

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Psalter week 4

NEXT WEEKS READING

Saints Peter & Paul

Readings:

1st Reading : Acts of the
Apostles 12:1-11

2nd Reading: Second letter of
St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Gospel Reflection

With the new encyclical letter of Pope Francis, *Lodato Sii*, on the environment, we already have a timely reflection on our interaction with the environment which chimes neatly with this Sunday's Gospel. With the advance of human knowledge, it has always been humanity's dream to be able to control the elements, to be able to provide rain where it is needed in due time and sunny weather also when required. No doubt today, were it possible to control the weather, the power would be sold to the highest bidder who would use it to make a huge profit, and still the poor would suffer. But, perhaps fortunately therefore, all we can do is predict the weather (and that not always very accurately); we cannot manipulate it. And so people still die; fishermen at sea, fault-line dwellers in earthquakes, thousands of the poor from drought and famine, and so forth.

The wonder of the creation of the Cosmos, the impossibly intricate functioning of the human body and the extraordinary regular behaviour of the Universe with its wheeling galaxies all point to a benevolent, intelligent and omnipotent Creator. Yet it is the things that go wrong (tidal waves, earthquakes, cancer, &c) that draw our attention and make humans question even the existence of God. But a short comparison of the wonder and excellent functioning of the overall design with the comparative smallness of the faults suggests that a dose of realism is required. If one is made a gift of a perfectly functioning Bentley with a flat tyre and a scratch or two on the bumper, one does not complain that the designer was a fool or a knave, still less that there was no designer at all. One looks instead to bad driving of the person who had the car before we got it. We can see so clearly what the weather ought to do: that it does not function perfectly suggests that something calamitous has happened in the past to make it so.

We understand that Original Sin has made this universe less than it should be. And we understand that God does not usually interfere with it in exactly the same way that he does not interfere with our own behaviour; we have free will and must live with the consequences of sin. But the example of our Lord in the boat on the Sea of Galilee shows that God is quite capable of intervening even in the functioning of the weather should He choose to do so. And, most startlingly, his reproach to his disciples in the boat about their lack of faith suggests that, had we the faith, we too could do so.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



We have now come to the end of our First Holy Communion Programme for 2015. There have been four wonderful masses and a lovely party. The children have been fantastic and we hope that they felt really special as they made not one, but two very important Sacraments - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We are very proud of them. They will now join the community in the main services each week and can become Altar Servers if they so wish. It is up to everyone in the community to help and encourage them on the next stage of their journey of faith.

Some special words of thanks need to be given at this stage to:

- Fr. Seán for leading and guiding the children through the course and the Masses. It was fantastic to have his input and made it very special.
- Mrs Maria Wheeler, Mrs Nanda Fawcett and all the other teachers who came to support the children.
- Dominic Palmer for coordinating all the music, choir and musicians over the three masses, many of whom came home specially for these services.
- Catherine Burton who kindly arranged the flowers for the church (assisted by Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown).
- Chris O'Connor for coordinating the altar servers and Eliz Wood for helping with the Ministers of Communion.
- Marion Copley for stepping in and helping out wherever needed.
- Leila Merrett for all her wonderful creative support from the service sheets to the bookmarks and certificates.
- To all the Catechists who lead the programme over the last nine months (far too many to name, but you know who you are!).
- and last, but not least Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, without whom nothing would have run. She was always there, from helping Catherine with the flowers to making sure that everything was right in the church.



Baptisms Jaxon Wastell will be Baptised next week.

9am Leaven Group

The Group will meet following 9am Mass on Sunday 28th June. If there is any item you would like discussed or you have any suggestions concerning 9am Sunday Mass then please speak to one of the group Members (Pat Magnus, Joy Cutler, Moira Brohier, Mark Ryland, Tree Dodington, Cheryl Daly, Emma Brooks, Rosemary Kinman, Richard and Val Williams, Frances Roberts or Louise Neale). If not speak to the Welcomer who will let one of the group know.

FESTIVAL 50

Festival 50 Diocesan Jubilee at the AMEX Stadium - 5th July

We are 2 weeks away from the celebrations!!

Your tickets are ready and will be available for collection after all Masses on Sunday. You will need your tickets and information pack to be able to board the coaches.

Confirmation

We congratulate our young people on their confirmation by Bishop Francis Joseph Walmsley at a Confirmation Ceremony at the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 20th June at 11am. Over the past 6 months, these young people have taken an active part in the community of the 5.15pm mass being involved in the welcoming, reading of bidding prayers and assisting with the collections. This parish community has enjoyed having them at the mass and we hope that some of them will stay involved beyond confirmation day.

