



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 21st February 2016
Second Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Matt 4:17

Luke 13:1-9

Gospel Reflection

It is not a bad idea that at the start of Lent we should, as it were, have a glimpse of the end that is in sight; not Easter, but really the end that is in sight; the eternal future. Just as the Lord, before taking the road to Jerusalem to suffer and die, showed his glory to three of his apostles to, as the preface for the feast of the Transfiguration puts it, strengthen their faith, lest it waver when they saw the Lord in his agony, so it is good, also, that at the start of our exercises we should have a helpful reminder of what this is all about.

We should not forget that glory is not only something that happened to our Lord—it is also our future; since we are the mystical body of Christ, we will participate in the Lord's glory, as well as sharing his divine Sonship and inheriting the Kingdom of God. This makes all the sweat and unpleasantness of this life infinitely worthwhile—and, in the shorter term, it makes Lent also worthwhile, and gives point to our penances.

Though we must take up our cross in this world, the real point of our religion is not the suffering and penance in this world, but joy and hope in the next.

There is also the more symbolic relevance that in Lent we too plan to change ourselves—or rather the grace of God changes us if we do not stand in the way, and this poor clay of which we are made is shaped into something beautiful for God.

Peter, James and John are the three apostles chosen to see the Lord's transfiguration, and we are entitled to ask why they should have been singled out. For this we need to look and see what preceded this passage in the Gospel; it is in fact 'Peter's confession'; his acknowledgment of our Lord as being the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Peter, as we know, was chosen by the Lord to head his Church, having made this confession; James was known as 'the brother of the Lord' and John as 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'. These three, then, were those who knew our Lord better than the others; perhaps James and John had joined Peter in faith in who Jesus is; the Christ, the Son of the living God; the others still had not made that leap of faith.

If this is true, then, faith is the key to seeing our Lord in glory, and we should pray for an increase of it this Lent.



Oils! Have you been ordained recently? – or sick or even crowned as monarch?

This week we think about oil – particularly in the Sacrament of the sick, and in ordination. - **Join us** for this and more – as well as our in-depth look at the readings for next Sunday
All welcome!
8.00p.m. Wednesday 24th February, in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)

APF Red Boxes



There are a number of Red Boxes that have not been collected from the back of the church. If we are to continue to support the missions as well as we have done in the past, it is important that all box holders ensure that they have their boxes. If you are unable to continue collecting for the missions, would you please let me know. Moyra Brohier, Local Secretary, Tel: 01883 342928

The parish shop is being redecorated and will be closed this weekend.

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Candle safety

Please can we remind parishioners that children should be accompanied at all times whilst lighting candles, and that caution should be taken when leaning over to light candles to keep clothing and hair away from naked flames.

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CAFOD International Evening – Saturday 9th April, 6 – 9pm

Some time ago parishioners were asked to mark their country of birth on a world map in the church porch. In the weeks that followed it was wonderful to see the cultural diversity of our parish! An International Evening on 9th April will provide an opportunity to celebrate this and also to find out a little more about our neighbours and their countries and regions of origin. With your help the CAFOD Group are hoping to do this through food, music, dress, display, dance etc. We are counting on your support! Would you be prepared to make a small contribution to this event, perhaps by loaning a flag of your country or making a plate of finger food specialities? Maybe you could provide a CD with your national or regional music or help with a display? Children too are invited to participate. All offers will be very welcome! After each Mass on Sunday 28th February we will have a short (5-10 min.) meeting in the Old Hall to share ideas and make a note of all offers. Please come along and help to make our International Evening a success! **All proceeds from the evening will support the work of CAFOD and will be matched pound for pound by the government.**

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Saturday 27th February 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**, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. 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 **Charles Whitehead KSG** author and international conference speaker, on "Forgive us our trespasses - Reconciliation in the Year of Mercy"; 3.30 *Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to reserve places, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Following meeting – Saturday 19th March 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: Fr Tony Meredith

Double C Club

There are still memberships available for the Double C Club, I will be in the porch after the 10.45am Mass on Sunday if anyone who would like to join or have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to me. Membership of the Club costs £24 per year which can be paid monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly. This average cost is less than 50p a week which is less than a cup of coffee in Costa. All money raised goes back to the Parish. There are the 3 prize draws every month and the members of the club donate between £1800 to £2000 a year to the parish to help with the running of our parish. (A very easy way of help our Parish) I will also be in the porch after the 5.15pm Mass on the following Sunday 28th February for anyone who would like to join or who have any questions. Thanks Sue

Lenten Small Group Programme: The format for this year's Lent prayer and reflection programme is inspired by the Year of Mercy which began on the 8th of December 2015 and runs until Christ the King, 20th November 2016. Each week we will reflect on a different aspect of Mercy, using a mixture of Scripture, Church teaching and prayer. Contact the Diocesan Bookshop to order booklets on 01293 651165 or email bookshop@dabnet.org.

Refugee Update: The work for refugees continues and information is continuing to be drawn together and the necessary plans put in place. A letter has been sent to everybody who offered any form of help. It is hoped to be able to make a further announcement about plans before Easter. Any monies should be sent to Aidan Cantwell, Social Action/Justice & Peace Adviser payable to DABCEC and sent to DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. You can contact Aidan on 01293 651154 or email aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org for more information.

