

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

The Presentation of Our Lord

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Psalter Week 4



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In defence of Pope Pius X11

Pope Pius X11, who was Pope from March 1939-October 1958, is regarded by many as a man of outstanding holiness and worthy of being called Blessed or Saint. He was elected at a time when it was evident that World War 11 was inevitable. He was chosen on day one of the Conclave as he was the obvious choice, immensely able, intensely devout and a consummate diplomat. His efforts to help Jewish victims against Nazism were widely praised during his lifetime but after his death there has been much criticism of what some people regard as his excessive caution and timidity in the face of the evils of Hitler. Isaac Herzog, the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem wrote a message of thanks to Pius in February 1944 saying: "The people of Israel will never forget what his Holiness and illustrious delegates, inspired by the eternal principles of Religion which form the very foundation of true civilisation, are doing for us unfortunate brothers and sisters in the most tragic hour of our history which is living proof of Divine Providence in this world". There was public appreciation from the World Jewish Congress in 1944 expressing gratitude for the Holy See's protection of Jews especially in Hungary. A year later this Congress made a sizable donation to the Vatican in recognition of the work of Pius in saving the Jews. The 1967 book by Pinchas Lapide, the Israeli consul, which examined Pius's activities, concluded: "The Catholic Church, under the pontificate of Pius X11 was instrumental in saving the lives of as many as 860,000 Jews from certain death at Nazi hands". The New York Times in response to the Pope's 1941 Christmas message condemning the Nazi's racial hatred said: "The voice of Pius X11 is a lonely voice in the silence and darkness enveloping Europe this Christmas ...He is about the only ruler left on the Continent of Europe who dares to raise his voice at all". The chief Rabbi of Rome, Israel Zoli, became a Catholic after the war ended and took the name Eugenio - out of admiration for Eugenio Pacelli, Pius X11. The criticism of Pius began in 1963 when a German playwright, Rolf Hocchuth, wrote a play called "The Deputy": A Christian Tragedy. It was strongly critical of the wartime Pope, accusing him of failing to save the Jews. The play opened in Berlin in 1963 and was also performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company in London. The following year it was performed on Broadway. Protesters only added to its publicity and it was translated into twenty languages and has enjoyed a number of revivals, prompting a series of books and articles about the "sins of silence" committed by Pius. Hocchuth later in life defended the Holocaust denier David Irving. It has been alleged that "The Deputy" was part of a KGB effort to smear Pius and the Vatican. But the damage had been done and the idea that the Pope stood by and did nothing to help the Jews gained ground and was even accepted by many Catholics ashamedly. These accusations are based on the claim that no paper trail has ever been found showing Pius had initiated the numerous Church efforts to help the Jews. Pius, a skilled diplomat, was only too aware of the dangers of broadcasting his pro-Jewish activities. He choose to act cautiously and quietly rather than dramatically so as not to invite even harsher treatment on those he was seeking to help as well as a punishment for those assisting them. More than 160 Religious Houses had provided safe harbour for the Jews. Many of these were cloistered convents. In the archive documents a French Jesuit who assembled 11 volumes of Vatican documents of World War 11 came across an incident in 1943 when the Nazis threatened to take the lives of two hundred Roman Jews unless the Jewish community came up with fifty kilograms of gold. They were twenty five kilos short and the Chief Rabbi rushed to the Vatican for help. Pius immediately ordered that Vatican golden artefacts be melted down to save the Jewish lives. But could he have done more? We all can do more. Pope Francis has agreed to open the archives on this period of Church history to examine more closely the actions of Pius. It should lay to rest once and for all the concerns of those who feel that Pius is guilty of turning a blind eye to the plight of the Jews.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Children's Liturgy for all ages at 9 am & 10.30 am.
Teas/Coffee after 9 am & 10.30 am (Mirella O'Donoghue & Angela Baker)

Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall.
7 pm: Cubs in Old Hall



Tue: 9.30 am: Mother & Toddler Group in Old Hall
6.15 pm: Beavers in Old Hall
7.30 pm: Scouts in Old Hall

Wed: 1pm Lunch Club (OLD HALL this month)
Parish Women's Group Business Meeting after Lunch Club (OLD Hall)

Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 - 10.30 pm.
(may close at 9 pm depending on clientele)

Sun: Children's Liturgy for all ages at 9 am & 10.30 am
9:15am - 10:15am First Holy Communion Session (Cent Hall)
Teas/Coffee: after 10.30: (Ofelia Turner & Maribel)

Altar Servers



We are planning to attend the National Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral (Victoria) on Saturday 15th March at 2.30pm. (change of date). We will go up as group by train to Victoria. To get an idea of numbers can you let

Chris O'Connor know: sacredheart.servers@hotmail.co.uk 0208 660 4304 if your child can attend and also is you can help as a parent on the day. This Mass is open to anyone who may wish to come along.

First Holy Communion

Please remember the next Children's session will be held in the Centenary Hall next Sunday (9th Feb) from 9:15am to 10:30am

Valentine's lunch

Happy



Valentine's Day!

A "St Valentines Lunch" regardless of whether your are single or not will be held in the Cent Hall on Sunday 16th Feb. £10 per adult; £5 Primary School. Book through the Parish Office.

Safeguarding

Dee Hall and Jacqui will be in the Parish office after 9 am and 10.30 am morning Masses on the 2nd February and again at 4.30 pm on the 2nd to process DBS applications for Safeguarding.

