# **OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER**



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Psalter Week 2

### John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher –'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

### Reflection

There is really a great deal in today's Gospel that one might comment upon. There is the call of the Apostles, and the new name 'Cephas' (Aramaic for rock, or, more familiarly, Peter) that our Lord gives to Simon the fisherman. However, I would like to look at that strange observation of St John the Baptist that opens the Gospel today, for it is a strange observation, and really only familiarity with the words has made them seem unsurprising.

It is a shame really that this Gospel is not paired with the passage of Genesis which tells of Abraham and his readiness to sacrifice his only son, Isaac at God's command. It is a good illustration of the intimate connection between the Old and New Testaments. Isaac is what we call a 'type'—a sort of foreshadowing—of our Lord, in that he, an only son, goes up a hill (which tradition identifies with Calvary itself) to die in obedience to God and his Father, carrying the wood for his own sacrifice. But perhaps it is his question on arrival at the place of sacrifice that has most resonance, especially for today's Gospel. He says: 'Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?' And Abraham said, 'God will himself provide a lamb my son.' (Genesis 22:7,8) Hence the significance of the comment of John the Baptist in today's Gospel: 'Behold the lamb of God'. This is the lamb whom God will provide in place of Isaac, the father of the whole Israelite nation, and indeed in place of all humanity.

This should also have a resonance for us concerning the Mass. The priest presents the Sacred Host and says those same words 'Behold the Lamb of God'. He it is who has given his life for us. The corollorary is, of course, that we, like the apostles, should be prepared to follow him.



### **Baptisms**

Next week Rohan John Mulholland will be baptised.

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**Health & Safety** 

# Appeal

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Do you have any high visibility vests that you do not need III and could donate to the parish? If so please can you bring III them to the parish office. Thank you ш

### Calvary Scene

<sup>III</sup> The Calvary scene at the back of the Church is getting damaged due to people using it as a seat and/or a table. Please can we ask that you do not sit or lean on this, or put bags or coats on it. Parents please can you ensure u your children do not climb or stand on this statue. Thank III vou.

## Sacristy

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III Please can we ask that parents do not take their children ш into the corridor or the sacristy by the Old Hall during ш mass or allow their children to play in this area. If you need to take your child out of Mass if they are crying or to III allow them to 'stretch their legs' please can you take them III ш into the porch. Thank you. ш

### Safeguarding

A safeguarding rep will be in the Parish Office after both morning Masses on Sunday 18 January. Please email the team is you would like to someone to get in touch, please provide your contact details at safeguardingreps@gmail.com

### Advance notice

Caterham Churches Together joint service for the week of Christian Unity at St John's Church of England church in Caterham Valley, Sunday 25th January at 6.30pm

### **Parish Woman's Group**

The Parish Woman's Group will meet in the Centenary Hall on Wednesday 4th February at approximately 2pm after Lunch Club.

### **Second Collection**

This Sunday we will have a second collection for Peace Sunday and next Sunday there will be a second collection for The Catholic Education Service (both are not eligible for our Parish Gift Aid collection please do not use your envelopes).

### Diocesan Festival 50 Volunteers Required

The Diocese is looking for volunteers to help with Festival 50 in 2015. Volunteers are needed on the day and in the preparation of the Festival. Do you have any skills from Event Promotion to Music, from Face Painting to Flower Arranging that you would be happy to offer? Would you like to be a Welcomer and Host on the day? There are many jobs and all offers gratefully received. To offer email festival50@dabnet.org or write to Festival 50, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. More information on the Diocesan website

### PEACE SUNDAY 2015

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make TODAY a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the annual World Day of Prayer for Peace:

### 'Slaves no more, but brothers and sisters'.

The theme will be reflected on next weekend in the parish and there will be a retiring collection for the work of Pax Christi.

In recent years we have begun to recognise many new forms of slavery alongside the older ones – the child soldiers in many foreign wars, for instance, and (more shocking still) people trafficked for domestic service, for sexual exploitation and for the drugs trade hidden within our own communities. Come together to reflect Pray and Learn how we can Act to help our sisters and brothers.

SURREY HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2015 - 70th Anniversary On Tuesday 27th January 6:30pm - 8:30pm the University of Surrey, Chairman of Surrey County Council with the kind support of the faiths communities of Surrey will host the first Surrey Holocaust Memorial Day on the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. We hope that you will be able to come and join us for this event. Please do register for the event. http://surreyhmd.splashthat.com

### Festival 50 Pilgrimage

This is being planned as a one off massive pilgrimage starting at Arundel Cathedral to arrive at the Amex for the 50th celebrations of the Diocese on Sunday 5th of July 2015. We would welcome every parish, school and organisation possible to make and bring a banner that represents them, for a pilgrim commissioning service. The banners will be blessed and then brought on pilgrimage to the Amex stadium for the 50th celebrations. For more information and booking form go to www.dabnet.org/Festival50

### **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory: £965.98 (Gift Aid £475.38) White Flower Appeal: £427.49

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 18th:	CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass Teas & Coffee after Mass	
Mon:	After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)	
Tues:	9:15 - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)	
Sun 25th:	CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am Mass only. 10:45am Youth Mass & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Enrolment Mass (Please be aware this will be a busy Mass and parking may be an issue) Teas & Coffee after Mass	

The Finance Committee will meet next week on Tuesday 27th January 2015. Please let the office know if you have any points to be raised.

