



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 19th June 2016  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Times

## Sacred Heart Church

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Psalter Week 4

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16b,19-21

Galatians 5:1,13-18

Luke 9:51-62

I would like to call a Parish Open Meeting at 7.30 on Friday 24th June, probably in the Centenary Hall but if necessary in the church. The purpose of this meeting is to present our parish accounts to you, to consult you on one or two matters, and to give you an opportunity to raise concerns that you may have. I'm sorry that this isn't very much notice, but we wanted to meet before the summer break, and have been waiting for the diocese to give us the go-ahead on the accounts. I gather that they still haven't been cleared, but the diocese have said that we may present the accounts as being 'later to be confirmed by audit' - I hope that makes sense. As for other items, I would like to invite you to present items for the agenda. These should be presented to the office by the end of the morning of Monday 20th June, and each proposed item must be supported by five named registered parishioners each from a different household. This is to make good use of our time, so that we don't spend hours arguing one person's request to paint the whole church pink and yellow, but to establish that there is a matter of real concern to discuss. It is also hoped to have a barbecue, organised kindly by the Catenians, on the same occasion. The agenda will be circulated by email probably on Wednesday; there will also be paper copies in the porch.

## Reflection

One of those Year of Mercy banners hanging in the church at the moment has a line from CS Lewis on it: it goes something like 'Everybody thinks forgiveness is a great idea—until they have something to forgive!' It's a good line, and one we should keep in mind. It rather reminds me that we take the same approach to crosses.

We all know that the cross is an important element in Christianity: not just our Lord's cross, but also we are well aware that he says in today's Gospel that we should be prepared to take up our own crosses. It's a great theory—until the cross actually comes our way and we feel the burden.

Blessed Anthony Grassi remarked acutely that we humans are frequently the carpenters of our own crosses, and deep down we know how true that is. And then there are the crosses that are in no way our fault, but get dumped on us by others or simply by circumstances. What can complicate matters is that what is a burden to us might be a breeze to somebody else—but it is we who have to carry this particular cross which is ours, and sometimes carry it alone, while others wonder, to our shame, why we are making such a fuss.

In the Hail Holy Queen, this world is likened to a 'vale of tears', and that can often seem so true. When we are struggling with one thing, hardly coping, so often another comes along that makes everything seem just about unbearable.

This world is a vale of tears because of sin; not our own sin necessarily, but because of what humanity has done with God's wonderful creation. We are subject to illness, death and all the other sad things that can happen. This world has said that it would do without God, and God has said 'Fine: have it your own way! But you are going to have to cope with the consequences of your decision.' And that might very well have been that: he might have abandoned us. But instead of that, he actually joined us. If we have been dumped in the soup, he has jumped in with us, and showed us the way to climb out, if we wish to, by him taking up his cross, suffering, and dying. And then, by rising again, he showed us that actually there can be a point to all this.

It is as if he is saying to us: 'look, you've got to take what the world throws at you: don't try to dodge it, because it is actually your personal way to glory. Put a smile on your face and do your best to cope with things, because this is your very own way to heaven.'

### Caterham's Hidden Gem

**Open Caterham at The Sacred Heart 25th/26th June** - can you help by:

- helping for an hour on either day, see the list in the porch
- have you a garden table and chairs we could borrow?
- could you put up a poster and invite others to come.
- Cake donations - Please deliver to the old hall on Saturday or Sunday.

If you have already offered to help, please check the list in the porch for your time slot.

Contact Elizabeth Wood for more information.

[01883348081/elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com](mailto:01883348081/elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com)

**Special Collection** - Today there will be a special collection for A Day for Life. Next Sunday there will be a collection for Peter's Pence. Both are **not** eligible for Parish Gift Aid

### Coffee and Cake with CAFOD

Please join us for coffee and cake on Saturday 2nd July at St Joseph's Church hall, St Margaret Drive, Epsom KT18 7JQ from 10:15 to 12:30pm. Come along for an update on CAFOD's work, meet others and discover ways in which you can get involved. Contact Martin or Jo on 01483 898866 or [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) for more info and to book your place.

