

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sacred Heart Parish Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

Sunday 16th October 2016 29th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 35:12-14,16-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Gospel Reflection:

Last week we heard of the encounter of our Lord with the ten lepers, only one of whom returned to give thanks. And we noted that our Lord was more concerned with the faith of the leper who was cured than with the fact of the cure itself, for it was by the leper's faith that he was saved: a cure far more important than the putting right of illness.

In today's Gospel, we begin to sense a little seeming impatience on the part of our Lord because we human beings seem so preoccupied with the little matters of day to day that seem so important. Our Lord spends a lot of time reassuring his people that our heavenly Father will not fail to provide us with everything we need: why, then, should we be concerned? As he says elsewhere 'seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these things will be added unto you'. (Matthew 6:33)

The covenant that our Lord initiated and fosters in his own precious Blood has bound us in closely with the Holy Trinity. A covenant—religiously speaking—is something that establishes a special bond between people, and the New Covenant is what makes us parts, literally, of God's own family. It is thus that we call God, truly, Father and Jesus our Lord, Brother. And by faith we are bound in to this covenant, and sanctified through the sacraments and our good works. How could we think that God our Father would deny us anything we truly need? But the response of faith is essential for this. The point of the persistent woman is that she truly had faith that the unjust judge could, if he wished, give her justice. All she had to do was nag until she got her way. Our heavenly Father is not like that judge; he is just, and he knows exactly what is best for us. But we must pray that our faith also be strengthened, and we must be prepared to do his will to the best of our abilities.

All young people, presently in year 10, who wish to be confirmed, can collect an Application Form from the back of the church. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish Office by 28th October 2016.

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard: He is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows: Saturday January 21st - St John's Seminary, Wonersh Saturday January 28th - St Joseph's Church, Redhill Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhillon-Sea

Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Jack will confirm whether there is space. He is assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

First Holy Communions

If your child is currently in Year 3 or above he or she can make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2017. The registration form is now available for collection, one per child, from Father Seán in the Sacristy after Mass. Forms must be returned by Friday 28th October 2016. The details for the 2016/2017 programme for the children will be made available to parents at the parents meeting - date to be confirmed via the Parish Newsletter.

Forms can only be handed to the family of the child wishing to apply. Please note Children should now stay in Church for the whole Mass and not go out for Children's Liturgy.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) - Saturday 22nd October 2016 11.00am -4.00pm

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/ afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy. Please note change of venue: at St. Andrews Hall, Medstead. GU34 5LX. 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 Fr Ncholas Broadbridge "Closure - Healing of Memories"; 3.30 Reconciliation and 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 and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Following meeting – Saturday 26th November. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: David Beresford.



St Francis' Catholic Primary School

We would like to invite prospective parents of children starting primary school in September 2017 to one of the following events: **OPEN MORNINGS** - Tuesday 18th October and Tuesday 22nd November 2016

The Headteacher will speak at 9.30am, Tours will begin at 9.45am and finish at 10.30 am. Please telephone the School Office on 01883-342005 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you.

Marriage Catechists Reflection Day: On Saturday 26 November from 10.30-15.30 join Bishop Richard for this day to develop this ministry for engaged couples for both experienced and new catechists. For booking or information contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Tel: 01293 651152 Email katherine.bergin@dabnet.org and www.dabnet.org

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for MISSIO. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

New Volunteer Editor Needed for A&B News: The current Volunteer Editor of A&B News, the diocesan newspaper of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is retiring at the end of the year and the Diocese is looking for a new Volunteer Editor. The Editor works as part of the Communications Team and is responsible to the Communications Officer. There is part-time secretarial assistance to the paper. Travel and other appropriate expenses are paid. Work space is provided at the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre in Crawley. You can see a full Job Description and Person Specification on the Diocesan Website. Otherwise ring Ruth Gerun on 01293 651164 or email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org. Interested individuals should send in a CV and covering letter explaining their interest in the role to Mark Woods by 31 October 2016. If anyone wishes to discuss the position further then please contact Mark Woods, Communications Officer on 0752 843 8042 or

Parish Film Club (SVP)

email communications@dabnet.org.

Our next film 'The Lady in the Van' will be shown on Monday 31st October at 2pm in the Old Hall. This film was released last year and stars Maggie Smith in the leading role. About 25 parishioners enjoyed last month's film, as well as tea and cakes at the interval. All are welcome.



Baptisms - Grace Devenish will be Baptised next week. Please keep her in your prayers.

