

Sunday 22nd January 2017
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 3

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

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Time
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Gospel Reflection

We know from contemporary documents (such as the Dead Sea scrolls) that many of the rabbis in our Lord's time were expecting the Messiah to put in an appearance about then. We don't know all their criteria—though we do know some, such as their expectation that the Messiah would be born at Bethlehem—but there was certainly an air of expectancy about. For this reason there were some who either deluded themselves or deluded others that they were in fact the Messiah; Herod Agrippa was one such—a descendent of Herod the Great, of Holy Innocents fame,—a kinglet, who had actually managed to get himself born at Bethlehem; a fact which, no doubt, put the Messiah idea into his head in the first place. The point is that, although we know that our Lord did fulfil all the criteria, it didn't look that way to his critics. His Galilean background (with perhaps a Galilean accent), though clearly fulfilling the prophecy quoted in today's first reading, and also alluded to in today's Gospel, seemed to be an insuperable obstacle to any one who did not know that he was born in Bethlehem and was in fact of sound Judæan stock. In this we can clearly see the providence of God, for he was able, after his turbulent first few months of life, to develop normally and, with respect to his human nature, mature as much like any other child as possible. Galilee had other advantages, also; it was much more racially diverse than Judea; indeed many contemporary Jews regarded it as suspect for this reason, but this meant that our Lord (of course!) but, more crucially, his Galilean apostles who were to be the foundation stones of his Church had little or no anti-Gentile prejudice. It is also significant that he began his ministry there, to people of mixed race, before going to Judea and Jerusalem; a sign that the Gospel is something not confined to one race or nation, as the Jewish faith had been, but was for all human beings, irrespective of their background.

This is something that comes home again and again as one looks around at one's neighbours at Mass; truly we are blessed that our Faith is something that transcends nation and race, and we can thus regard in a real way as brothers and sisters those whose backgrounds are so very different to ours, and can be reminded of the words of our Lord: *And men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.* (Luke ;29)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK


Sun 22nd: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
3pm Confirmation Session 2 (Old Hall)
Mon 23rd: Teas & coffee after Mass
Tues 24th: 9:15-11:15am Toddler group (St T hall)
Wed 25th: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
Thurs 26th: 7:30pm Liturgy group meeting (4 Court rd)
Sun 29th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
Coffee and Tea after 9 & 10:45am Mass
After 9am Mass - Leaven meeting (Comm Rm)
3pm Confirmation Session 2 (Old Hall)



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, 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 & Alan Gully.

9am Leaven Meeting - The next meeting of the 9am Leaven Group who represent our 9am Sunday Mass Community is on Sunday 29th January following 9am Mass. We normally meet in the room above the bar in Father Scarborough's Centenary Hall. If anyone would like to join us please do come along. If anyone has anything they would like us to discuss and can't come then please contact one of the group members - Pat Magnus, Joy Cutler, Moyra Brohier, Cheryl Daly, Frances Roberts, Rosemary Kinman or Richard or Val Williams.

 Please pray for the souls of Sheila Hepplewhite RIP & John Dunlop RIP who passed away recently.
Sheila's requiem Mass will be held here on Tuesday 24th January 2017 with the burial at St Mary's cemetery afterwards. Flower donations are welcome and monetary donations should be sent through BC Bakers (charity yet to be decided upon) John's requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2017. May they rest in peace.


Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 13th March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome.
Contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

NEXT Sunday there will be a special collection for Parishes for Peace - Madaba refugee appeal (see notice on next page) this is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard, he is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows:
Saturday January 28th - St Joseph's Church, Redhill
Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill
Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea
Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Jack will confirm whether there is space. He assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
This day on 11 February will be led by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral Centre from 11am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential. To book and for more information contact Ruth Gerun: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or phone: 01293651164.

Parish Film Club (SVP) - Our next film 'The Book Thief' will be shown on Monday 30th January at 2pm in the Old Hall. Based on the best-selling book this film tells the story of a girl who transforms the lives of those around her during World War 2, Germany. It is directed by Brian Percival (Downton Abbey). All are welcome.


Baptisms - Sidney Tebb will be Baptised this week. Please keep him in your prayers. 

I am looking for homes for young Italian students, aged 11-14, in Old Coulsdon (1-24 July) and Caterham (6-29 July). We give £18 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

Do you want to inspire young people and consider training to be an RE teacher in a secondary school? Do you want to discuss possible routes into becoming an RE teacher?

If so then please contact either Sally Dudley, Recruitment Lead at Sussex University (s.e.dudley@sussex.ac.uk or 01273 877050) or Claire Rooney, RE Curriculum Tutor for Sussex University (claire.rooney123@btinternet.com or 07710550339). We are keen to talk with any potential trainees for September 2017 and support you in training with the University of Sussex and would welcome an informal phone call or email.

There is a desk available in the Old Hall for anyone who would like it.

