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Today there will be a second collection for the Day for the Poor (more information can be found inside the newsletter). This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Next Sunday there will be a collection for The Cathedral Maintenance Fund (this is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your purple envelopes). Thank you.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 19th: Children's liturgy - all morning Masses
Coffee & Teas after morning Masses
- Mon 20th: Coffee & Tea after 10AM Mass
- Tues 21st: 9:30AM Toddler Group (St Thomas' Hall)
8PM Choir practice (Old Hall)
- Wed 22nd: 8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer (St John's, Caterham)
8PM Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
- Sun 26th: **11:30AM - 3PM Christmas Market**
Children's liturgy - all morning Masses

Please note: Mass on Thursday 23th November must be at 9AM (Fr Seán has a Deans' Meeting to attend in Crawley)

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
Benediction every Sunday 4:45PM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £761.92 (Gift Aid: £320.53)



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

**Sunday 19th November
2017**

33rd Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th

9:00AM -
Fr Michael Sewell RIP

10:45AM -
Josie Field RIP (AM Young)

5:15PM -
People of the Parish

Monday 20th

10:00AM -
Veronica Lane-Ryan RIP
(P Howlett)

Tuesday 21st

*Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

10:00AM -
The faithful departed

Wednesday 22nd

St Cecilia
10:00AM Latin Mass -
New Secular Priests'
Common Fund

Thursday 23rd

St Clement
9:00AM -
Ann Walker Ints (B&J Gilford)

Friday 24th

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp
7:00PM -
Rob Dowling RIP

Saturday 25th

St Catherine
10:00AM -
Frances Swinden RIP
(N Handover)

Sunday 26th

Christ the King

9:00AM -
Con McCarthy RIP
(B McCarthy)

10:45AM -
Florence Flaherty RIP
(Flaherty family)

5:15PM -
People of the Parish

PARISH LUNCH -
THANK YOU

The lunch on Sunday raised just over £600 for the refugees in Madaba. We have already had a message of thanks for our efforts from Jordan.

Thanks are due to all who attended and those who contributed in various ways such as providing puddings, donations and help on the day.



PARISH
SHOP

Christmas cards, Advent rings and candles, Advent Calendars and a

number of new books are now available in the shop. Don't forget your copy of Advent Extra a magazine with ideas for all the family to prepare for Christmas only £1.50.

CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL



At St Lawrence's Church, Caterham

The Guild of Friends of St Lawrence's Church is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival in St Lawrence's, Caterham Hill on the last two weekends in November, Sunday 19th and 25th- 26th between 10:30AM and 5PM.

Donations still welcome, especially for the Bottle and Tombola stalls. We are hoping for a final effort this week in the run up to the Market next Sunday. Can you bake a cake or two for the Cake Stall? These may be dropped off on Saturday evening or early Sunday morning. Can you spare an hour to help with setting up tables on Saturday? If so, please come along between 4.30PM and 5.30PM and

the job will be done quickly!
Most importantly, do support our Christmas Market next Sunday and bring your family, friends and neighbours! Proceeds will be shared between CAFOD, Madaba, SVP and 5th Caterham Scouts Group. Don't miss the beautiful art and craft items, fabulous jewellery, toys at knock-down prices, delicious cakes,

jams and chutneys, as well as tombolas to suit everyone. There will be a lucky dip for the children, 'Bits & Bobs' for a rummage, and tasty bacon baps, hot dogs and home-made cakes to enjoy at the Scouts' Cafe. The Bar will be open throughout the Market, which starts directly after 10.45AM Mass. Don't miss it! P.S. Father Christmas will be paying us a visit!

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



Pope Francis has instituted this day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel." This will be an opportunity to find a way to help the poor locally, nationally or internationally.



Louise's story

I have been in and out of the care system since I was very young, I fell in with some dangerous people and got hooked into prostitution as a way to make money. I got more into drugs and alcohol, committing various crimes to help support my habit. I was absolutely destitute, dirty and down. I felt lost and trapped in this life style. In and out of hostels and prisons, and sometimes sleeping on the streets. One day someone told me about a women's centre called women@thewell and how I could get help. I got assigned a named worker there who helped me address problems and helped me to get into accommodation. Now I feel like I have managed to get my act together. I have a studio flat and am starting to build bridges with my family. I want to do some courses so I can maybe get employment."

Louise – supported by women@thewell (<http://www.watw.org.uk>)

Prayers from the SVP for those in hostels

As we pray for the starving thousands and the wars full of turmoil and strife, do we ever stop to remember the fate of the battered wife? Or the misfits, ex-prisoners and drunkards, those souls with no hope or no home. Despised and rejected by many, their sorrow and grief, all they know, they end up in hostels with nothing, their future they just don't know.

The bruises and wounds on their bodies mere shadows of pain in their hearts. (Thank God for the staff in the hostels who work daily towards a new start.) O Christian believer I ask you, who else do you know just like them? Wasn't Jesus despised and rejected, forsaken and spat on by men? He also knew grief and deep sorrow that others should find peace again. The punish-

ment and death that He suffered was for all of us, women and men. So I ask you with homes and with plenty, do you pass by on the other side? The hostels are full of the beaten by life, and those full of pride. You say you have nothing to give them, well, maybe you haven't it's true, but time spent in Prayer costs you nothing that others might start life anew.



