



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 18th September 2016
25th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1,4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Gospel Reflection

There are those who maintain that our Lord had no sense of humour. In particular there were the Jansenists, who held that he was always sad, because he saw before him at all times the iniquity of sin and the pain of his passion. Jansenism was suppressed as a heresy eventually.

But this aside, the idea of our Lord laughing, or telling a funny story is somehow foreign to our imagery of him. No doubt this is partly because the ancients thought that it was evidence of a mind that was not particularly deep, and that the philosophical vocation was better served by gravity of deportment.

Which, no doubt, is why the parable in today's Gospel is presented with what seems to be a certain amount of puzzlement. At least, St Luke seems to want to make sense of it to the Greeks (for whom he was writing) to whom proper philosophical deportment would be expected of a great teacher.

Would it be too much to ask whether our Lord was simply telling an ironically funny story? In which case, the moral of this story might well be 'don't take yourselves too seriously'!

There has been plenty of skulduggery in the history of the Church, some of it well- (or at least understandably-) motivated, as in the case of the bishop or abbot who bit off the toe of a saint's body when it was presented to him to kiss, simply in order to secure for his church a major relic. One deplores the theft, but can't help smiling at the method and the sheer cheek of the thief, the original pious fraud. I'm not so sure that the thief wasn't in fact canonized a saint at some time, though perhaps not for his theft.

There are many of us who have soft spots for charming rogues, and I wonder whether our Lord is saying much the same thing in today's parable. Certainly, if we take the Gospel reading as a whole, it would seem to suggest that money is not such a very important thing to get worked up about. It makes very little difference to God one way or another providing that if we've got it, we use it charitably.

But the real point is where our choices lie; for God or money. If we take money too seriously, if it becomes in a real way our God, the thing by which we measure the value of things, the most important and controlling factor of our lives, then we cannot claim to be Christian. It is what we call the sin of idolatry.

Parish International Christmas Market – Sunday 20th

November

There will be all the usual favourites (bottle stall, tombola, lunches) as well as new stalls and plenty of homemade produce and art and craft items! Many countries of the world are represented in our parish and we look forward to sharing Christmas ideas from every continent. In the true spirit of Christmas the proceeds will be shared with those in need at home and abroad, through the work of CAFOD and the SVP. There will be a short meeting at **8.00pm on Monday 19th September** in the Old Hall. Please come along if you would like to help in any way towards the success of this event. If you cannot make the meeting please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office.

APF Red Boxes

Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the presbytery clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me by 2 October. Would any one in the parish who has a red box but does not have a promoter to collect their money please contact me. Moyra Brohier 342928, Local Secretary, APF Red Boxes.



Thomas More Catholic School - Russell Hill Road, Purley, CR2 8XP

Open Evening for year 7 2017 entry:

Thursday 8 October 2016 6pm to 9pm



Oakwood School - 59 Godstone Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 2AN

OPEN DAY

Saturday 8th October 2016, 10am - 1pm

Telephone 020 8668 8080



First Holy Communions

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme for those in academic year 3 will be available shortly. In preparation for this please can we ask that those interested in registering for the programme ensure that their family details are up to date on the Parish Register. If you are unsure if your details are on the register the registration form can be downloaded from the parish website and once completed returned to the Parish Office.

Full information on the programme will be given at the first parents meeting (date tbc) however for your planning purposes and in considering whether to register for the programme please be aware that classes will be held on Saturdays from 11am. All children undertaking the programme will be expected to attend all classes as well as weekly mass.

The next meeting of the 9am Leaven Group will be following the 9am Mass TODAY. If anyone has anything they would like discussed then please contact one of the group:- Pat Magnus, Cheryl Daly, Moyra Brohier, Frances Roberts, Richard Williams, Val Williams, Rosemary Kinman, Joy Cutler or Mark Ryland. Alternatively if anyone is interested in joining the group, we would warmly welcome you to come along.

The Marriage Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Richard Moth will take place on Saturday 8 October at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne BN21 4EU. Booking is essential. To apply for places and for more information contact Rosie Read on 01293 651161 or email rosie.read@dabnet.org.

St Bede's prayer meeting-

Our first prayer meeting for the new academic year was held on Tuesday 13 September in the chapel. We will be praying on the second Tuesday of each month. Dates for the remainder of the year will be:

Tuesday 11 October, Tuesday 8 November, Tuesday 13 December, Tuesday 10 January, Tuesday 7 February, Tuesday 14 March, Tuesday 9 May, Tuesday 13 June and Tuesday 11 July. Please make a note in your diary!

We would love to invite anyone with a heart for prayer for our community here at Saint Bede's and a passion for developing the Christian Ethos to join us from 18:00 to 19:00. Refreshments available from 17.30.

Thank you and we look forward to you joining us in prayer. Any queries to Mr L J Jackson (use the contact page)

Hebrews 10: 24-25: "Let us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting togetherbut let us encourage one another...."

A Morning for Catechists: To explore how to meet the challenges of mission coinciding with Year of Mercy Jubilee for Catechists with speaker, Fr David King and separate streams for each sacramental programme on Saturday 24 September from 9.30am-1pm at DABCEC, Crawley (RH10 6RP). The day will end with a light lunch. For further information, or to book a place, contact David Wills 01293 651157 or david.wills@dabnet.org.