The whole parish would like to extend our very best wishes and congratulations to all the candidates on reaching this special milestone in their Catholic faith.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all those parishioners who choose candidates to pray for during their preparation; and to their catechists for helping to guide our candidates through the process of confirmation.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary is retiring In December and the Bishop and Diocesan trustees are seeking a replacement. The Financial Secretary implements the Diocesan policy and strategy for all aspects of financial management and legal administration of the Diocese and its assets. S/he is responsible for - preparation of the Diocesan statutory accounts; monitoring budgetary controls; property and other insurances; property transactions; procurement of buildings, land and services; banking and investments; payroll and employment matters; legal compliance, etc. The Financial Secretary also advises and supports parishes and schools in these areas. S/he should be educated to degree level and hold relevant professional qualifications. S/he must be a practising Catholic. A competitive salary will be offered for a 35 hour working week based in Hove. Please contact Mgr John Hull: telephone: 01273 859701 or email: vg@dabnet.org for an application form and job description. Closing date: 10 July.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £904.01 (Gift Aid £372.90)
2nd Collection: The Missionary Endeavour £274.99

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



- Sun 21st: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
Teas & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass
Festival 50 tickets available for collection
after all Masses
- Mon: Teas & Coffees after Mass (Old Hall)
- Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Thurs: 8pm Second Baptism Preparation meeting
(Old Hall)
- Sun 28th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
after 9am Mass Leven group meeting
Teas & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass

A day of prayer

You are warmly invited to a Day of Prayer in honour of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, On Weds 24th of June, 2015 at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, Nr Guildford. GU4 8QR, from 10.15 am until 4.00 pm, with Holy Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, inspiring talks, and more. Please bring a packed lunch. Supported by the Medjugorje Apostolate.

Second Collections

Next week there will be a second collection for The Peter's Pence - this collection is **not** eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Please do not use your envelopes for this collection.

ENCOUNTER' EVENING (FOR CATHOLICS AGD 15-30) - FRI-DAY JUNE 26TH, 7PM

The next ENCOUNTER evening will be at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley (RH118PG) at 7pm on Friday 26th. If you haven't been before, it's a great chance to meet other young Catholics, to pray together and to hear an inspiring talk and some brilliant live music. For those over 18, there is also a social trip to the pub afterwards. The evening runs from 7-9pm. Entry is free, and there's no need to book. Search 'Two: 42 Young Adults' on Facebook for more information.

Teenage Weekend At Worth Abbey

This retreat week is a chance for young people (in school years 9-12) across the diocese (and beyond) to come together, make new friends, go deeper in prayer, explore their Catholic faith, and have a great adventure in such a wonderful setting during the Summer Holidays. It forms part of an ongoing retreat programme run in partnership between Worth Abbey's *Open Cloister* and the Lay Community of St Benedict. These retreats have been running successfully for over 10 years, and offer young people a unique retreat experience, which draws upon the skills of trained youth workers and the wisdom and generous hospitality of the Benedictine monks. For booking forms, bursaries and info please contact Mary Hunt (mary_hunt@hotmail.co.uk)



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 & Bridie Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; 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, Bruno Louis-Joseph, Maureen Kelly, Sheila French Val Williams & Eileen Kelly.

Thank you

Fr Chris Benyon writes. I would like to thank all those who came to take part in and those who sent cards and good wishes and gifts to me on the occasion of my Golden Jubilee. Thank you for taking the trouble. I ask the Lord to thank you and reward you in ways that I cannot. May God Bless you.

ST. FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - vacancies (www.stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)



1 x Class Teachers – KS2 (Eteach Job ID: 591793) Closing date for applications: 24th June 2015
Interviews: Week Commencing 29th June 2015

1 x Class Teachers – KS2 (Maternity Cover) (Eteach Job ID: 589743). Closing date for applications: 16th June 2015
Interviews: Week Commencing 22nd June 2015

Required September 2015

The Governors of this happy and successful school wish to appoint two enthusiastic, caring, well-motivated and versatile teachers to join our friendly and dedicated team. Applications are invited from newly qualified or experienced staff. Visits warmly welcomed. Please telephone for an appointment. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Job Opportunities at CAFOD

Community Participation Co-ordinator 1 x full time fixed term (2 year) post working with volunteers in parish and school communities helping to inspire and resource Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice overseas in partnership with CAFOD. Closing date 10th July 2015. <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC>

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
 Mel Flaherty
 youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591
 paul_lovell@rocketmail.com

Chill Club

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)
 Veronique Wood

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
 01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 21st	<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Ron & Connie Cronin RIP (Jean)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Aniceto & Mary D'Souza (D'Souza family)
Monday 22nd	<i>SS John Fisher & Thomas More</i>
10:00am Mass	Thanksgiving - Valencia Family
Tuesday 23rd	
10:00am Mass	Melinda Jamulis Ints (AR Edward)
Wednesday 24th	<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Bill Jones RIP (Mullen Family)
Thursday 25th	
10:00am Mass	Hugh O'Neill RIP (R Knight & Family)
Friday 26th	
7pm Mass	Jim & Seamus Horrocks RIP (P&T Patterson)
Saturday 27th	
10:00am Mass	Jim Horrocks RIP (B Sharp)
Sunday 28th	<i>SS Peter & Paul (transferred)</i>
9:00am Mass	Mrs Rose Knight Ints (Knight Family)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	John & Katie Fay RIP (R Walker)



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 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 & Friday at 6:40pm