



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 20th November 2016  
Christ the King

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Proper Psalms

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Sunday in Advent

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

*Romans 13:11-14*

*Matthew 24:37-44*

## Gospel Reflection

When thinking about the Kingdom of God, people have been often tempted to see it in one of two ways. The first, and most common, is that expressed by the good thief in today's Gospel; 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom'. This implies that the Kingdom of God is some time in the future, something that we will experience when we die, and not before. On the other hand, there have been attempts down through the ages to make the Kingdom of God realizable in the here and now; there were some misguided Crusader efforts in the middle ages to bring it about by forcibly converting the Jews, and, in our own time, some 'liberation' theologians sought to create it in Latin America by the creation of an 'ideal' society along marxist lines. It is true that both opinions can claim a certain amount of support from the words of our Lord himself: 'My kingdom is not of this world', he says, (John 18:36). But elsewhere he says 'the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.' (Luke 17:21) How are we to reconcile this apparent contradiction?

There may be a possible answer by analogy with a sacrament. We remember that a sacrament is a means of making something present and active which otherwise could not be made so, by reason of its nature (a spiritual one, for instance), by means of something else, usually with a physical nature. The sacrament of the Eucharist, for instance, makes present the risen and ascended Lord Jesus under the forms of bread and wine. The presence of our Lord is a true and real one, though sacramental; not corresponding to our laws of physics. In the same way, we might say that the Kingdom of God is quasi-sacramentally present, above all in the Church; we are those who have died to the Kingdom of this world, where this world's rules are obeyed, and now live, insofar as we can, in the Kingdom of God. Inevitably, because of our sinfulness and our weak wills, we live with one foot in the Kingdom of God and one foot in the Kingdom of this world (and so, of course, does the Church). The idea is to spend this life trying, with God's grace, to live more and more in the Kingdom of God, so that when we die, passing from the shadowy images of the Kingdom into its truth and fullness, the changeover should be almost imperceptible to the soul who is already in union with its maker.

So the Kingdom of God does exist insofar as we live in it, but its true fullness lies in the future, when Christ shall be all in all. We are now true citizens of the Kingdom of God, but the fullness of this dignity will only be realized when, like the good thief, we are with the Lord in paradise.

**Magnificat** - There are copies of Magnificat available for sale in the shop. This booklet contains all the mass readings and devotional readings for a month. It is pocket size and is very popular.

### First Holy Communions

Our course has now started, if you have any queries please contact us on [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com).



Don't forget to see your catechists to collect your badge at the start of Mass and return it afterwards.

Please remember that Children should now stay in Church for the whole Mass and not go out for Children's Liturgy.

### Parish Christmas Market – TODAY! (11.30am – 3.00pm)

A big 'thank you' to all who have contributed to this by offering support through donations of goods, time and energy. Preparation for the Market has been a brilliant community effort, with everyone working so well together.

We all look forward to a great day, and are pleased to be supporting CAFOD, the SVP and the Parish, through our fundraising

### The Dawn From on High - Advent Retreat - Young Adults (18-35).

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November at Worth Abbey

Prepare for the coming of Christ

Talks-Prayer- Reflection- Friendship

For more information or for a booking form please contact:

[TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net) or call 01342710318

Booking Deadline: 20th November – but please book ASAP as places are limited! Cost: £62 for the students/unwaged and £102 for the waged

### Saturday 31st December New Years Eve Disco

8.00pm until 1.30am

Bring your friends and family to celebrate the New Year

Professional DJ and finger buffet

£10.00 per adult, £5.00 per child (up to 14 years)

£25.00 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)

£40.00 group ticket (5 adults)

Tickets available after 10.45 Sunday Mass

or contact [sue.fanthome@gmail.com](mailto:sue.fanthome@gmail.com)

### COAT

#### Barn Dance with the Odd Sock Doo Dum Band

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2016 7:15pm for 7:30pm



Tickets £12 (children £6) from 01883 380104 / 07905 718346 or Ann Walker 01883 624773.

Sausage and chips included (vegetarian option if booked in advance) and puddings! Bar in the hall



Saltmine Theatre Company, the Christian professional theatre company, present Sleeping Beauty on Sunday 4th December at 4pm at Oasis Academy, Coulsdon, CR5 1ES. Tickets £8; £4 concessions (under 16s, students, unemployed and seniors) including interval refreshments.

Box office 01737 551161 ext 0

For more information phone 01883 623017;

email: [bowderys@aol.com](mailto:bowderys@aol.com)



### St Francis' Primary, Caterham

The school has an open morning on Tuesday 22nd November for any prospective parents of children starting primary school in September 2017.

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.

Beginning on St Andrew's Day, 30 November, every Wednesday morning at 8.30am we will be joining together with our brothers and sisters from the other Christian communions in Caterham to pray for the town. The location will circulate through the participating churches, using their usual form of morning prayer; until the new year, we will meet at St Luke's Whyteleafe. Everyone is very welcome (in fact warmly encouraged) to come along.

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.

There are some prayer cards in the porch for you to take.

[www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org)

### SVP Film Club – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the Old Hall

This month's film will be 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. An acclaimed cast, including Maggie Smith and Judi Dench, lights up this romantic comedy.

Today there will be a Second Collection for The Cathedral Maintenance Fund. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid please use your purple envelopes. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Prisoners Advice and Care Trust (PACT). PACT have Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch. On Sunday 9th October it was Prisoners' Sunday where thoughts and prayers were directed to prisoners, their families and their children. As we were not able to have the second collection on that day we are holding our collection next week to support the charity which is solely dedicated to tackling the issues that arise from having a loved one in prison.