New PA to Financial Secretary Wanted: There is a vacancy for a part-time PA to the Diocesan Financial Secretary. Closing date 30 September. For more information see Diocesan Website. Please contact Sarah Kilmartin: telephone: 01273 859705 or email: finance@dabnet.org for an application form and job description.

Faith In Action Lecture - At Woldingham School, in the Goddard Room on Wednesday 21st September 7pm- 8.15pm

What can we learn from Adam, Eve and Star Wars? Please come along and enjoy this interesting lecture on Genesis and the Ten Commandments, looking also at films and books where the hero/heroine has to choose good!

The lecture will be delivered by Dr Anthony Towey, Director of the Aquinas Centre for Catholic Education at St Mary's University and joint editor of the new GCSE Religious Studies course for Catholic Schools.

Everyone is most welcome.

Mass for Deaf & Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday October 1st at 1pm 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.

Parish Day Retreat at Woldingham. Sunday 23rd October. Led by Sister Sheila Moloney (Currently chaplain at Mayday Hospital). Cost £20. Lunch and Mass included. Please contact Peter Lovat for further detail.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £819.17 (Gift Aid: £308.35)

Second collection (Catholic Education): £211.12

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



- Sun 18th: Children's liturgy at 9am and 10:45am Mass
Tea & Coffee after 9am Mass
9am Leven group meeting
after 10:45am 5th Caterham Scouts Cake and Dessert Sale
- Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
8pm Christmas Market Meeting
- Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (old Hall)
- Sun 25th: Children's liturgy at 9am and 10:45am Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass



Needs You! Could you spare a few hours, on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, every couple of weeks to volunteer at Caterham Foodbank? Would you like to help local people in our communities? We would love to hear from you! For an application form please email info@caterham.foodbank.org.uk or write to Caterham Foodbank, 4 Beechwood Road, Caterham. CR3 6NA www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk Registered Charity

St Philomena's catholic girls' school in Carshalton open mornings between 9.00 am and 10.45 am from Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September for prospective year 7 children in 2017. Contact Mrs Flannery on 020 8642 2025 ext 266 to register interest.

Do you enjoy a good film? If so, the SVP is starting a monthly Film Club - Come along at 2.00pm on **Monday 26th September**, to enjoy our first film, 'Suffragette' followed by tea and cake. This film was released in 2015 and widely acclaimed as 'a masterpiece' and 'the best film of the year'. The SVP's new venture will take place at 2.00pm on the last Monday of each month in the Old Hall. We are hoping to have sufficient comfortable chairs for everyone, but please feel free to bring a cushion. There is no need to book and there will be no charge. If anyone would like a lift to the Film Club please telephone the Parish Office.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Sat 24th Sept, 11.00-4.00 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 Kristina Cooper: **"The Imitation of Christ - Blessed are the merciful"**; 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 call Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Following meeting – Sat 22nd Oct. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: Fr Nicholas Broadbridge.

Baptisms - Jack Kay, Javier Brais Veres & Eva Farida Davies will be Baptised here next weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



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, Harry Gaut, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell & Charmaine Wise.

Merciful like the Father

Exploring the theme of Mercy in the Gospels through paintings, with art expert Fr. Geoff Wheaton, S.J. Among the images are ones of the Prodigal Son, the raising of the son of the widow from Nain and the Crucifixion. Friday 7th October at 7.30 p.m.



How is your knowledge of the Old Testament?
Do you know Ezra from Nehemiah and have you met Obidiah?
Join us for an elucidation of these and more – and of the readings for next Sunday
All welcome!
8.00p.m. Wednesday 21st September, in the Old Hall

Today there will be a Special Collection for Home Mission Sunday this is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

5th Caterham Scouts Cake and Dessert Sale - TODAY, after 10.45 Mass, Centenary Hall

The Beaver, Cub and Scouts based here at Sacred Heart need to raise funds for much-needed camping equipment and so will be selling cakes and desserts in the Centenary Hall after the later morning Mass on TODAY. Any donations of nut-free individual biscuits/cakes and whole cakes/desserts that people can buy to serve at home after their Sunday lunch all gratefully received, ideally in the hall just before Mass. Contact melflaherty@hotmail.com if you have any queries.

Bar Staff required - If you are interested in a few (or a lot!) paid shifts in our Bar? It's a good way to socialise and also help the Parish in a fun way. Please contact Jo Waiton on waitoninnocent@talktalk.net. Thank you

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.



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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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5th Caterham Scouts

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Sister Margaret Mary Petterson (T Doddington)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Bernard Ellis RIP (D Waddington)
Monday 19th	<i>St Theodore of Tarsus</i>
10am Mass	Patrick Quinn RIP
Tuesday 20th	<i>St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & companions</i>
10am Mass	Bernard Ellis RIP (J & T Cutler)
Wednesday 21st	<i>St Matthew</i>
10am Latin Mass	Garry Kirwan RIP (Bishop)
Thursday 22nd	
10am Mass	Bernard Ellis RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)
Friday 23rd	<i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>
7pm Mass	Dr John Howard RIP (V Williams)
Saturday 24th	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
10am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 25th	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Myra Massey (foundation)
5:15pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions

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