### A request from CAFOD

If you have not yet disposed of your Christmas cards, please let us have them! A small group of parishioners are planning to create special, handcrafted cards for Christmas 2015 and to donate the proceeds of the sale to the work of CAFOD. There will be a box in the church porch this weekend and the following one to receive your cards. Thank you for your support with this project.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



### ENROLMENT MASS - 25/01/15 - 10.45am Mass

Please note the First Holy Communion Mass will be held next Sunday, 25/01/15 at the 10.45am Mass, where we will be welcoming all the children to the Community.

This will be a Youth Mass, where the Youth choir will be singing.

We have 58 candidates this year and it might be a little busy and parking may be an issue. Please be considerate to your fellow Parishioners.

### **First Holy Communion Parents:**

Could you please bring you children to the Centenary Hall by 10.25am where we will take the register before going over to the church. If your child is doing a reading, you may need to be at the church a little earlier, but you will be advised beforehand.

### Next Children's' Session:

Sun 01/02/15 – 9.30am – 10.30am - Centenary Hall (chps 4-6 of book) Please bring a photo of your child's Baptism.

If you have any questions, please contact **Anne Marie Young** either via email on <u>fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com</u> or by mobile on **07949 938 984.** 



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 & Bridie Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen & John Gilford.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today.

The funeral of Jim Horrocks will take place on Thursday 22 January at 1:30pm. Please remember in your prayers the souls of all those who have died recently.



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

### COVER SUPERVISOR

required to cover maternity leave from 23 February 2015 for up to one year Salary Scale 4/5 Salary range £20,193 – £24,027 pro rata

The school is currently looking to employ a Cover Supervisor to supervise whole classes during the short term absence of teachers. The hours are 30 per week, term time only. While the post is a temporary position it may suit a candidate who is looking for a

one year contract prior to starting a career in teaching. Application forms (support staff) are available by downloading via the website on <u>www.johnfisherschool.org</u> where further information on the school may also be found. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, the Office Manager on <u>irigby3@suttonmail.org</u> by the closing date Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Interviews will be held week commencing 2nd February 2014.

### PUBLIC EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS

required as soon as possible

The John Fisher School is currently looking to increase its team of Public Examination Invigilators. You will be required to work for a period of 6 weeks during May and June and to invigilate internal examinations throughout the year. To be remunerated at £8.00

per hour. Telephone enquiries to Mrs Bourne, Examinations Officer are welcome. Application forms (support staff) are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org

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The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.

<u>CONTACTS</u>	THIS WEEK—SI	ERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
arish Office:	Sunday 18th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Times
a Merrett (Mondays & Wednesdays : ) am - 12.30 pm) @sacred-heart.co.uk	9:00am Mass	Jo Mattos' Ints
41 Hall Hire	10:45am Mass	Lawrence Family (Tomlin Family)
e Young 407	5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
all@gmail.com Preparation:	Monday 19th	
0208 763 2144	10:00am Mass	Dapo Famori RIP (L. Famori)
e <b>paration:</b> otice required) - Fr Seán	Tuesday 20th	
Faith (RCIA):		
01883 345749 @yahoo.com	10:00am Mass	Sally Barrett RIP (E. Kelly)
urgy Group:	Wednesday 21st	St Agnes
wood11@btinternet.com Communion	10:00am Mass	Michel Labonte RIP
e Young 984	Thursday 22nd	
heart@gmail.com <b>ion</b>	10:00am Mass	Patrick Leonard (A Bell)
1883 382506 vorld.com	1:30pm Requiem	Requiem Mass for Jim Horrocks
<b>g:</b> Jacqui Voorbach	Friday 23rd	
uardingreps@gmail.com	7:00pm Mass	Debbie Cutler (Family)
01883 330684 y@o2.co.uk	Saturday 24th	St Francis de Sales
h Finance: - ghw360@gmail.co	10:00am Mass	Catherine Quinn RIP
<b>ddlers 9.30-11.00:</b> : 07921 030991	Sunday 25th	Third Sunday in Ordinary Times
Øbtinternet.com 1 <b>Clubs:</b>	9:00am Mass	Jimmy & Bridie Mullen Ints (Jean)
during school term. 7pm) y acredheart@gmail.com	10:45am Mass	William & Elizabeth (H Bissmir)
am Scouts : 07712 436591	5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
orricketmail.com during school term. 7pm) Vood Primary School: er: Maria Wheeler D05	Rosary Wednes	sions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am sday & Thursday at 9:40am & Friday at 6:40pm tion before the Blessed Sacrament