**St Aidan's Catholic Primary School** Coulsdon CR5 3DE- Headteacher - Required for January 2017 or later subject to negotiation with suitable applicants For further information and an application pack please e mail Mrs Jennifer Blackburne at [clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk)

**Dementia Friends Information Session – 7.30pm, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (Old Hall)** - This session will provide the opportunity to learn a little more about what it's like to live with dementia and the small ways that we can help. It will be run by a specialist in the area of dementia and will last for about an hour. All are welcome, so please come along to ensure that we are doing our best to create dementia friendly communities.

### School open days:

The John Fisher School - Tuesday 28th June, Thursday 30th June & Tuesday 5th July - please contact the school.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls - Tuesday 5th July 2016 from 3:30pm to 8pm

St Bede's School - Wednesday 6th July 2016, from 5:30 to 9pm



**APF Red Boxes** - There are a number of Red Boxes (some of them from October 2015) at the back of the church. Would all box holders please collect their boxes, which are behind the Welcomers. Our total for 2016 is down, compared to this time last year, and if we are to continue with the important work of Missio we need all holders to ensure that their boxes are collected and filled. If for any reason, you are unable to continue, please let me know so that I can dispose of the box as they make the back of the church untidy. Moyra Brohier, Local Secretary, Tel: 01883 342928

 The John Fisher School Rugby & Cricket Camp 2016 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016  
To be held at The John Fisher School. For further information please contact [jmccann13@suttonmail.org](mailto:jmccann13@suttonmail.org)



Please note that due to flood damage, the St Thomas' Hall and the Bar area are closed until further notice.



St Francis Catholic Primary School -

We are currently looking for a Foundation Governor to join our team of committed, progressive governors at St Francis Primary School. We all work on a voluntary basis and the appointment is made by Bishop Richard of Arundel & Brighton Diocese.

Ideally we are looking for someone with legal or health/social care expertise to complement the skills of the current Governing Body. However, please consider applying even if you do not have experience in these areas; enthusiasm and a commitment to supporting St Francis' School, as well as being a practising Catholic, are the only essential criteria. For further information please phone or email the school office (see details above) and leave a message for The Chair of Governors, Mirella O'Donoghue. She will return your call or email and give you more information about what the role entails. Also, find out more about the team from our website [www.stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) under the tab 'About us'. St Francis is a Safeguarding School

**Safeguarding** - The Safeguarding Office (SO) have now given the go-ahead to commence DBS (CRB) rechecks. If you currently volunteer in a role in the Parish where you work with children or adults at risk you should hold a current DBS check. We will be doing the rechecks in small batches and will be having some sessions over the next couple of months to get the checks up to date. We will be doing this **by appointment only**. Can you please email our reps Jacqui and Dee at [safeguardingreps@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingreps@gmail.com) to see if you have a current check and if not we will let you know the dates we will be doing the checks. In order to speed things up you will be asked to complete all the forms at this appointment and we would ask that you bring along your **original** ID together with a photocopy which we can send to SO. Thank you.

Gift Aid Statements are available for collection from the Sacristy for another week. Please collect after Mass if you have not already done so.

### Year of Mercy Pilgrimage for New Catholics Led by Bishop Moth

- For adults who have been baptised, confirmed or received into the church since 2012, along with their families, friends, sponsors, godparents, catechists and parishioners
- Enter through the Holy Door
- Celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving
- Tea and cake, and an opportunity to meet Bishop Richard Sunday 3rd

July at 3.00pm Arundel Cathedral

Bishop Richard looks forward to meeting you!

Please give us an indication of numbers for catering purposes

email: [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or phone: 01293 651164

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon. Annual Mass in Honour of St Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei at St John the Baptist Church, Purley. All are welcome. Confession available from 11.30am.

