

Sunday 2nd October 2016  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Psalter Week 3

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*2 Kings 5:14-17*

*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

*Luke 17:11-19*

**Gospel Reflection: Luke 17:5-10**

Today's Gospel has two different and, to be honest, seemingly unrelated sayings of our Lord. The first concerns faith. Speaking for myself, I find so much of what our Lord says beyond my own understanding. That an act of faith might uproot a tree seems extraordinary and contrary to everything our experience tells us. Yet such strange things are recorded in the lives of the saints: not normally tree surgery, but other inexplicable things. I recall in my own life as a priest, how people have been healed by the Sacrament of the Sick when I least expected it. I don't think we know more than the smallest corner of what we human beings are capable of, or even what creation has in its potential. Sometimes you read about or see on television that individuals can do remarkable things; Wim Hof, the Dutch 'ice man', for instance, who is capable of swimming or running long distances in temperatures far below what would commonly kill us; Tibetan monks who can perform extraordinary feats of physical endurance or prowess—these things suggest to us that our capacity is much greater than generally supposed, and perhaps only limited by our mental preparedness. We do not know really what even our fallen natures can do, so our resurrected bodies will far surpass that. I can't imagine why somebody might want to replant a mulberry tree in the sea, but it is good to know that there is more, much more, to us than we can currently achieve. That is how our Lord created us; that we cannot achieve it is because we are fallen from what we should have been.

St Luke attaches to this teaching another saying concerning humility. If we really can do remarkable things, we would be better not to take the credit for ourselves. We all know that some people can do things better than others: should we be one of the lucky people who can excel in one area or another, we should simply reflect that these things are all gifts of God, and not examples of why we might be better than other folk. One day, our Lord will require an accounting of how we have used these gifts, and we would be wise to be slow to take the credit ourselves. 'We are merely servants', we should say: 'we have done no more than our duty.'

### St Bede's prayer meeting-

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.

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

### A Mass for Healing

On Saturday 15th October Fr Séan will offer the 10.00am Mass for the seriously sick of the parish. If you know a parishioner who would like to attend or be remembered at this mass just write their name on the slips in the Church porch. Those able to attend may ask to be anointed by Fr Séan.

There will be refreshments in the Old Hall after Mass.

### First Holy Communions

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme for those in academic year 3 will be available shortly please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. 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 are likely to be held on Saturdays from 11am for 1 hour. All children undertaking the programme will be expected to attend all classes as well as weekly mass.



### St Francis' Catholic Primary School

We would like to invite prospective parents of children starting primary school in September 2017 to one of the following events:

#### OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 18th October and

Tuesday 22nd November 2016

The Headteacher will speak at 9.30am

Tours will begin at 9.45am and finish at 10.30 am

Please telephone the School Office on 01883-342005 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you.

**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](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org).



We remember Harry Gaut RIP who sadly passed away last week. Please remember Harry's parents, little brother, Oliver and the rest of his family in your prayers. Harry's Farewell Mass will be held here on Thursday 6th October 2016 at 3:15pm. The family have requested that everyone should wear his favourite colour - **Blue**. May he rest in peace.

The flowers will be arranged by Harry's family, any donations towards one his 5 chosen charities can be left in the box after the Mass or sent through BC Baker & Son (cheques made payable to BC Baker & Son).

Next week there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Please use the envelopes provided by CAFOD in the porch.

It would seem a good idea from time to time to draw your attention to some books you might find interesting, and which you can order via our shop.

This week, I'd like to introduce you to *Galileo goes to Jail*, edited by Ronald L. Numbers. It is a common accusation that religion (especially Catholicism) is, and always has been, opposed to science. On the contrary, it is precisely the Church which enabled science to develop and in the past created the necessary conditions for most of the scientific discoveries of the modern age to be made. This book examines many of the myths perpetrated by those who would discredit our faith's contribution to science, and discovers that they are themselves based on incomplete or erroneous arguments—or complete falsehoods.

You can see a copy of this book in our shop, and we can order it for you at a cost of (at present) £15.95, though according to Amazon there are only a couple of copies left—there is a Kindle edition available at £15.15 from Amazon. You might be best to order a copy directly yourself from Amazon to avoid disappointment.

