

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

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Psalter Week 2



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Catholic Lenten Practices

Giving up something for Lent, eating fish on Fridays and fasting from meat, almsgiving and penance throughout the forty days of Lent—these are some of the practices for which Catholics are known. But why do we as Catholics do this? Because through these commitments—known as “Lenten practices” or “Lenten disciplines”—the Catholic Church calls us each year to renew our discipleship in Christ. Specifically, each year during the liturgical season of Lent the Church asks us to pray, give alms, and fast.

Pray

We know the importance of prayer in our lives—as individuals, as families, and as a community. Prayer is especially important during Lent. The Lenten season is a time for reflection, evaluation, and repentance. Lent calls us to a personal conversion and renewal—to a recommitted life in Christ so that we might not just celebrate Easter forty days later but also feel the risen Christ alive in us and in the world. This means prayer. During Lent we set aside time for prayer that is reflective in nature and reveals places where we have failed to open ourselves to God.

Give

Every day we witness situations of injustice, violence, and hatred. Television and the Internet bring these into our living rooms, but we also observe and live them in our own cities and homes. The Church calls us during Lent to be especially conscious of the needs of others and to act accordingly. Giving materially to another is an act of Christian charity known as “almsgiving.” During Lent, the Church also calls us to first convert ourselves and then to transform the world for justice, so that we might serve the Kingdom which Jesus lived and preached.

Sacrifice

Fasting and abstinence are not sacrifices for the sake of pain or vain discomfort. Sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice is not a Christian virtue. We are asked by the Catholic Church to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Feeling an empty stomach, or fighting the urge to have that juicy steak or sweet does more than just remind us that for some people an empty stomach is their daily bread. Fasting and abstinence help us to ask ourselves the question: “What sustains me and gives me life?” What nourishes me on my journey of life? We will find the answer, not in the steak or the sweet, but at the end of these forty days of Lent—in the Resurrection of Jesus. We fast and abstain because, when we do, we are reminded of who we are—followers of the risen Christ.

As Catholics, we joyfully engage in Lenten disciplines because we are disciples (and yes, both words have the same root). We pray, give (almsgiving), and sacrifice (fast) because we follow Christ, who loved us so much that gave his own life so that we might share in Eternal Life.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Children's Liturgy 9am & 10:30am Masses
9:15am - 10:15 First Holy Communion Session
(Cent Hall) 
Teas/Coffee: after 9am Mass (T Veale & H Bissmire)
after 10.30 Mass (P Risely & M Chambers)
Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall.
Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 - 10.30
Sun: Children's Liturgy 9am & 10:30am Masses
Teas/Coffee after 10.30 am (T Patterson & F Shipley)

Cabrini: Bishop Kieran recently sent a note to schools about collections for the Cabrini Children's Society, to explain a change in their plans. They are now working almost exclusively with fostering and adoption, and since the change in the law allowed same-sex adoptions, he told them that we could no longer support this work. All monies collected were ring-fenced for their homes. They now accept that they cannot therefore depend on fund-raising in our schools and parishes. The Diocese believes it is really up to Cabrini to contact individual donors. In fact the Diocese understood they were going to do this. Nonetheless, we believe it is a good idea to inform you of the communication which has been received so that you can decide what to do. It is entirely an individual decision.

The Caterham Oversea Aid Trust

presents by popular demand the return of
"BEDROCK"
Classic Rock Cover Band
on
Saturday 29th March from 8 - 11pm.
At : The Humphreys Hall
Caterham School, Harestone Valley Road
Please bring your own drinks.
Nibbles provided
Tickets £10
Contact Ann Walker 01883 624773 or email
secretary@overseasaid.org.uk

The Double C Club

The winners of the March draw for the Double C Club
are:
£70 - Patricia Wilding
£50 - Beverly Searle
£30 - Gordon White
Anyone interested in joining contact Sue on 01883 346399

CALLING MARRIED COUPLES

A weekend of discovery and renewal for your marriage. Interested? A Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity for couples of any age to enrich their relationships in a relaxed and caring atmosphere. Places available on the weekend starting Friday 20 June at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham, Hampshire. For details and dates of other weekends please contact Chris & Mary Farrall 02380 275401 or visit the website
wwme.org.uk

ENCOUNTER - EVENING FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS AGED 15-30

The Next ENCOUNTER evening will be on Friday March 21st at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley, running from 7pm-9pm. There is no charge and no need to book. It's a friendly evening with music, food (snacks), Adoration, a guest speaker and the chance to meet other young Catholics. New people are especially welcome.