Lunch Club

Wednesday 5th Feb. at 1pm. The lunch will be in the OLD HALL this month.
Menu: Shepherd's pie with veg. Followed by spicy fruit cake and custard.
All welcome. Good food and good company.

Parish Women's Group

There will be a Business Meeting in the Old Hall on Wednesday 5th February following the Lunch Club.

Blessing of throats

Tomorrow is the Feast of St Blaise. Special blessing of throats at the 10.00 am Mass.

Baptisms during February

We welcome into God's family: Mabel Barrows; Saoirse Timlin Campbell; Amber Joe O'Brien; Emilio Serge Nadotti;

Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT)



In aid of COAT come and enjoy the **Barn Dance** with the Odd Sock Doo Dum Band on **Saturday 8th February** at 7:15pm for 7:30pm in the Centenary Hall.

Tickets £12 (Children £6)

Sausage and chips included (vegetarian option also available). There is also a wonderful selection of home made puddings!



CES Religious Education Adviser (England and Wales) part-time vacancy



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is looking to appoint an RE Adviser(P/T) to provide advice to the CES on Religious Education; to help develop CES responses to issues facing RE in schools and colleges; to build relationships with diocesan colleagues, the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisers (NBRIA), relevant government officials and others.

The role will be based in London but may require travel to other areas within England and Wales. The role will be 17.5 hours per week although with some flexibility.

Closing date for applications is Friday 14th February 2014. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for further details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

The children's sessions have now begun with last week being an introduction to the HC programme. This week, 26/01/14, we will be covering chapters 1 – 3 of the book. All sessions will be held in the Centenary Hall on Sunday mornings 9.15 – 10.15am. The doors will not be opened before 9.15am.

Further sessions are as follows:

Sun 26/01/14 - Children's Session 2 – (Chapters 1-3 of book)

Sun 09/02/14 – Children's Session 3 - (Chapters 4-6 of book)

See website for full list of dates We would also like to remind you that weekly participation in Mass in the parish is a vital part of your child's preparation for Holy Communion. As well as being part of the natural rhythm of Catholic life, this weekly celebration of Mass will inform and reinforce the learning that the Holy Communion programme provides to you and your child.

Healing Mass + Benediction

Please note and tell others, that the Healing Mass this Friday 7th February will start at 9.30 am. The Rosary beforehand will start at 9.10 am

Requiem

The Requiem Mass for Michel Labonte will be on Wednesday at 10.30 am (There will be no 10 am Mass)

Please keep also in your prayers Edna Houltsworth who died this week.

Family Games Night

"Come on Down", is the theme for our next Parish Family Social event in the Centenary Hall on Saturday 29th March from 7.00 pm. Based on the famous American Show this promises to be a fun filled evening for all the family with spectacular prizes in aid of the needy in our Parish. Adults £5.

Primary School Children £2.50.

Tickets from:

melflaherty@hotmail.com.

Jacket Potato and filling around 8 pm. Bring your own pudding.



Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory £936.74 (Gift Aid £380.29) Survive Miva grand total: £730.87

Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;

Leon & Sophie Kozlowski;

Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Ken Archer; Jenny Trumper; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson;

Seeta Pillay; Ian Lester; John Gilford ,
Christopher Miles & Pat McCoy.



Celebrant

Rev Anthony Hale will be your celebrant at all Masses next weekend. He will also cover the Confessions this Saturday from 10.30 am - 11.00 am. Fr Anthony has recently retired into Merstham area.

ITEMS FOR THIS WEEKS NEWSLETTER TO REACH THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MIDDAY PLEASE.

'Founders Dinner' celebrating 85 years of The John Fisher School on Friday 14th March 2014 in the school's Sports Hall, Peaks Hill.

Pre-dinner school tours start at 6pm. Four Course Dinner for 7pm. Dress Code, Black Tie.

Tickets cost £50 available from Mike Davies.
(mdavies@suttonmail.org / 077426767474).



Early bird booking until 1st Feb: £450 per table of 10.

Celebrate with former staff, pupils & friends of The John Fisher School.

All profits to the Science Centre Fund.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection next weekend towards the cost of funding the sick, frail and elderly who have limited financial means, to be part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Last year it cost the Trust £38,000 to fund this.

Confirmation 2015 Application Forms

For all students in Year 9 who are wishing to go forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015, please pick up one of the application forms from the porch or download from parish website and get it to the Parish Office **before the end of February**. Your Pre-Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday 9th March at 6.00 pm in the Centenary Hall and will continue for all the Sundays of Lent.

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Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Richard Flaherty RIP
5:15pm Mass	June Bell R.I.P. (M Heath)
Monday 3rd	<i>St. Blaise</i>
10:00am Mass	Holy Souls (Peggy)
Tuesday 4th	
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Wednesday 5th	<i>St Agatha</i>
10:30am	Requiem Mass - Michel Labonte
Thursday 6th	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>
10:00am	John Gunning RIP (Mullen Family)
Friday 7th	
9: 30am Mass	John & Olive Woods Ints (C Daly)
Saturday 8th	
10:00am Mass Fr Anthony Hale	Matthew Drum RIP
Sunday 9th	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times (Year A)</i>
9:00am Mass Fr Anthony Hale	Amy Fernando RIP (Moyra & Rienze)
10:30am Mass Fr Anthony Hale	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass Fr Anthony Hale	The Keane Family Ints



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9.45am

Rosary Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; 1pm -2pm ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

HEALING MASS with Benediction every first Friday at 10:00am