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Calling all tax-payers – who are not already a member of our Gift Aid scheme.

Maybe you have recently moved into the parish, or maybe you've just not got around to it. But by joining our Gift Aid scheme,

25p is added to every £1 you put in the weekly offertory. And last year this enabled the parish to collect an extra £12,000 from HMRC – very useful when lots of hefty expenses for church maintenance are cropping up.

To join is very simple. Fill in a form from the little Gift Aid box in the porch at the back of the church and pass it to the Parish Office. If you want to continue with weekly plate offerings then you will get a set of weekly envelopes. Or if you would like to donate by standing order, then there is a form to sign (or, easier, set up via your Internet banking – details from the Gift Aid Organiser). Please make the most of your generous donations to the Parish. If you have any questions, contact Peter Kelly, Gift Aid Organiser, at [peterfkelly67@gmail.com](mailto:peterfkelly67@gmail.com) or 01883 330684.

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £1,026.63 (Gift Aid: £422.30)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 20th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass  
**11:30am Christmas Market (Cent Hall)**  
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)  
Tues: 9:15-11:15am toddler group (St T's Hall)  
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)  
Thurs: 7:30pm SVP (Old hall)  
Fri: 7pm Chill Club (St T's Hall)  
Sat: 11:30am FHC Group A (Old Hall)  
Sun 27th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass  
Coffee and Tea after the 10:45am Mass



Please pray for the soul of Paul Lovell RIP who sadly passed suddenly. Paul was a prominent member & leader of The 5th Caterham (Sacred Heart) Scout Group. Please remember Paul's family in your prayers. His remembrance service will be held here on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 2pm. May he rest in peace.

What did Jesus actually teach? Do you know?  
'The teachings of Jesus.' (part 2) 'The Beatitudes'  
Join us for this and more – and of the readings for next Sunday



All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 23<sup>th</sup> November, in the Old Hall

### Justice & Peace

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th December at 7:45pm in the Old Hall.

### The Journey: A Teenage Retreat for Advent 2nd - 4th December. For all in years 7-9.

Join us at Worth Abbey this Advent to explore what Christmas is really all about! Like the wise men journeyed to meet Jesus after his birth, this advent each of us can make our own journey to meet Him. Over the weekend we will be thinking about what Christmas really means for us! This is an invitation to put aside the Christmas lists and to go back to basics. It will be a weekend of fun and games, prayer, arts and crafts and much more!  
This retreat is for all those in years 7-9 and will be running at Worth Abbey from 2-4th December. The weekend costs £84 but bursaries are available.

Email [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net) for more information. Booking closes on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy. **Please note venue:** at St. Andrews Hall, Medstead. GU34 5LX. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* by David Beresford of the Catholic Bible School "You feed them- sharing Christ's compassion"; 3.30 Reconciliation and *Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.



### 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 & Breda Sharpe.

Parishes for Peace [www.parishesforpeace.com](http://www.parishesforpeace.com)



There will be a talk on behalf of **Parishes for Peace** given by Carmen Narbona from Weybridge Parish, supported by Aidan Cantwell from Arundel and Brighton Diocese in the Old Hall immediately following Mass on Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The objective of Parishes for Peace is to link parishes in the UK with Catholic parishes in Jordan who are giving shelter and support to about 7000 Christian refugees ejected from Mosul in Iraq by Isis.

Christians were given as little as 2 hours to convert, leave Mosul or die. After abandoning their homes they were given sanctuary by the King of Jordan. At first they were housed in portakabins in church car parks. Now they are living in cramped accommodation in Amman and other Jordanian towns in Catholic parishes. Refugee camps are not considered safe for them so they fall through the net of the large charities.

**Parishes for Peace** is trying to link Jordanian parishes directly with UK parishes. The Iraqis are not allowed to work so parishes here raise funds for food, personal expenses, electricity, water and English lessons.

"Just to know that there are Christians in the UK who pray for them is a great consolation."

There is more detailed information on the website [www.parishesforpeace.com](http://www.parishesforpeace.com). **Please join us on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### Christmas is coming!

### SIGN-UP NOW!!

A great way of preparing spiritually for the great feast of Christmas is to use the diocesan Advent booklet – either alone, or better still with other members of the parish. Booklets can be bought from the repository at the back of the church, and there are a number of venues and times which can be found on the sheets at the back of the church. Find a friend and sign up today!

### The John Fisher School - Vacancy

Clerk to the Governing Body - Required as soon as possible closing date Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Interviews will be held week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. See notice board for full details.



## CONTACTS

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**St. Francis Primary School:**  
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## THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th	<i>Christ the King</i>
9:00am Mass	Bert & Elizabeth Bailey RIP (Denton family)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Relatives & friends of P Jones
Monday 21st	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10am Mass	Veronica Lane-Ryan (P Howlett)
Tuesday 22nd	<i>St Cecilia</i>
NO MASS	-----
Wednesday 23rd	<i>St Clement</i>
NO MASS	-----
Thursday 24th	<i>Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Comp</i>
NO MASS	-----
Friday 25th	<i>St Catherine</i>
7pm Mass	For the intentions within the Book of the Dead
Saturday 26th	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
10am Mass	Alan Skiltor RIP (Jenny)
Sunday 27th	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Con McCarthy RIP (B McCarthy)
10:45am Mass	Florence Flaherty (Flaherty 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