Safeguarding Gathering and Mass: Day for Safeguarding Parish Representatives and Clergy with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on Saturday 5 November at the Friary Hall, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1HR, 10am-12pm followed by Mass at 12.15pm. For more information and to confirm attendance contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office 01273 241203 or email them.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory: £1,027.09 Gift Aid: £382.30) Second collection for CAFOD: £671.31

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 16th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses

Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (St T. Hall)

9:30am St Francis School Open morning

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)

Sun 23rd: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses

Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Kimilili Link.

At the parish meeting earlier in the year it was proposed that we develop a link with St Leo the Great parish in Kimili-li, Kenya. This suggestion has been received enthusiastically by the 2 priests in the Kenyan parish:

'Our parish has 104 small Christian communities and 8 out stations; this enables us to facilitate proper Evangelisation to our people. The population of our parish is about 6000 Christians. Our small Christian communities are made of about 20 homes/families.

Christians meet in their homes to share the word of God, pray together and occasionally celebrate the Eucharist together.

Our out stations are made of the small Christian communities of that area. Mass is celebrated in these stations on Sundays. Priests cannot manage to celebrate Mass every Sunday in these out stations therefore there is a rotational mass program every Sunday.

On special occasions (Good Friday, confirmations, ordinations, professions of the Religious) all the Christians of the parish come together in the parish centre.'

Fr. John Sulumeti and Fr. Willis Wafula (Copies of the full reply are in the porch)

A small group from the Sacred Heart Parish has met to begin developing this link. Our next meeting will be after the evening Mass on the feast of All Saints (Nov 1st) Anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome.

Mike Wood 01883 348081 mjw@litnum.com

Weddings

We pray for and congratulate Jimmy Mullen & Sue on their marriage.



Sacred Heart's New Year's Eve Party

Saturday 31st December 8pm until 1.30am.

£10 per person, £5 per child (up to 14 years) Family Ticket £25 (2 adults and 3 children) Group Ticket £40 (5 adults) Finger buffet included.

Tickets will be on sale soon. Please put this date in your Diaries

We have have already booked an outstanding professional DJ so should be a really great night.

Volunteers are needed to help out on the night with catering and bar. Please contact Sue at

sue.fanthome@gmail.com



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; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, 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, Brenda Sharpe & Paul Lovell.

Parish Christmas Market - Sunday 20th November

This week we would again be grateful to receive any Tombola items, as well as Art & Craft goods and unwanted jewellery.

We are hoping to have a Grand Raffle but are in need of suitable prizes. Donations towards a Christmas hamper would be most welcome (Christmas cake, pudding, bottle of port, etc) Since the Christmas Market will be raising funds for those in need, parishioners who have contact with a local business may wish to consider making a request for support with further Grand Raffle prizes. The Parish will be happy to acknowledge such support.



Does God exist? – so why do you think He allows evil?

Join us for an discussion of these and more – and of the readings for next Sunday All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday, 19th October,

in the Old Hall

Schools forms after Sunday Masses. Applications for St Bedes & Coloma, who don't use a form, must also see Fr Seán.

Sign up now for the Parish retreat! Come to Woldingham on the 23rd October. Only £20, and a light lunch and Mass provided! Posters and sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Catch it while there are still places! We have been asked about payment: if you have already signed up, please put your money in an envelope marked 'Retreat' and your name and put it through the office door – or give it to one of the Journey of Faith team.

SVP - Cash4Coins: Here is a great opportunity to make a little money for the SVP out of those old coins and banknotes and leftover holiday



currency which is not worth exchanging for pounds.

Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, the SVP can collect all foreign coins and banknotes, any old British and Irish money and even obsolete currency! 50% of the funds realised will go to our Caterham Conference and 50% to national SVP funds.

There will be a clearly labelled large plastic bottle in the Church porch for you to deposit your donations. Thank you.

CONTACTS

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12:30pm) Leila Merrett

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term 7pm)
Mel Flaherty

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5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591 paul_lovell@rocketmail.com

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday 16th	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Campbell Clark RIP (M Clark)
5:15pm Mass	Agnes Mendonca Ints (D'Souza family)
Monday 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch
10am Mass	George Reavey RIP (E Reavey)
Tuesday 18th	St Luke
10am Mass	Michael Lynch RIP (Dawn)
Wednesday 19th	St Philip Howard
10am Latin Mass	Saïk & Amy RIP
Thursday 20th	
10am Mass	Joan Borras RIP
Friday 21st	
7pm Mass	Diane Bailey RIP (P Lucas)
Saturday 22nd	St John Paul II
10am Mass	John Handover RIP (N Handover)
Sunday 23rd	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass	Jimmy & Sue Ints (SVP)
10:45am Mass	Martina Kilkenny RIP (S Flanagan)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

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