

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Psalter week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Christ the King

Dan 7:13-14

Ps 93:1a, 1b-2, 5

Rev 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

Scripture Reflection 33rd Sunday of Year B

The man with a sandwich board, pacing up and down the pavement, shouting 'the end of the world is at hand; prepare to meet thy doom' is a familiar figure, at least in legend. And the enemies of Christianity have often used figures like that to ridicule our faith. Several times in the Christian era have people claimed to have special knowledge of the last day, and have gathered their credulous disciples together, only to suffer a terrible disappointment. Who was it inspired them to pass on these messages? Sometimes, no doubt, the cause was simple mental instability on the part of the supposed visionary, and perhaps on the part of his or her followers also. At other times, one must not exclude the possibility of demonic manipulation for the purpose of discrediting the faith. These groups have not always been Protestant, either; some of the so-called Marian apparitions have also, under the guise of a certain number of good works, smuggled in some very doubtful doctrines as well as inaccurate information about the end of the world.

Let us be clear: the moment somebody claims special knowledge about the date of the end of the world, you can absolutely and certainly know that that person is either deluded (let us be charitable) or (to be less charitable) an out-and-out fake. How? Well, the answer is in today's Gospel, in that very last sentence. Not even Christ our Lord knows the date of the end of the world (at least in His human person). Is Almighty God going to reveal to some individual on earth that which He kept from His own Son? No, for nobody knows it: neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

And this is as it should be; for if we know the date of the end, then there would be no motivation for doing good in the meantime. All we really need to know is that, certainly, one day we shall die; that is very certain, and we do not know the day nor the hour of that either. Perhaps in God's providence, that hour will coincide with the end of the world. Does it matter?

The only solution is, of course, to live every day as if it were our last, as many of the saints recommend; to have our spiritual bags packed, as it were, all the time, ready to depart. St Paul, echoing our Lord, warns us elsewhere that he may come 'like a thief in the night' (1Thess.5:2) and our Lord Himself counsels us to 'stay awake; stand ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that we do not expect.' That's sound advice, from the best of all possible advisers. (Matt. 24:44).

School forms - Fr Seán will sign school forms after all Sunday Masses. Please bring the appropriate documentation with you.

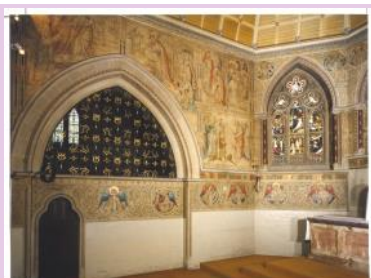
Rowland Bros Undertakers are offering to come and speak to a group of people about end of life issues—wills, power of attorney, funerals, all that sort of thing. If you would like us to take them up on the offer, would you please let the office know, and if there is enough interest, we will set something up.



What happens at Mass? Why?
Find out with an outline of the Mass.
Join us for this and more—and of the reading for next Sunday
All welcome!
8.00p.m. Wednesday 18th November,
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)

Sanctuary Restoration

The results of our parish consultation are now in. Those in favour of the restoration numbered 154 votes; those not in favour numbered 3 votes. Many thanks to all who participated.



On Tuesday, I, with Geoff Walker, chair of our Finance Committee; Deirdre Waddington and Greg Bratza, architects, presented our project to the Southern Historic Churches Commission, and they too approved our project, unanimously. There being no further official hurdles, we have accepted the proposal by Hirst Conservation to complete the work, which, we anticipate will begin in the very near future. Hirst have completed a similar project on wall paintings by the same artist only two years ago, and so are well equipped to undertake our restoration.

The first stage will be to examine the present state of the paintings, and also the underlying wall condition, to determine what precise remedies may be applied to secure the paintings for another generation. You will understand that the works, which will be going on for many months, will mean some disruption to our worship in the church. We aim to keep this to a minimum, and specifically to avoid the wedding season, for obvious reasons, since it will be necessary to erect scaffolding in the sanctuary, perhaps for several weeks. I am going to look at the best way in which we may preserve the life of our parish as the work proceeds: in particular concerning the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. For the most part, Masses should not be disturbed: the Latin Mass can be celebrated on the forward altar without difficulty.

I would like to express my thanks to the many of you who have contributed so far to this project. And for now, all I can say is..... here we go!

Message from Bishop Richard Moth

Please accept these all too-belated thanks for your kind welcome on the occasion of my recent visit to the Parish.
It was good to be with you - please pass on my thanks for everyone in the Parish who did so much to ensure a wonderful celebration for a significant event.
With every blessing.

Parish Shop

There are a lovely supply of Christmas Cards and advent calendars now available in the shop.



Not Much Time!

Are there any card makers or scrapbookers out there?
Are there any crafty or artistic parishioners out there?
Are there parishioners with a bit of time to spare?

If so

We are looking to recycle last year's Christmas cards and sell them in aid of Cafod.

We have the old cards, we just need you your flair.

If you have any good quality coloured card, envelopes or equipment, that would be a real help too!

