

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 4

### NEXT WEEKS READING

5th Sunday of Lent

Readings:

1st Reading : from the  
prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Letter to the  
Hebrews 5:7-9

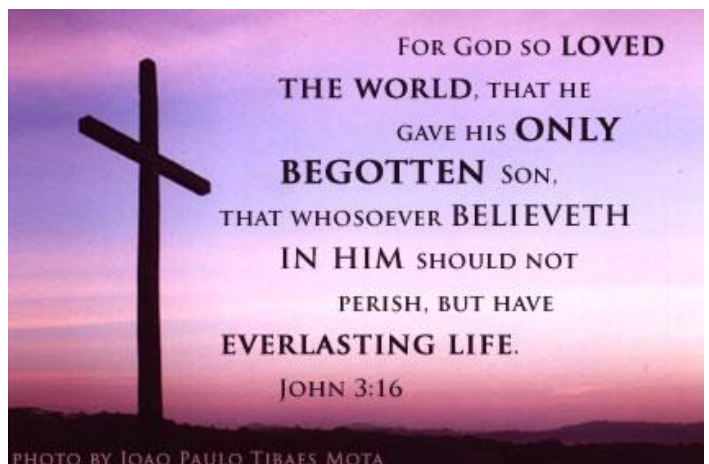
Gospel: John 12:20-33

## Gospel Reflection

In last week's Gospel, we met the stern Jesus, and indeed although during his ministry he was rarely violent, many of his teachings should cause one to wonder whether, after all, we shall be saved when we die. In today's Gospel St John reminds us that, after all, God send his Son into the world not to condemn us but in order to save us. This is intended to be encouraging—and so of course it is. But what are we to make of these two apparently unreconcilable extremes?

A few years ago there was a popular theological theory in circulation called the fundamental option. It suggested that if one had made a 'fundamental option' for the kingdom of God, in other words, if one was truly committed to the Gospel, to the faith, if it really underlay all one's actions, then surely a few sins committed in weakness could not jeopardize one's hope of salvation. This theory had, and surely has, a strong appeal to our human sense of justice and common sense. But the Magisterium found it to be faulty and restated the traditional teaching on the absolute necessity of confessing mortal sins if we want to go to heaven when we die. The reason is that the 'fundamental option' takes the judgment out of the hands of God and put in into the hands of mere human justice and common sense. It is, after all, only for God to say who goes to heaven and who does not.

I think that herein lies the answer to these seemingly irreconcilable themes in the Gospels, that on the one hand salvation is very difficult, and on the other hand very easy. It is because we are all utterly dependent on God's mercy and serious sins deserve hell; but God's mercy is infinite, and our judge is utterly loving, one who, after all, has already died for us. But we must not attempt to make the judgment for him.





### 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 29 March. 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.

**Sunday 15 March.** The Surrey Hills Newman Circle is hosting a talk by Pat Gaffney (National Co-ordinator of Pax Christi) entitled: "**Learning from the Peacemakers of the First World War**". It will take place at **4 pm** in the Parish Rooms, All Saints Church, Chichele Road, Oxted, RH8 0AG. All are very welcome.



There will be **Stations of the Cross** weekly at 6.30pm on Fridays led by Fr Seán and on Thursday at 10.30am led by the the Leaven Group.

### Palm Sunday

#### Parish Retreat



An End-of-Lent quiet day of meditation and prayer in the Centenary Hall and church, based on the story of the disciples' journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. This day is open to everyone and all ages. Starting after the 10.45

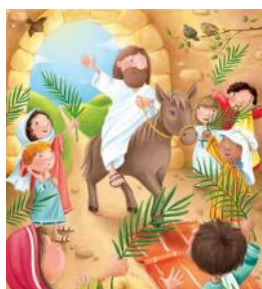
Palm Sunday Mass (about 11.45), we stop for a shared lunch, and finish at about 4.15. If you have children in school years 1 to 8, why not let them go to the activity day and come along to the retreat! Reserve your place NOW for the 29th March!

#### Children's Activity Day

Sign –up NOW for the Children's Activity Day on 29th March (Palm Sunday)! We have booked a tour guide to take us from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He will point out famous land marks such as the Emperor's stele and maybe the view from the fort. Of course other important events of that time will be covered too!

Puppets, stained 'glass' windows and much more are on what promises to be a very lively day's agenda.

Parents: having passed your children to the Activity-Day team, come to the Adult Retreat for a quieter end-of-Lent experience!



