

Parish of the Sacred Heart,



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Today there will be a second collection for the flowers in Church over Christmas. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Over the Christmas Season the Crib Collection will go to the Catholic Children's Society Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund.

The collections at the Christmas Masses will be our Christmas offerings to Fr Seán and is eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Please use your special blue envelopes. Thank you.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK.

- Sun 17th: Children's liturgy - all morning Mass
Coffee & Teas after morning Mass
4PM Carol Service (Church)
- Mon 18th: Coffee & Tea after 10AM Mass
7PM St Francis School Carol service
- Tues 19th: 9:30AM Toddler Group (St T Hall)
11AM Bible introduction (Old Hall)
7:30PM Bible introduction (Old Hall)
8PM Choir practice (Church)
- Wed 20th: 8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer
(St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe)
- Fri 22nd: 4PM Christingle service (Church)
- Sun 24th: No Children's liturgy
Coffee & Teas after 10:45AM Mass
6PM Christmas Vigil Family Mass
9PM & Midnight Christmas Vigil Mass

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40AM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every
Tuesday and Saturday 9AM to 10AM

Rosary every Thursday 9:40AM

Confessions every Saturday 10:45AM – 11:15AM
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour -
after Saturday Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £747.71 (Gift Aid: £362.05)
Second collection (COAT):
£716.68 (Gift Aid: £339.30)



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

**Sunday 17th December
2017**

Third Sunday in Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th

9:00AM -
People of the Parish

10:45AM -
Mayret & Joel Chacon Ints
25th Wedding Anniversary

5:15PM -
Morris Family Ints

Monday 18th

10:00AM -
John Gilford Ints (Jean)

Tuesday 19th

10:00AM -
Mary Preston (foundation)

Wednesday 20th

10:00AM Latin Mass -
Sydney & Marguerite Fenton
RIP

Thursday 21st

10:00AM -
Maria Lobo (C Daly)

Friday 22nd

7:00PM - Patrick Linton Ints
(C Linton)

Saturday 23rd

10:00AM -
Connie Cronin RIP (Family)

Sunday 24th

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00AM - Pat McCoy RIP
(T McCoy)

10:45AM -
People of the Parish
5:15PM - NO MASS

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses
6PM - People of the Parish

9PM - Martina & Ken Ints
(Peggy)

Midnight Mass - Ann Walker
Ints (Ruby & the girls)

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Talks at 11:00AM and 7:30PM ON Tuesday 19th December - the 7:30PM will include a reprise of the first part of the talk, in view of last week's bad weather.

We welcome Fr Stephen Dingley who will celebrate one of the Christmas Masses with us.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Snow Angels needed!

It's that time of year again where we are warned about the possibility of snow and ice. Could you spare half an hour to help grit the drive and walkways to the Church and Halls? If we have a bank of volunteers to join a rota you would not be called upon very often. If you can help please email hands@sacred-heart.co.uk.

Please take extra care as you walk around the Parish.

Thank you

PARISH SHOP



Now stocking Advent calendars, Advent wreaths and beautiful Christmas cards. We also have copies of Advent Extra on sale which you may find helpful in preparing for Advent. Please come and have a look at our new stock. Purchasing items from the Parish Shop, helps to support the Parish.

ADVENT GROUPS

To prepare for Christmas there will be groups meeting on Sunday evening in Godstone, Monday morning in the Old Hall, and Tuesday Scripture course with Fr Seán. Please see notice board for details.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE DOUGLAS BRUNTON CENTRE

Will you or someone you know be without company on Christmas Day? Would you like to enjoy a Community Christmas Lunch? You are warmly invited to celebrate the joy of Christmas with others at the Douglas Brunton Centre.

Transport can be provided. If you would like to receive an invitation please complete one of the slips which are alongside the little red box in the Church porch, and then post the slip in the box. An invitation will then be sent to you.

Sponsors: If you wish to support this wonderful event organised by Churches Together, but cannot offer your time, please consider sponsoring a dinner (£5) or table (£25). Please contact the Parish Office.



Our next session will be after Christmas, when we tour the church.

If you ever wondered about the things in the church, what the credence table was, for example, or why there is a lamp on the sanctuary, then come along and find out! Questions answered and corners poked into!

All welcome!

8:00PM Wednesday 10th January, 2018 in the Old Hall and then in the church.

SVP FILM CLUB

Please note that a film will not be shown in December. The next Film Club date will be 29th January.

MINISTERS

Please could you add your name to the list at the back of the Church if you would like to read or be a Minister of Communion at any of the Christmas services.

NEW YEARS' LUNCH

Our annual New Years' Lunch will be held on Saturday 13th January 2018 (12:30PM for 1PM). Please complete and return the forms in the porch if you are able to attend.

DAY FOR THE POOR – 'NOT IN WORD BUT DEED' POPE FRANCIS

Following on from Pope Francis' invitation to understand that sharing with those in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel.", we ask you to keep this in your minds especially over the Christmas period and

beyond. Here are some suggestions of how you can help.

- 1) Help bring people to Church by joining the taxi rota.
- 2) Offer to help with transport on Christmas day.

Taking people to or from the Brunton Centre for Christmas Lunch.

- 3) Does your neighbour need help e.g. shopping or simply a visit?