Please contact Gemma Zarembski 01883 342508 to discuss.

Thank you



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Fr Martin Breen RIP, former Parish Priest of Tadworth and Sister Mimi Goddard, once of Woldingham School, who both died on last week.

Please also remember Nancy Exley RIP who worked at St Lawrence's Hospital. Her funeral will be held at St Mary's Church in Old Couldson on Monday 16th November at 11am.



Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Pantomime is coming!!

Sunday 29th November 2015
2pm
The Centenary Hall

Tickets £5 for Adults and Children (children under 1 free)
Refreshments will be available for purchase.

MOTHER GOOSE



Children must be accompanied by a paying adult
For further information or tickets please email the Parish Office - info@sacred-heart.co.uk

Tickets for the Panto will go on sale after every Sunday Mass TODAY!!

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £890.80 (Gift Aid £411.47)

Second collection (Retired Priests): £630.71 Gift Aid £400

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 15th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only

Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Christmas Panto Tickets on Sale after Mass.

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith

Fri: 7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open

Sat: 4pm FHC Session 3A (Old hall)

Sun 22nd: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only

Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

4pm FHC Session 3B (Old hall)



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, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Mary Edwards & Joe Kelly.

Baptisms

Tiernan Chapman, Amalie Cheshire, Finley Agyei & Joseph Carter will be Baptised over this week and next. Please keep them in your prayers.



Second Collections

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Parish Charity Fund. This collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your Parish envelopes.

World Youth Day: The next World Youth Day will be celebrated in Krakow, in July 2016. Young people 15-30 can go in a group; 18-30 as individuals. The cost will be £450, all-inclusive. Would there be interest among our young people to making up a group? Please let the office know. You can find out more on

www.WYD.org.uk

On a similar theme, our parish seems not to have a tradition (recently anyway) of getting involved in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Would there be interest for this coming year? The A&B pilgrimage is generally acknowledged to be one of the best available; there are places for able pilgrims as well as the sick. There are places for those who want to work with the sick (one of the best ways to make the pilgrimage), doctors and nurses (of whom we have plenty in our parish) being particularly welcome. There is a children's group, to enable parents to participate without having to constantly manage their childcare. There is a particular role for the 16-18 age group, the 'redshirts', for which there is fierce competition for places. The cost tends to be in the £600-700 range, but there is plenty of time now to start raising money. Sick people and the young should not let cost be a reason not to go: the parish will help if necessary.

CAFOD Mass of Remembrance. Over the years, CAFOD has been blessed by the kindness and commitment of our supporters, but sadly many of these people who have been at the heart of our work are no longer with us. As a small token of appreciation, CAFOD will be holding a Memorial Mass in their honour. The Mass will be on Saturday the 21st of November in St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill-on-Sea (just opposite the railway station) where the community will welcome us to their 10 am Mass. You are more than welcome to join us. If you would like any names included in the Book of Remembrance, whether or not you are able to come along, please get in touch with CAFOD A&B on 01483 898 866 or arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Refreshments will be served in the hall following the Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016

Please remember that all candidates 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.

Our Enrolment Mass went very well and all of the children were very well behaved. Thank you to all of those who helped to ensure this important occasion was marked well.

Date Preference forms will be available after Mass, please provide your first and second choices and return your form to the Parish Office by 28th November 2015. Email requests will not be accepted.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21st November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 3A.

Sunday 22nd November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 3B- **this session is now FULL**

Saturday 28th November, 4pm - First Reconciliation (all children)

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com.



PRAYER MEETINGS AT ST. BEDE'S ECUMENICAL SCHOOL, Carlton Road REDHILL RH1 2LQ

We are starting a half termly series of prayer walks and prayer times for parents, teachers and friends of the school community. The focus for this year will be to pray through biblical themes as they relate to our work and lives here at Saint Bede's.

We would love to invite anyone with a heart for prayer for our community here at Saint Bede's and a passion for developing the Christian Ethos to join us from 18:00 to 19:00 in the chapel on the following dates: Tue 15/12, Mon 8/2, Tue 22/3, Tue 24/5, and Tue 19/7. Refreshments available from 17.30. For more information please email jk@saintbedes.net

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
Mel Flaherty
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5th Caterham Scouts

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Chill Club

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)
Veronique Wood

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th	<i>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	James McNulty RIP (M Hinchy)
10:45am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (A Young & family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 16th	<i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>
10:00am Mass	Eileen Kelly RIP (Ruby)
Tuesday 17th	<i>St Hilda</i>
10:00am Mass	Douglas Blanche RIP (C& R Sowa)
Wednesday 18th	<i>Dedication of SS Peter & Paul</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Maria Lobo RIP (C Daly)
Thursday 19th	
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Friday 20th	
7pm Mass	Annie Duffy RIP (M Reilly)
Saturday 21st	<i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>
10:00am Mass	Veronica Lane-Ryan RIP (P Howlett)
Sunday 22nd	<i>Christ the King</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Florence Flaherty RIP (O Flaherty)
5:15pm Mass	Margaret Stone RIP (C Stone)



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