### 9am Leaven Group

The Group will meet following 9am Mass on Sunday 22nd March. 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 (Pat Magnus, Joy Cutler, Moira Brohier, Mark Ryland, Tree Dodington, Cheryl Daly, Emma Brooks, Rosemary Kinman or Richard and Val Williams). If not to the Welcomer who will let one of the group know.

### Parish shop

*Lent extra. £1, Children's Lent Activity sheet 50p, Games for lent, Daily Lent reading, Stations of the Cross & Easter Cards. These and many more items are available in the Parish Shop.*

### Gift Aiders

Please could all Gift Aiders who had not collected their envelopes last Sunday please do so this Sunday. Peter will be taking any remaining envelopes away after the 5:15pm Mass on Sunday.

### Health & Safety

A couple of small points .....

Just a polite reminder that if children need to "stretch their legs" during mass can carers please take them into the porch.

Also please can we kindly request that you pick up any litter and take it with you when you leave church.

Thank you

### St Patrick's Parish Breakfast

*Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 10:30am - Centenary Hall*



*Please join us as we celebrate St Patrick's Day, we will be providing a lovely cooked breakfast for Parishioners. Please sign the form at the back of Church if you are able to attend - this will give us an idea of numbers to cater for. For information please contact Karen on 07775 996012.*


### Mass Intentions

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

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory: £1,057.11 (Gift Aid £412.76)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 15th: No CHILDREN'S liturgy (as it's Mother's Day)  
Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass 
- Mon: After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)
- Tues: 10:30am St Patrick's Day Breakfast (Cent Hall)  
9:15am -11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)
- Thurs: 10:30am Stations of the Cross (Church)  
8pm Baptism Preparation (Old Hall)
- Fri: 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
- Sat: 2pm FHC - Tour of the Church
- Sun 22nd: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am  
Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass  
9am Leaven Group meeting after 9am Mass



### Men's choir

Calling out for men to come forward for the choir on good Friday please. We're down on numbers as a lot of the regulars are on holiday so help is required. Please contact Mike on 07939 528314.

### Second Collection

TODAY we will have a second collection for the Comboni Missionaries. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please do not use your Parish envelopes

**Married Singles Lifestyle** -The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 20th -22nd March 2015, email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) ; call or text 0788 7296983 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### 'ENCOUNTER' EVENING FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS (15-30)

ENCOUNTER evenings are proving really popular. We have live music, adoration and some brilliant talks, and we usually get a lot of people. Everyone is welcome, especially new people. It's totally free, and you don't need to book. Just turn up. It's a great way to explore your faith and make new friends. The next one is on Friday March 20th at 7pm at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley (RH11 8PG). Our guest speaker this month will be Aidan Cantwell, Diocesan Adviser for Justice & Peace and Social Action. He will be talking about Pope Francis words: 'An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to change the world.' Search 'Two:42 Young Adults' on Facebook for more information.



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 & Bridie Mullen; 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 Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook & Baby Tabitha Harrison



### Calling all children of the Parish

Don't forget to make an Easter Garden to bring into Church on Easter Sunday. 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). All entrants will receive a small chocolate egg.



**THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL**  
**HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
TLR responsibility 1c £9193 required from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

The Governors wish to appoint, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 a full time Head of Religious Education to make this outstanding department (Ofsted Section 48 2013) even better. The Head of Department will need to be enthusiastic and willing to assist an established chaplaincy team in the spiritual and liturgical life of the school This is an exciting opportunity to lead a department consistently rated as 'outstanding' by the diocese. The John Fisher School has a national reputation for the quality of its provision for religious education and numbers many priests within its old boy alumni. Application forms and job details are available by downloading via the website on [www.johnfisherschool.org](http://www.johnfisherschool.org) where further information on the school and department may be found. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby by the closing date: Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. Interviews will be held Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### Dates for your Diary:

Sat 21/03/15: 2pm - Tour of the Church

**Next Children's Session:** 19/04/15 chps 10-12

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



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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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**Chair of Parish Finance:**

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.co

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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 15th</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Andrew Koh (Ursula)
10:45am Mass	Bill Jones (Cutler family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 16th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Birthday Intentions of Toke Famori
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	<i>St Patrick</i>
10:00am Mass	Priscilla Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	
10:00am Latin Mass	Mary Carmichael RIP & James Quinn RIP
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	<i>St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10:00am Mass	Rosalin Lory (Foundation)
<b>Friday 20th</b>	
7:00pm Mass	Margaret O'Riordan (Foundation)
<b>Saturday 21st</b>	
10:00am Mass	Maria Florinda Lobo RIP (D'Souza Family)
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Eileen Kelly Ints (Jean)
10:45am Mass	Andrew Koh (Ursula)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



**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

**Stations of the Cross** - Friday 6:30pm