 How are you doing with your New Year's Resolutions?
Good or bad, this week's topic – Saints and Sinners could help! **Join us** to find out – and our consideration of the readings for next Sunday **All welcome!**
8.00p.m. Wednesday 25th January, in the Old Hall

 **St. Francis' Catholic Primary School**
T: 01883-342005 W: www.stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk
CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS - Required Spring Term 2017 - Closing date for applications: 24th January, Date for interview: 27th January.
Core hours 120 per year. Salary S6 £20,628-£23,669 pro rata
The role requires attendance at all Governing Body meetings (flexibility to attend during the day and evening required) including preparation and distribution of documentation. Proactive Clerk with excellent written and oral communication skills essential. **Please email school office to obtain an application pack.**

Double C Club
Well done to the winners of the first draw of 2017 Double C Club
£70 John Barron
£50 Cheryl Daly
£30 Cheryl Daly
On behalf of the Double C Club a cheque for £1000.00 was given to Father Sean to help with the parishes needs. Thank you to all our members because without you and your support this club would not be able to continue to fund raise for the parish, all money raised goes towards the 3 prizes winners each month with the reminder to the parish during the year.
If anyone would like to join or add another number to an easy way to fund raise for the parish with a cost as little as £2.00 per month that is less than a coffee in Costa or Marks then please contact me and I would be pleased to discuss the details Sue 01884 346399

John Fisher School Vacancy - SCIENCE TECHNICIAN 
The John Fisher School is currently looking to employ a Science Technician to work 36 hours per week, 8.00am – 4.00pm, term time plus ten days only, to start as soon as possible. Application forms and further information are available via the school website on www.johnfisherschool.org.

Offertory Collection
Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £1,138.44 (Gift Aid: £585.32)
Second collection - Pax Christi: £350.52



Parishes for Peace

www.parishesforpeace.com

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. The Iraqis are not allowed to work so parishes here raise funds for food, personal expenses, electricity, water and English lessons.

The Iraqi Christians were given as little as 2 hours to convert to Islam, 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 Catholic parishes in Amman and other Jordanian towns. Refugee camps are not considered safe for Christians so they fall through the net of help from the large charities.

Della Shenton, the founder of Parishes for Peace has since offered to facilitate a link between the Sacred Heart parish and a group of the Christian refugees living in Madaba in Jordan. They are actively supported by an English speaking Parish Priest Fr Eyad.

'The Parish of St John is looking after about 110 Christian families. We can help by working with the parish and Fr Eyad to raise money and work with the families. We can also help by befriending them, writing to them and letting them know that we are thinking and praying for them.

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They need food and help with basic medical needs. Free medical attention is available but the waiting time is so long that urgent treatment, particularly for the children, has to be paid for privately. The cost is £30 per visit. Then there are medicines to buy.' (Della Shenton) .

How can we help our fellow Christians in Madaba?

- After masses next Sunday, Jan 29th, there will be a collection to assist the Christians in Madaba. We intend to send £800 immediately to Fr Eyad Bader the parish priest of St John the Baptist, asking him to distribute the funds for the food and medical needs of his congregation.
- We already have £350 from the collection at the Carol Service in December. Any additional amount raised will be retained until we receive further information about the needs of the Christians in Madaba.
- The £800 will be given to Fr Eyad by a group from Weybridge parish who are travelling to Jordan on Feb 2nd and will be staying in Madaba.

Please be generous with your donations.

What Next?

- Fr Sean will send greetings to Fr. Eyad and we'll send him photos of the Sacred Heart Parish. We'll also ask him to identify the pressing needs of his congregation. Watch for details in future newsletters.
- Meanwhile please keep the Iraqi Christians and their Jordanian hosts in your prayers. 'Just to know that there are Christians in the UK who pray for them is a great consolation'
- We need to form a small group to support and develop further the Sacred Heart Parish's response to the needs of our fellow Christians in Madaba. Interested? Please contact Fr Sean or Mike Wood 01883 348081/ mjw@litnum.com.



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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd	<i>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Simon Soler RIP (C Lunn)
10:45am Mass	Alec Anderson RIP (J Doyle)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	
10am Mass	Debbie Cutler RIP (Family)
Tuesday 24th	<i>St Francis De Sales</i>
11:30am Requiem	Sheila Hepplewhite RIP
Wednesday 25th	<i>Conversion of St Paul</i>
10am Latin Mass	Grant & Loretta Lane (C Linton)
Thursday 26th	<i>Sts Timothy & Titus</i>
10am Mass	Catherine Quinn RIP
Friday 27th	<i>St Angela Merici</i>
7pm Mass	Annie Lynch & family Ints (Maura)
Saturday 28th	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>
10am Mass	Finbar Collins RIP
Sunday 29th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Pauline's Ints (Ruby)
10:45am Mass	Richard Flaherty RIP
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