Ash Wednesday attendance

Parishioners have commented on the huge numbers of people who came for Mass on Ash Wednesday for both the 10 am and 8 pm. They never saw numbers like it. It was indeed very encouraging. Is it, what is being dubbed "the Pope Francis effect", one wonders?

Gameshow Night, Sat 29th March - update

Final preparations are coming together and for those lucky enough to have got tickets (now sold out), please note the following:

Your jacket potato meal will include the potato, salad and cheese OR beans although other fillings will be available on the night for a small charge.

We will also have a variety of cakes, desserts and sweets available to buy on the night for £1 a serving.

In addition to a raffle there will be a fun auction where you'll have the opportunity to pick up some high value items, like family passes to visitor attractions, a hair cut and colour and local theatre tickets for a fraction of their full price. Bring your change and your wallet/cheque book!

In the meantime, if you have any raffle prizes you can donate to the event, please contact Mel Flaherty on 07736 070455

Church Cleaning Rota

We are looking for more volunteers to clean our Church in the evening. Please contact Elisabeth Hubbard-Brown on 07717 600662 if you can help



Gift Aid

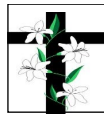
Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year are still available for collection in the Porch.

Fr Kevin Gaskin R.I.P.

I will be attending Fr Kevin Gaskin's Funeral on Friday at 11.30 am in Wadhurst. Friday's Mass here will start at 9.30

Jamie & Red Shirt Appeal

Jamie Weadon would like to express his sincere thanks for your exceedingly generous response to his appeal last Sunday. The amount donated exceeded his expectations and requirements. The surplus will remain in the Parish Accounts to help again towards any other student volunteering to go to Lourdes as a Red Shirt next year.



Please keep in your prayers William Warner who died this week.

The 5.15 pm Mass today will have a seven minute introduction and slide presentation (instead of a homily) to the Jubilee Lent Group, which the Bishop is anxious that we participate in, which starts on Sunday 23rd March at 6pm in the Centenary Hall. This will be repeated at the 9 and 10.30 Masses next weekend.



Tomorrow is the Feast of St Patrick. Mass at 10.00 am followed by Irish Breakfast in Old Hall.

(Verbum Dei deferred to the following Monday)

Year 5

Year 5 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their class room tomorrow at 9 am.

Good



Friday

This year, in addition to the Stations of the Cross (11 am) and Veneration, (3pm) there will be a special hour of "Prayer around the Cross" from 8 - 9 pm in the Church. This will consist of reflective prayers, hymns, chants and periods of quiet meditation, as we reflect not only on the sacred events of that first Good Friday but also on the cross in our own lives today. *This is open to anyone of any Christian denomination to attend.*



Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Leon Kozlowski; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Ken Archer; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Ian Lester; Christopher Miles & Pat McCoy; Olive & John Woods.



5th Caterham (Sacred Heart)
Scout Group

Race Night

25th April 2014 at 7pm

Centenary Hall – Sacred
Heart Church – Essendene Road, Caterham

Supper included – Chilli and jacket potato or jacket
potato with cheese and beans

Cost : £5 per adult and £2.50 for children aged 6 to
14 years

"Wanted: Informal and Impartial Expert IT Advice

Is there anyone within the Parish who has a professional understanding of IT solutions, who could help give us an initial steer for planning the future development of St Francis' School's communications/data management system?

Pease contact Owen Flaherty (School Foundation Governor) on owenflaherty@hotmail.com

St Joseph

Wednesday is the Feast of St Joseph, spouse of Mary.
Mass at 10 am.

Baptisms

Next Sunday I will Baptise Samantha van Dalen and Ava Mae Short.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory £879.98 (Gift Aid £406.67)

CONTACTS

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St. Francis Primary School:

Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy
Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 16th

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

9:00am Mass

People of the Parish

10:30am Mass

Rita & Edward Croke RIP (AM Young)

5:15pm Mass

Greg O'Reilly RIP (S Hepplewhite)

Monday 17th

St Patrick

10:00am Mass

Priscilla Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)

Tuesday 18th

NO MASS

Wednesday 19th

St Joseph

10:00am Mass

Holy Souls (Hinchley)

Thursday 20th

10:00am Mass

Margaret O'Riodan (Foundation)

Friday 21st

09.30 am Mass
Stations of the Cross

Oluwatoke Famoritade (Olaleye)

Saturday 22nd

10:00am Mass

Olive Wood ill (Parish Women's Group)

Sunday 23rd

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

9:00am Mass

People of the Parish

10:30am Mass

Oluwantomi Famoritade (Olaleye)

5:15pm Mass

Youth of the Parish (A Pullin)



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9.45am

Rosary Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; (1pm -2pm returns after Easter) ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

HEALING MASS with Benediction every first Friday at 10:00am

