



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 20th March 2016
Palm Sunday

Sacred Heart Church

Essendene Road,
Caterham, CR3 5PA

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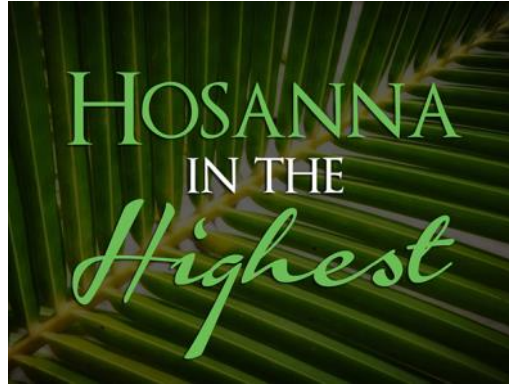
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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:13-35 (for
afternoon Masses)

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Gospel Reflection

Today is unique in the Church's liturgy because it has not one but two Gospels. The first accompanies the procession with palms that gives today's celebration its name. All four Gospels attest to this remarkable welcome that our Lord received on this occasion, though St John (whose version we will not hear today) observes that scripture (Zechariah 9:9) had prophesied it. We might note how the Benedictus of the Mass recalls the cry of the Jerusalemites: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! The particular poignancy of the event, however, is that we know that so very soon those hosannas will turn to Crucify him! even as in the Mass they precede the same crucifixion presented sacramentally.

And so this is particularly brought out today as the second, long, Gospel is read, usually known as the Passion. What can one say about this that would not be in some sense a trivialization of the most profound event in human history? Only, perhaps, that one should strive to enter into it as deeply as possible; in many churches (including our own) it is customary for the congregation to say the 'crowd' parts out loud. This brings home to us the tragic fact that it is we ourselves who put our Saviour on the cross. We are every bit as—if not more than—responsible as the Jews of that day. He did not die because some nasty-minded individuals two thousand years ago were determined to do away with him—though that was the ostensible reason—but because you and I sinned, separated ourselves from God; our all-loving Saviour chose to undergo all this torment so that the breach could be healed.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



Since it's Holy Week, we take an in-depth look at the triduum – the Holy Week services.

- **Join us** for this and more –

All welcome!

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 23rd March,
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)**

Stations of the Cross - on Palm Sunday at 4.00pm in the church.



The Mass of the Easter Vigil is the most important ceremony in the Church's year— and of course it will be the occasion of the lighting of our restored paintings. You are very much encouraged to come if you can, and to lend your support to our new Catholics who will be received and baptised at the ceremony. There will be refreshments in the bar after Mass.

Please keep in your prayers Josh Keh and Jo Burton who will be baptised, Hillary Mayer and Katy Crowe who will be received into the Church and Josie Downs, all of whom will be confirmed on Saturday.

Maundy Thursday at 6.00pm there will be a short ceremony of the washing of through Feet in the Centenary Hall followed by a shared meal an Agape. If you would like to come please bring a vegetarian plate of food to share. This will be followed by the traditional Maundy Thursday Mass at 8.00pm. Help before and after the meal would be greatly appreciated.

There will be the Solemn Liturgy, 3pm and a collection for the 'Holy Places'. There will be Station of the Cross at 7pm for those who couldn't make the Solemn Liturgy.

St Bede's School community prayer group will be meeting again on Tuesday 22nd March from 6pm to 7pm in the school chapel. Coffee and biscuits will be available from 5:30pm. It would be great to see people and to pray for the school community. All members of the Catholic Community of this deanery would be most welcome - you do not need to have children attending the school.

**CAFOD International Evening – Saturday 9th April,
6–9pm in the Centenary Hall**



A big thank you to those who have offered food, display items and entertainment for this family-friendly event. We do hope that everyone will come along – there is no charge for entry! There is still time to offer your help. Please telephone Mary (349760) or Biddy (345749) or email lovat@tiscali.co.uk There will be a Grand Raffle with prizes of four baskets of food and drink items from all corners of the globe. Proceeds to CAFOD - these will match-funded by the government.

'True Peace comes from the experience of God's Mercy' -
Pope Francis
Celebration of Divine Mercy
3 April 2016, All Saints Church Oxted
2pm Mass
3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
(there will be opportunity for Reconciliation before Mass and after 3pm)'

Holy Communion for the sick: This is a reminder to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that Communion is not given (except to the dying) on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Thank you for all you do.

Please note that the 10am Mass on Monday will be celebrated in the Old Hall as the scaffolding is coming down.

St Vincent de Paul Society: The Sacred Heart Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599 890043.

The safeguarding reps have recommended doing DBS (safeguarding checks). The diocese is now up and running with doing electronic applications, however the first stage of application still requires form filling and paperwork checks with your safeguarding reps, so for anyone requiring a check please email safeguardingreps@gmail.com to arrange an appointment to start the process.