What did Jesus actually teach? Do you know?
The teachings of Jesus: 'The Beatitudes'
Join us for this and more – and of the readings for next Sunday.
All welcome!

8.00PM Wednesday 22nd November, in the Old Hall

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our sacristan, Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, on the birth of a granddaughter, Eloise.

SCRIPTURE SEASON

On the First Sunday of Advent, 3 December, we begin Year B, the Year of Mark in our Sunday Reading Cycle.

From then until June or so, we plan to hold a series of talks and dis-

cussions about the holy Scriptures. There will be visiting speakers through the season, but the first two will be led by Fr Seán. The sessions will take place twice, intended to help those

who can only make mornings or evenings.

Introduction to the Holy Scriptures 1

Tuesday 5th December at 11.00AM in the Old Hall and Tuesday 12

December at 7.30pm

Introduction to the Holy Scriptures 2

Tuesday 19th December at 11.00AM and again at 7.30PM

THE DOUBLE C CLUB

Well done to the winners of the November draw of the Double C Club

£70 Ann Charlier

£50 Stephen Frith

£30 Peter and Catherine Wheadon

Are you looking for an unusual Christmas present for the person who has everything or a present for the grandchild-

dren, if so what about the gift of a years membership to the Double C Club only £24.00 per year wonderful to receive and brilliant for the parish. A gift certificate will be issued to present to the lucky recipient.

Please contact me on 01883 346399 for further details

SVP FILM CLUB – MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER AT 2.00PM IN THE OLD HALL



Our November film will be the 2015 'The Von Trapp Family: A Life of Music'.

Solid performances by the principal cast, lovely imagery, and a heart-warming tale bring this more dramatic version of

the classic musical The Sound of Music to life. Based on the real-life events described in Agathe Von Trapp's autobiography, the movie highlights characters and details new to viewers.

PARISH YOUTH

ST FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING - TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2017

The head teacher will speak at 9:30AM. Tours will begin at 9:45AM and finish at 10:30AM. Please telephone the School Office on 01883 342005 to confirm attendance.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir meet every Sunday after the 10:45AM Mass, around 12noon (in the choir pews by the organ). We are mainly singing carols at the moment and we hope to have the Children's Choir perform in a service by Christmas, ideally at Christingle. Any age and stage (as long as they can concentrate for at least 30 minutes!) are welcome to join, and there's currently no age limit. Please contact Shona Fenion, our Director of Music, on music@sacred-heart.co.uk for further information.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BONANZA. FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 7PM THE SCHOOL HALL



The John Fisher Music Department presents a variety of Christmas music from instrumental ensembles and choirs. Wear your Christmas jumper and Santa hat and join us for festive fun! £3/£1 concessions

OF INTEREST...

"It's folly that Jeremy Corbyn and MPs want to restrict freedom of speech/prayer outside abortion clinics. Let's pray for their conversion." Bishop Philip Egan. Find out what is behind the Bishop's statement by having a look at the work of the Good Counsel Network; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON TUESDAY DEC 19 AT 7 PM

St John Clareville Road Caterham Valley welcome you to sing Christmas carols on Tuesday December 19 at 7PM There will be refreshments after the service. If you would like to join the choir for this service please contact Shona

Fenion or John Woodhouse johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com 0790 8888 586 by text. The final rehearsals for this service will be on Friday Dec 15 at 7 in St John's church and on Dec 19 at 6.15 p.m. All singers welcome!

ADORE (ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL) – SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 11.00AM - 4.00PM

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. There is no need to register in ad-

vance, 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 telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.



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, Pat Power, Ann Walker & Val Williams.



During the month of November, there will be our usual Book of the Deceased for you to write in the names of all your departed family and friends. Mass will be offered once a week for all those whose names are written there.



Please pray for the soul of Beryl Edith Quérée RIP, mother of Yvette, who died suddenly last week. May she rest in peace.

Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There are a few occasions in the Gospels when our Lord affects to refuse what he wants to grant, to our ears, perhaps, roughly. We think, for instance, of the wedding feast at Cana, when at first he appears to refuse his Mother's request 'Woman, what is that to do with us?'—on that occasion, our Lady knew her Son's mind so well that she was able simply to say to the servants 'do as he tells you', knowing that he would in no way refuse aid to one who believed. In the same way, we hear in today's Gospel that our Lord affects to treat harshly the Canaanite woman—and we must remember that the Canaanites were the paradigm of the enemies of Israel—to shame the Israelites' lack of faith. If the children of the house do not want the bread that the Lord offers, well then, even the dogs deserve it more than the children do. You can also see St Paul talking about this in today's second reading, though you need to understand 'Pagan' as another translation of 'Gentile'. Blessings are given to Gentiles in order to make the Jews understand what they are missing out on.

The other thing that we might notice, intimately connected with the foregoing point, is that what makes the difference in our relationship to God is faith, which means that that we, who are for the most part Gentiles, can partake of the Lord's bread even though we are not of his original chosen people. No longer is blood-descent from Abraham the thing that defines the Children of God, but faith.

FOR YOUR DIARY

MINISTERS

There will be a Mass on **Saturday 9th December** at 10.00AM for all Ministers of Communion, Readers and Welcomers followed by refreshments in the Old Hall and possibly a croissant!

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.