Ideas are not limited to these. Please get involved.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 4.00PM

This simple service for children and their families gives us all the opportunity to reflect on the coming of the Christ-Light at Christmas. After all the bustling activity of the last few weeks, a Christingle Service will help your children to anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus in

a beautiful and meaningful way.

There will be a few spare christingles available on Friday afternoon, but better still, if you can make one at home with your children. There will be



sheets available in the porch this Sunday, with instructions on how to do this. Please encourage your children to fully participate by making a christingle and bringing it along to the Service (It's very easy!)

Would any of our young people be willing to help with this, perhaps by reading at the Service or making a few christingles? Your help is needed – please call the Office 01883 343241 or email: brigid.lovat@gmail.com

CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017, 4PM - TODAY

Join us in Church for our annual Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Would you be willing to bake a few extra mince pies to donate to this celebration after the Carol Service? If so please bring them along with you.

THE PEACE LIGHT

The Peace Light will be brought into our church at the 10:00AM Mass on Tuesday the 19th December.

The flame starts its journey at the Grotto of Christ's birth where a Muslim Scout passes the flame to a Jewish Scout and then onto a Christian Scout for distribution around the world so that people can burn the flame in their homes and churches over Christmas as a symbol of peace.

Anyone who wants, can light their own light from it to take back home to burn over Christmas as a focus for prayer and a reminder of the need for peace, generosity and tolerance in our homes, in our country and throughout the world: something which is so necessary at the moment! Collect a prayer card with your light any day up to, and including Christmas Day.

Special candles are available which will burn

safely for up to a week, and can be kept at home over Christmas (they are the same candles which are used for the sanctuary lamp).

Bring a jar for yourself – and a jar (or jars) for others when you collect your light!

(Safety Information: If you do not use the sanctuary candle and are concerned about safety, follow these guidelines: You will need a large candle which will burn for two or three days, and a

large ceramic or Pyrex mixing bowl. Stick the candle onto a saucer, by dripping wax onto it and putting the candle into the molten wax and then put the whole lot into the bowl so that if it should fall over it stays inside the bowl. Keep the lighted candle away from curtains or cards. Some people like to put it in the kitchen sink or a fireplace behind a fire guard overnight.)

OF INTEREST...

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION WITH BISHOP RICHARD, 2018

In 2016 and 2017, Bishop Richard invited Confirmation candidates to join him at Evenings of Reflection held around the Diocese. More than 350 people attended in 2017, and had the chance to meet with Bishop Richard

and to be led in the practice of Lectio Divina. Bishop Richard will be doing the same thing in 2018. The dates and locations are now available so that parishes and Confirmation coordinators can factor

them into their planning.
Thursday January 18th - St John's Church, Horsesham
Thursday February 8th - St Joseph's Church, Epsom
Thursday February 22nd - St Michael's Church,

Worthing
Saturday March 3rd - St John's Seminary, Wonersh
Saturday March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill.
All evenings run from 7PM to 9PM. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org



Your Prayers are requested for the following people 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; 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, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Richard Sowa, Ann Walker, Val Williams & Patrick Eade.



Please pray for the soul of Susie Labonté RIP, her funeral will be held here on Thursday 28th December 2018 at 10AM. .

Psalter Week 3

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

G O S P E L R E F L E C T I O N

The notion of a prophet is little understood these days; one has a tendency to think of a hairy individual with rather original notions of personal hygiene and no sense of responsibility, shouting something about disasters. Others, perhaps more reflectively, see a prophet as someone who challenges institutions and promotes change. The Guardian, perhaps, would see itself as a sort of prophet in this sense, or maybe the Tablet in the Catholic world. Well there is a certain truth to all this, but these simplifications of what a prophet is are by no means the whole story. For instance, in the Bible, the first of the three possible Isaiahs is very much an 'establishment' figure, a temple priest, we think. And Nathan was to be seen rather a lot in King David's court.

The real and proper function of a prophet is to point away from himself towards God. To recall people to what is important, to what really matters. And this is just what we see John the Baptist doing in today's Gospel, from the first chapter of St John's Gospel;

I am, as Isaiah prophesied
'A voice that cries in the wilderness
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

The real prophets of our age are not odd-balls telling us to change everything, but those who remind us of our duties to God and our neighbour, those who encourage us in the daily fight for holiness, those who help us to do good and avoid evil. Those who see things not from our short-sighted worldly point of view, but from the eternal, Divine point of view, whose sandal straps we are unworthy to undo.

F O R Y O U R D I A R Y

You can listen to Bishop Richard speaking about the Catholic Church and its work around mental health on Heaven's Road Radio via the web www.heavenroadfm.com on Monday 8th January at 9AM, 3PM, 9PM and 3AM or using the listen again button outside these times.

Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday January 6th at 1PM with Bishop Richard in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: mag.booker@gmail.com . Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

P E A C E S U N D A Y 2 0 1 8

This will take place on **Sunday 14 January**. The theme this year is 'Migrants and Refugees - Seekers of Peace'. Information and resources is available from the Pax Christi website - www.paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday. This includes the full text of the Pope's letter for Peace Sunday. There can also be a collection in parishes to support the work of Pax Christi.