HOMES FOR ITALIAN STUDENTS

I am looking for homes for Catholic Italian Students, aged 11-14, in Old Coulsdon (1-24 July) and Caterham (2-25 July). We give £17.75 per student per day and the students have a fully organised programme from Monday to Saturday. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you. Thank you. Rosslyn Hill 01883 381082. rosslynhill@hotmail.com



Calling all children of the Parish

We would like to invite all the children of the parish to make an Easter Garden to bring into Church on Easter Sunday and to be on display throughout Easter week. An Easter Garden usually includes Jesus' tomb and the three crosses but you can add the garden of Gethsemane, an angel, people, grow real grass and flowers in it! They can be made in seed trays, lined cardboard boxes, wide flower pots – it's completely up to you as long as the container is no bigger than A3 size (but can be smaller). For lots of ideas log onto Google images and type in 'Easter Gardens' then let your creativity run wild. Entries can come from individuals, family groups or club groups. All entrants will receive a small chocolate egg & certificate. Parents – it can be a lovely, creative, active way to bring Easter to life and the children could add something to their gardens each week during Lent!

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £886.29 (Gift Aid £416.45)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 20th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass
3:45pm FCH Session 6B (Old Hall)

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group (Old Hall)
7pm Justice & Peace meeting (see details below)

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Thurs: 6pm Agape meal (Cent Hall)
8pm Maundy Thursday Mass

Fri: 3pm Solemn Liturgy
7pm Stations of the Cross

Sat: 8pm Easter Vigil Mass followed by refreshments

Sun 27th: No Children's liturgy
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass



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; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman, Maureen Kelly, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.



The Parish Office will close from Good Friday for the Easter period. The office will re open on Monday 11th April 2016. All emails and voicemails will be dealt with when the office reopens

The school would like to say a huge thank you for the generous donations that you have made towards the purchase of new school Bibles. Your response to the appeal has been truly overwhelming and heart warming. With the money donated we will be able to purchase over 100 new bibles for our school. When the bibles have all been bought we would like to invite parishioners to join us at school for the blessing of the bibles and to stay for teas/coffees and tours of the school. We will let you know more details after Easter. If you would still like to write a dedication and make a donation please place both in an envelope marked 'St Francis School Bibles' and post your envelope through the Parish Office letterbox. Please make any cheques payable to St Francis Catholic Primary School. Once again, many thanks.

Beverley Searle, a Doctor of Genetics and CEO of the Charity 'Unique', will be giving a talk about her work, on APRIL 8th at 7.30pm in the Small Hall. All Welcome.

Dr. Searle is concerned with well being and welfare interacting with psychology, social policy, sociology, demography and economics, covering the role of assets in the provision of welfare and inequalities in the transfer of wealth and transmission of poverty and crucially from personal experience with the problems caused by chromosome deletion.

Ministers - please collect the rota for Easter in the porch.

Day of Reflection at Minter Abbey, Ramsgate. You are invited to a Day of Reflection with Fr Seán Finnegan in the beautiful surroundings of Minter Abbey, Ramsgate on the 30th April leaving at 9.30am. The cost of the day is £15 pp including lunch and refreshments. For more details contact: Eliz Wood 018803 348081 / elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com

Would anybody care to organize a small (5 min max) firework display to end our Easter Vigil this year? Please have a word with the office or Fr Seán

The next Justice and Peace Group meeting is on Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm
Venue: 4, Court Road. ALL WELCOME
For further information contact : Mike Wood or Janet DB 01883 712440

Gift Aid

Would all Gift Aid members please collect their envelopes this week. Thank you

Second Collections

Today there will be a Second Collection for the Church Flowers over Easter. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid please use your Gift Aid envelopes.

On Friday there will be a collection for The Holy Places. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid

Easter Collection

Next week on Easter Sunday the main collection will be our personal offering to Fr Seán. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid and we remind all standing order and weekly envelope members, to please use your BLUE Gift Aid envelopes. Thank you .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



As today is Palm Sunday, candidates should **not** collect a badge before Mass. Candidates **MUST** see a catechists **after** Mass to be registered.

Could we also remind parents that all children should be guided through Mass and supervised at all times. If you have younger children please ensure that the FHC candidate is left with a responsible adult.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6B

Thursday 21st April 2016, 8pm - 9pm - Parent Session (Old Hall)

Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7A

Sunday 24th April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7B (Scouts, Cubs & Beavers please be aware that there will be a St George's Day parade on 24th April so you will need to attend the 23rd April session)

Thursday 5th May - rehearsal for 7th May candidates

Thursday 12th May - rehearsals for 14th May candidates

Thursday 19th May - rehearsals for 21st May candidates

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com .

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	James Quinn RIP
10:45am Mass	Rosalin Long (foundation)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 21st	<i>Monday in Holy Week</i>
10am Mass	Margaret O’Riordan (foundation)
Tuesday 22nd	<i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>
10am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Keegan Family)
Wednesday 23rd	<i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>
10am Latin Mass	Winifred Kelly RIP (MA Kelly)
Thursday 24th	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
8pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper	Private Intentions
Friday 25th	<i>Good Friday</i>
3pm Solemn Liturgy 7pm Stations of the Cross	----- -----
Saturday 26th	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
8pm Easter Vigil	Mary Owens (foundation)
Sunday 27th	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	Freddy Lobo RIP (C Daly)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Lily Castellino RIP (D’Souza family)

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

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays: 9am - 10am & Saturdays: 9am – 11am