



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 17th January 2016
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Gospel Reflection

Some have said that Jesus can seem rather a kill-joy. Belloc, for one. But obviously, Belloc, and others, if they had read today's Gospel, had not done their sums. I don't know whether any of you have been any quicker, but you might have worked out just how much wine was produced as a result of this miracle. Six times twenty or thirty gallons makes probably about 150 gallons of wine! Over a thousand pints! That must have been some party, considering the guests had already managed to drink through the entire stock of wine provided for the celebration.

So why, then, did St John include such a strange story in his account of Jesus' life. Surely, the purpose is to show the absolute delight that God has in marriage. The Church has always identified this as the key moment of the establishment of marriage as one of the Sacraments—our Lord had plenty of other things to say about marriage, and any of those occasions might have been chosen, but no. This rather odd story was chosen instead.

It is likely that St John intended this passage to be something that revealed the Messiah, who had been prophesied as being the one who would give wine in plenty.

There is something else to notice, and that is the relationship between our Lord and his Mother. Initially, Jesus refuses to act on her suggestion, and she does not argue, but simply tells the steward to do as our Lord tells him. Our Lady has very little to say in the Gospels, but those occasions are usually very full of meaning. This is no exception; we have here a good model for prayer for our Lady's intercession. It has been piously said that God will refuse his mother nothing, and today's passage suggests that this is really the case; God has at least appeared to change his mind at his mother's bidding. She is confident that he will do whatever she asks; she does not argue but simply assumes that what she asks will be done. There is, however, another thing. If we ask Mary to intercede with her Son for us, then we must also hear what she says to the steward; 'do whatever he tells you'. If we wish to be heard, then we must be prepared to do what he tells us; to live good Christian lives, listening to what our Lord teaches us through the Gospels and through his Church.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) –
Saturday 23rd January 2016 11.00-4.00**

Please join us for a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. 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 Derek Williams, Catholic Evangelist on "Our participation in God's Mercy"; 3.30 *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 see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Following meeting – Saturday 27th February 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: Charles Whitehead.



When Jesus quoted Isaiah, he had an important message for us. What was it?

Join us to find out – and continue our consideration of the readings for next Sunday

All welcome!

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 20th January,
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)**

Are there one or two people out there who might be willing to help count the collection? It involves about an hour and a half on a Monday morning, and the more people who volunteer, the less often anyone has to do it. Please have a word with Jimmy Mullen, Fr Seán or the office.

Ministers of Holy Communion: Please do not forget to genuflect (if you can!) with the priest before 'This is the Lamb of God'. I suggest that when you come up to the altar after the Our Father, that you stand at either end of the altar, where the purification cloths wait for you. Then if you need to steady yourself to genuflect, you can.

Next week, Fr Seán will be away 25-29th January; no Masses, therefore, until Saturday morning. Bishop Richard has asked that we not distribute Holy Communion outside Mass.

Next Sunday, 25th January, the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, will take place the annual United Service of Caterham & District Churches Together. This year it will take place in our own church at 7pm: please do make every effort to come, not least to welcome our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters.

The Diocesan **Annual Justice & Peace Assembly** - a day of inspiring talks, debate and lively 'marketplace' activities - takes place on **Saturday 16 January 2016: 10.00 - 16.00 at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Open to all.** There is no charge.

Bishop Richard will open the event with a talk on the Year of Mercy. John Battle MP 1987 to 2014 will address what it means to 'be a poor church for the poor. Alison Gelder, Director of Housing Justice, will examine the current housing crisis. Also time to meet others and learn about initiatives across diocese including to the current Refugee Crisis.

To book a place contact Ruth Gerunt: 01293

651164 ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or vis-

it www.dabnet.org/Courses If you need or can offer a lift please contact the Parish Office or Janet D B on 01883 712440.

We are looking for a DJ for the Scared Heart NYE 2016 : Please contact Mark on 07736750085 if you can help or recommend someone.

Overcome Indifference and Win Peace

Today is Peace Sunday when we will reflect on Pope's Francis' theme – 'Overcome indifference and win Peace'. There will be a 2nd collection for the work of Pax Christ and envelopes are available this week.