We are looking for some more volunteers for the Teas and Coffees after the Sunday 10:45am Masses. It provides a valuable service for our Church community. Please contact Mark on: 07736750085.

Lent Groups - Traditionally we give things up during Lent – often booze or chocolate (depending on age or inclination!). It's not too difficult and not only does it do our soul good, but our health as well. How about something different this Lent? – time. Nobody has enough time, so it's a real sacrifice, but it would be enjoyable! Join one of the Lenten groups advertised in the church porch and sign up for the one that suits you best. If you feel you'll miss the healthy option, choose a venue near you and walk – then instead of the normal two, you'll get three benefits: enjoyment, spiritual uplifting and exercise! Sign up **today!**

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This programme has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 11th - 13th March 2016. email [in-fo@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk); call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
 Offertory: £815 (Gift Aid £377.98)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 21st: No Children's liturgy
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group. (Old Hall)
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)
Sat: 4pm First Holy Communion Session 5A (OH)
Sun 28th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass
4pm First Holy Communion Session 5B (OH)

Extra opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this

Lent: Mgr Jeremy Garratt, Rector of St John's Seminary will be hearing confessions at all Mass times today.

There will be a Deanery period of Reconciliation and Adoration: St Joseph's Church, RH1 1LF, Redhill - 6:15pm - 10pm, Saturday 5th March 2016

Second Collections

Today there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

St Francis' School is needing to top up its bibles, as the wear and tear of years, and also the hugely increasing numbers of children have made things too difficult. Would some parishioners like to contribute towards buying some bibles for St Francis'? They can be dedicated to the memory of somebody, and the children can be encouraged to pray for the person whose name is written in the front.

Internship with the Pastoral Team at Dabcec:

An internship for a maximum period of one year working with the advisers on different initiatives and will include a range of duties and administrative work.

This opportunity is for those with an interest in pastoral work within the Church or who wish to develop and evidence workplace skills and who may be waiting for places at university or longer-term work opportunities.

This internship scheme builds on two recent successful experiences and is designed both to assist the Pastoral Team in its work but also to ensure that participants receive a valuable and rewarding experience, with benefits for their personal and professional development.

For further details of terms, conditions and remuneration, please contact Deacon Andrew Bayes, Pastoral Team Coordinator at Dabcec or via email: andrew.bayes@dabnet.org

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage:

From Winchester to Canterbury from Saturday 13th - Sunday 28th August 2016. More information see www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Big Church Day out:

Tickets are now on sale for the Big Church Day Out 2016. Taking place on the **28th & 29th May**. BCDO is the UK's largest Christian celebration of its kind, gathering more than 25,000 people from all denominations and ages for 2 days of world class music, family fun and incredible worship on the Wiston Estate in West Sussex. More information on their website www.bigchurchdayout.com.

One Day to explore **why Later Life Matters** Monday 29th February 2016;

12.30 - 20.30 Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH.

For more information visit www.mha.org.uk/oneday/



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; Bernice 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.

Parish Retreat This year our Passion Week 'Day' is on the Saturday before Palm Sunday (19th March). Reserve the date NOW! The theme of the day will be the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We guarantee you will be surprised and stimulated! It's a chance, at the end of Lent for a day of quiet prayer and thoughtful meditation. Come for a 10am start, and a 3.30pm finish, with a shared lunch. This is an ideal opportunity to finish Lent well, or, if somehow all the good intentions are still just good intentions, to make up for lost time. Do not let this golden opportunity slip past!

Dialogue and Unity Adviser:

The Pastoral Team is currently advertising to fill a vacancy (.5FTE) for a Dialogue and Unity adviser. The post is based at Dabcec, Crawley, but will require ability to travel across the diocese. Applications and further details of the post may be obtained from Deacon Andrew Bayes at

[Dabcec andrew.bayes@dabnet.org](mailto:Dabcec.andrew.bayes@dabnet.org) or from Mgr Tony Barry tony.barry@dabnet.org The closing date for applications is **Monday 22nd of February 2016**.

Baptisms - Oscar Denton will be Baptised next week.

Please keep him in your prayers.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



We will be meeting again at the end of the month but in the meantime, please remember that all candidates should be attending Mass at The Sacred Heart Church and need to collect a badge from a catechist **before** Mass and **return** it after Mass. **If you are late for Mass** and are unable to get a badge please find a catechist at the end of Mass.

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

Saturday 27th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5A

Sunday 28th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5B

Saturday 19th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6A

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

Thursday 14th 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)

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 21st	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Fr James Maguire RIP
10:45am Mass	Maisie Lonergan RIP (M Peters)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd	<i>Chair of St Peter</i>
10am Mass	Mary Berman RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)
Tuesday 23rd	<i>Lent Feria / St Polycarp</i>
10am Mass	Mary Bohan RIP (Bohan Family)
Wednesday 24th	<i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>
10am Latin Mass	Eric Mitchell RIP (C & R Sowa)
Thursday 25th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
12 Noon Requiem Mass	Joseph Allen RIP
Friday 26th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
4pm Requiem Mass 7:00pm Mass	William Crook RIP Edgar & Edna Latcham RIP
Saturday 27th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10:00am Mass	Bridget Crook Ints (P Harris)
Sunday 28th	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Raymond Fenney RIP (M Fenney)
10:45am Mass	Calvin Butcher Ints (Nessie)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

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