**Oakwood School** 59 Godstone Road, Purley, CR8 2AN  
Open Day Saturday 8th October 2016 10am - 1pm  
Telephone 020 8668 8080



**Coloma Convent Girls' School** - Open morning  
Saturday 15th October 10am - 12noon



**Woldingham School** (Girls' day and boarding – fee paying)

Marden Park, Caterham CR3 7YA

[www.woldinghamschool.co.uk](http://www.woldinghamschool.co.uk)

Year 6 Taster Sleepover

7-8 October 2016

11+ and 12+ Assessment Day

17 November 2016 For entries from 2017



**Thomas More Catholic School** -

Russell Hill Road, Purley, CR2 8XP

Open Evening for year 7 2017 entry:

Thursday 6th October 2016 6pm to 9pm



### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £1,012.10 (Gift Aid: £468.31)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 2nd: Children's liturgy at 9am and 10:45am Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass  
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)  
Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (St T. Hall)  
Wed: 1pm Lunch Club  
8pm Journey of Faith  
Fri: 7:30pm Merciful Like Father talk (Old Hall)  
Sun 9th: Children's liturgy at 9am only  
10:45am Youth 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](mailto:info@caterham.foodbank.org.uk) or write to Caterham Foodbank, 4 Beechwood Road, Caterham. CR3 6NA [www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk) Registered Charity

### Parish Christmas Market – Sunday 20th November

Thank you to all those who have already brought in donations and generously offered their time and energy! We would greatly appreciate the following:

Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: new, but unwanted gifts, second-hand cuddly toys and old Christmas decorations

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: jewellery, anything suitable for a tombola, and art & craft items

As we approach the end of the Year of Mercy there is a talk on mercy displayed through art on **Friday 7th October at 7.30 pm in the Old Hall after the 7.00pm mass.**

Merciful like the Father explores 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.

### 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.

**Buggies** - it has been asked whether buggies can be brought into Church during mass. As long as they do not obstruct the aisles, buggies may be brought into the Church, however if there is nowhere suitable for them, please can they be left in the porch to the right of the sacristy door.

Schools forms after Sunday Masses. Applications for St Bedes & Coloma, who don't use a form, must also see Fr Seán.



## 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, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell & Charmaine Wise.



Friday, 7th October is Harvest Fast Day, and across England and Wales people are coming together to hold frugal lunches and fast day collections to raise funds for CAFOD's work. Please see posters in the porch and get involved.



What is the New Testament?

Who wrote it? When and why?

Who was St Paul and what is Revelation?

**Join us** for an elucidation of these and more – and of the readings for next Sunday **All welcome!**

**8.00p.m. Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, in the Old Hall**

Sign up now for the Parish retreat! Don't be shy! If you don't know what a retreat is, or the last time you went on one was at school, try our parish one at Woldingham on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Only £20, and a light lunch and Mass provided! Posters and sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Catch it while there are still places!

### LUNCH CLUB



Wednesday 5th October, 1pm. Menu this month is Cottage pie, vegetables and gravy, followed by treacle tart and custard. To finish there will be tea and coffee and a raffle. All this for £4.

**SVP - 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.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)  
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**St. Francis Primary School:**  
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## THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass	Bernie Ellis (V Williams)
10:45am Mass	Cora Duggan RIP (U Hendron)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 3rd	The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex
10am Mass	Harry Gaut RIP (Betty, Dave & Family)
Tuesday 4th	St Francis Of Assisi
10am Mass	Patrick Nestor RIP (Flannery family)
Wednesday 5th	
10am Latin Mass	Michael Lynch RIP (Maura)
Thursday 6th	St Bruno
10am Mass 3:15pm Farewell Mass	Ray Mullen Ints (Jimmy) Harry Gaut RIP
Friday 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary
7pm Mass	Joe Ryan Ints (Kelly family)
Saturday 8th	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10am Mass	Thanksgiving (Kelly family)
Sunday 9th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Mass	Sr Margaret Mary Petterson RIP (T Dodington)
10:45am Mass	Danny & Margaret Ryan RIP (E Barton & Ryan family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

**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