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory: £863.68 (Gift Aid: £316.61)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 19th : Children's liturgy at 9am and 10:45am Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass  
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)  
Tues: 9:15 - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)  
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith  
Thurs: 7:30pm SVP  
8pm Baptism Class (Old Hall)  
Sat: Open Caterham  
Sun 26th: Children's liturgy at 9am and 10:45am Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

**Vocations in Today's Church**, a talk by Fr Aaron Spinelli.  
4pm Today at All Saints, Oxted RH8 0AG.

**SVP Coffee Morning and Cake Sale – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - The Sacred Heart Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society warmly invites parishioners to tea, coffee and cake in the Centenary Hall after the 9.00am and 10.45am Masses on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Delicious homemade cakes will be on sale and there will be an opportunity to find out more about the work of the SVP in the Parish. Offers of cakes will be greatly appreciated!

**WANTED - equipment and furniture for Youth Club at St Thomas' Hall** - We are after foldable table tennis, snooker and table football tables and 2 x 3-seater sofas (max length 2.2m) for use and storage in the new St Thomas' Hall. Please contact Mel Flaherty [youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com) or 07736 070455

### Health & Safety

**PARKING** - please can we again remind all Parishioners of the importance of only parking in marked bays, and not parking on the yellow lines at the entrance to the Church driveway. Cars should also not be parked alongside the private access road to the office/presbytery or outside the Old Hall. Recently a Parishioner was taken ill during Mass and the ambulance was unable to access the rear of the church due to the parking. Luckily in this instance this did not affect their treatment but in a life and death situation, or in the event of a fire, emergency vehicles need clear access for all our safety.

**First Aiders** - in the event of an emergency during Mass it can sometimes be necessary to call on the help of experts. If you are medically trained and would be happy to lend a hand please could you let the office know so that this information can be passed on to the welcome groups.

Thank you

**Main Church Doors** - If the main Church doors are open please take care as if you use the steps. A ramped access with a hand rail is available at the side of Church.



**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.



Do you know someone who would like to find out about being a Catholic – or who is a Catholic and would like to deepen their faith? Perhaps you are that someone! - the "Journey of Faith" is for you!

Contact us NOW! (See newsletter, or Fr Seán - 01883 343241, Gemma - 01883 342508, Peter - 01883 345749)



### Children's Liturgy - Update Some reminders about Children's Liturgy (running Term time only)

**There will now be ONE Liturgy for all children between the ages of 1 to 7 years old (children who have NOT made their first Holy Communion)**

#### Pre-school children

- Only one adult per family should accompany the children to the liturgy.
- There will be a collection at every session.

#### Children age 5 - 7 years (pre First Holy Communion)

- Please ensure your child does not bring anything other than themselves through to the hall.

#### Notes for all

- Children who have made their First Holy Communion should remain in the Mass. If parents really feel their child will benefit from attending the session please mention this to the Liturgist before Mass.
- Your seat in the Church can be reserved by picking up a sign from the table with the Hosts on.
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10.45am there will be a Youth Mass instead of an Children's Liturgy. The children will do the roles of Welcoming, Offertory, Reading / Bidding prayers and choir at these Masses.
- All children who have made their First Communion can volunteer to become Altar Servers if they wish to or can join the Children's Choir.

**We are always looking for volunteers to join the Liturgy teams. If you are interested in helping please contact Nina Morro or Nicky Leaker at [nickyleaker@live.co.uk](mailto:nickyleaker@live.co.uk)**

Diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead, with Bishop Richard on Sunday 17th July 2016. There are 13 tickets available. If you would like to go please contact the office.

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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**St. Francis Primary School:**

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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**THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Times</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Juliette Phillips (Foundation)
5:15pm Mass	Alf Collings RIP (C Roofe)
<b>Monday 20th</b>	<i>St Alban</i>
10am Mass	Bridget Crook RIP (Peggy)
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
10am Mass	Mr Dapo Famori RIP (O Famori)
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	<i>Saints John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>
10am Latin Mass	George & Mary Edwards & Kathy Barraclough RIP (T Moss)
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	<i>Saints Etheldreda / Tomas Garnet</i>
10am Mass	Andrew, Austin, Astrid Welfare (Mr & Mrs D'Souza)
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<i>Birth of St John the Baptist</i>
7pm Mass	Mark Mackenzie RIP
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	<i>Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10am Mass	Moyra & Ray Ints
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	<i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Thanksgiving (V Williams)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	May Darby RIP (C Roofe)

**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament** Saturdays: 9am – 11am