Christmas Nativity 2016 Volunteers needed

If you would like to arrange the Children's Nativity re-enactment at the Christmas Family Mass this year, please let the Office know. A lot of hard work and preparation goes into this process so an early start would ease the pressure over the busy Christmas period.

You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on 11th - 13th March 2016, email info@retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £957.68 (Gift Aid £465.19)

Second collection: £586.20

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 17th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45
Masses
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Masses

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group. (Old Hall)

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Thurs: 8pm Baptism Preparation Class (old Hall)

Fri: 7:30pm - 11pm Club Bar open

Sun 21st: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45 Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Monthly coffee and shopping mornings starting Friday 29th January - 9am onwards, Centenary Hall

On the last Friday of each month, the Centenary Hall open in the morning to anyone who wants to come along for a coffee and a catch-up with friends. If you're in the mood for shopping there will be a variety of stalls selling various goodies including clothes, bags, jewellery and cosmetics. Entry is free and all are welcome! If you are interested in having a stall please contact Lisa at lisadonohue@live.com

Sacraments for the Sick

If you know of anyone who through age or infirmity is unable to come to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please would you let Fr Seán or Eliz Wood know? Nobody should be deprived of the sacraments if it can be avoided.

On a similar theme, should you be seriously ill, please do ask me for the Sacrament of the Sick. I would be happy to come out and administer it, or if you are able to come to Mass, you can ask afterwards and we can do it there and then. This also applies if you are going to have a general anaesthetic. Please don't be shy about it: I have seen great things result from this sacrament.

Illuminate @ Worth Abbey: 19-21st February

A weekend retreat for young people in years 9-13. Over the weekend we will be exploring Psalm 26 and unpacking what it means for us today. The weekend will include inspiring talks, time for discussion, participation in the Monk's prayer, time for space and prayer, lots of yummy food, praise and worship, silly games and time to chill out and get to know each other. It is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith through making friends and having a whole lot of fun in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey. Please email francescacarbone@btinternet.com for further information and to book email toc@worthabbey.net. Booking deadline 12th February.



John Fisher School Vacancy - please see the notice board in the porch.



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, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for Peace Sunday (Pax Christi), please use the envelopes they have provided in the porch. Pax Christi is a non-profit unincorporated organisation, not a charity, so Gift Aid will not apply for them or our parish.

Nest Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



We will be meeting again at the end of the month but in the meantime, please remember that all candidates should be attending Mass at The Sacred Heart Church and 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.

Could we also remind parents that all children should be guided through Mass and supervised at all times. If you have younger children please ensure that the FHC candidate is left with a responsible adult.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 30th January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4A
Sunday 31st January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4B
Saturday 27th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5A
Sunday 28th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5B
Saturday 19th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6A
Sunday 20th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6B
Thursday 14th April 2016, 8pm - 9pm - Parent Session (Old Hall)
Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7A
Sunday 24th April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7B (Scouts, Cubs & Beavers please be aware that there will be a St George's Day parade on 24th April so you will need to attend the 23rd April session)

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

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Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)

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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

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th	<i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Fr Frank Garvey (Mullen family)
10:45am Mass	Altar Servers (foundation)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 18th	<i>Feria</i>
10:00am Mass	Ruby Gornall Ints (B Gilford)
Tuesday 19th	<i>St Wulstan</i>
10:00am Mass	Eileen Kelly RIP (Jean)
12:00pm Requiem Mass	Sheila French RIP
Wednesday 20th	<i>Sts Fabian & Sebastian</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	New Secular Priests' Common Fund
Thursday 21st	<i>St Agnes</i>
10:00am Mass	Noel & Bernadette Kinsella RIP (J Watts)
Friday 22nd	
7:00pm Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (P Howlett)
Saturday 23rd	
10:00am Mass	Maura Moose RIP (Lawless family)
Sunday 24th	
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Robert Halpin RIP (D Hall)
5:15pm Mass	Catherine Quinn RIP

**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30am – 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