
4pm Confirmation Session (Old Hall)

Mon 15th: Teas & coffee after Mass

Tues 16th: 9:15am-11:15am Toddler Group (St Thomas' Hall)
7:30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Wed 17th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Whyteleafe Free Church)

Thur 18th: 8pm Baptism Preparation class (Old Hall)

Fri 19th: 7pm Chill Club

Sat 20th: Confirmation preparation & confession

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Gospel Reflection

It is not entirely clear how we are to understand today's Gospel. That our Lord is the way, the truth and the life, and that nobody can come to the Father except through him is indisputable. What is unclear, though, is what conclusions we are to draw from this. Through the ages many Christians have interpreted this to mean that all those who do not have an explicit faith in Christ, or who are not members of the visible Catholic Church cannot be saved. This opinion has given the missionary movement a great deal of impetus through the ages. But against this, we must balance the other famous line in today's Gospel, that 'in my Father's house are many mansions' (or rooms, or what you will), which seems to imply that there is room for everyone, or at least for a lot of people. It is a reading that often occurs at the funeral of people who were not really known for their devout and orthodox Christianity or who were, well, eccentric or quirky in some way.

The two views are not mutually incompatible. There is a well-established view that Christ may well be the way, the truth, and the life even to those who do not explicitly acknowledge this fact. This may sound dodgy and modern, but in fact it has a very venerable pedigree in the Church Fathers: St Justin the Martyr (who died around the year 150) thought that those seeking wisdom (logos in Greek) were unconsciously seeking Jesus Christ who is the Word of God (also Logos): and of course, 'he who seeks me has already found me'. There is, in addition, a sense of justice that would not seek to condemn to hell one who has, through no fault of his own, no ability to believe, whether through never having had the Gospel preached to him or her, or through a psychological or moral inability to believe. And it is part of our faith that our Lord died in order that all humanity might be saved. Pope John Paul II seemed to believe that all good human acts are in a real way acts of our Lord working through some form of grace in those who do them, whether explicitly Christian or not. But one cannot escape the fact that there has to be some element of volition, even if only implicit, in our acceptance of Christ as our Saviour. Salvation is not forced on us.

As so often is the case, no doubt the truth lies somewhere in between. But we must remember that when it comes to matters like judgment and salvation, it is the right of no human being other than our Lord to pronounce about who goes to heaven and who goes to hell. If our Lord's words in today's Gospel are gentler than some would have it, well, that is his business. Our business is to make sure that as many as possible come to an explicit faith in our Lord and membership of his holy Church, and not use as an excuse for our timidity or laziness what is, after all, only a possible reading of this Gospel passage.

GIFT AID ANNUAL STATEMENTS

The annual statements of your Gift Aid donations for tax year 2016/17 have been e-mailed out this week to those who have agreed to receive their statements by e-mail. If you had been expecting to receive one and not done so (maybe your e-mail address has changed?), please contact the Gift Aid Organiser. If you would like to receive your statement by e-mail and not previously indicated so (it does save printing and paper), then please contact the Gift Aid Organiser at peterkelly67@gmail.com. Remaining paper annual statements will be available for collection at all Masses on Sunday 21st May.

Psalter Week 1 NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 9am to 10am

Rosary every Wednesday & Thursday
9:40am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturdays: 9am - 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am
- 11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Succour - after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm