

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEKS READING

Palm Sunday

Readings:

1st Reading : A reading from
the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: A reading from
the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel represents a very important turning point in the Gospel of St John. We should, perhaps advert to what is easily missed by reason of our familiarity with the Bible; the fact that our Lord's response is extraordinary, considering what has just taken place. Some Greeks—Gentiles, that is—have simply asked to see our Lord, and instead of simply saying 'certainly, show them in', or 'tell them to go away', our Lord with great solemnity announces that his Hour has come. It is as if the Greeks' arrival was a signal to our Lord, and so indeed it was. The Gentiles were formally asking for the Gospel, the Good News to be preached to them. It signalled that the Old Covenant, the Old Testament was beginning to achieve its purpose, and it was time for our Lord to initiate the New, a New Covenant in his blood, which would be shed for all races and nations and not for the Jews alone. It was time for the Passion.

You may have noticed that I spelt the word Hour with a capital letter; I did so because that word is a highly significant one for St John (there are many others also). It signifies the great action of initiating the New Covenant, which reaches from the Last Supper through to his Resurrection. It is the time for the Glorification (another Johannine word) of our Lord; it being necessary, as St Luke tells us, that the Son of Man suffer and so enter into his glory. It is the signal to us, too, to focus less on other things, even our sins, and more upon our Lord's passion; many of the images in the church today are veiled to help us do this.

Like our Lord, we cannot enter into glory without suffering and dying. Death comes to us all, but the cross must, too; either in this world or in Purgatory. But where our Head, our Lord, has gone, we hope to follow; not just to the cross, but to glory which will make all suffering seem like nothing at all.





APF Red Boxes

Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the presbytery clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me by 29 March. Would any one in the parish who has a red box but does not have a promoter to collect their money please contact me. Moyra Brohier 342928, Local Secretary, APF Red Boxes.

Italian Students visit

I am looking for homes for Italian Students, aged 11-14, in Caterham, based at the Sacred Heart Church (6-29 July) and Old Coulsdon (2-25 July). We give £17.25 per student per day. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you. Thank you. Rosslyn Hill 01883 381082.



There will be **Stations of the Cross** weekly at 6.30pm on Fridays led by Fr Seán and on Tuesdays at 10:30am led by the the Rosary Group.



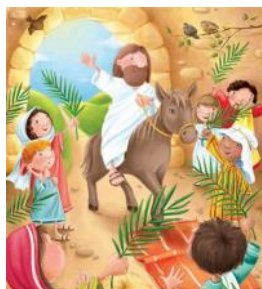
Palm Sunday

Parish Retreat

Today is the LAST CHANCE to sign up for the Retreat. It's not far!- just come along to the Centenary Hall after the 10.45 Mass NEXT Sunday (29th)! If you haven't managed to do much for Lent this year – it's a good way of making up for lost time – otherwise it's a very good way to end Lent (enjoyable, too! – but don't tell anyone that!) A quiet day of meditation and prayer starting after the 10.45 Palm Sunday Mass (about 12.00), we stop for a shared lunch, and finish at about 4.15. If you haven't tried it before – now's your chance!

Children's Activity Day

Give yourself a Sunday off! Sign your children in TODAY for the Children's Activity Day next Sunday (29th), and come along to a quiet, meditative day for yourself! Your children will love it – a tour guide for the way to Emmaus, puppets, wreathes, and more! Give them a lunch to share, and forget them till 4.15 – when we all meet up again for the end! Bliss!



Appeal from The John Fisher School

One of our 13 year old students, Cori, received treatment at the Royal Marsden last year. He subsequently became ill again and is currently undergoing intensive treatment at St George's Hospital, following which he will need a bone marrow transplant. As well as keeping Cori in your prayers, please consider applying to join the NHS or Anthony Nolan Trust donor registers. Details can be found at <http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/bonemarrow/> or <http://www.anthonynolan.org/> If you are not a suitable donor, there are many other ways you can support this life saving work.

Tuesday 24th March The Rosary Group will recite "The Everyone's Way Of The Cross" with Hymns and Organ accompaniment

For our Syro-Malabar parishioners;

These are the forthcoming celebrations locally, all at St Joseph's Church, Redhill.
Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) Qurbana (Mass) in Malayalam at 2pm. Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) Stations of the Cross in Malayalam 9am.
Saturday 29th June Qurbana at 2pm.
We are wondering whether there may be interest to have Qurbana celebrated here in Caterham. Please speak to Fr Seán or to Bijo Thomas.

Health & Safety

A couple of small points
Just a polite reminder that if children need to "stretch their legs" during mass can carers please take them into the porch.
Also please can we kindly request that you pick up any litter and take it with you when you leave church.
Thank you



Youth Club

Friday 27th March 7pm-8.30pm, Centenary Hall

The next Youth Club meeting is an animal handling session run by Darwin's Kingdom. Open to all children in school years 3-6, admission £2.

Tickets will also be on sale that night, priced £3.50, for our next session - a visit to the Splash Disco at Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted, on Friday 1st May. We can only take 30 children so tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Contact youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com for further details

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £800.44 (Gift Aid £388.21)
The Camboni Mission: £230.56

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 22nd: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am
Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass
9am Leaven Group meeting after 9am

Mon: After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am -11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
10:30am Stations of the Cross

Fri: 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sun 29th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am
Coffee after 10:45am Mass



Men's choir



Calling out for men to come forward for the choir on good Friday please. We're down on numbers as a lot of the regulars are on holiday so help is required. Please contact Mike on 07939 528314.

Second Collection



Next week we will have a second collection for the Church flowers. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your Parish envelopes

FESTIVAL 50

**Diocesan 50th Jubilee Celebrations at The Amex Stadium,
Brighton 5th July.**

This will be a day of activities for everyone. Each parish will be represented. If you and your friends and family would like to join in please add your name to list in the porch.

There will be 4 coaches costing £10 pp or £20 for a family. Children are free.

Holy Week Services.

Ministers of Communion and Readers if you can help at the Holy week services please indicate which of the services you will be attending. There are sign up sheets in the porch.

Parish shop

Lent extra. £1, Children's Lent Activity sheet 50p, Games for lent, Daily Lent reading, Stations of the Cross & Easter Cards. These and many more items are available in the Parish Shop.



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 Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook & Baby Tabitha Harrison

Calling all children of the Parish



Don't forget to make an Easter Garden to bring into Church on Easter Sunday. 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). All entrants will receive a small chocolate egg.



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LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS
20 hours per week Mon-Fri
Salary S3 £15,156-17,145 pro rata

**Mornings, term time only including lunchtime supervision
(1 Year Fixed Term Contracts)**

Learning Support Assistants required to work under the direction of the class teacher.

**Excellent literacy and numeracy skills are essential.
Graduate applications welcome.**

Please email the school office to obtain an application pack. Closing date: 12 noon on 15th April 2015

St Francis' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Such posts will require an Enhanced DBS and Barred List check and references will be taken up prior to interview.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 21/03/15: 2pm - Tour of the Church

Next Children's Session: 19/04/15 chps 10-12

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



CONTACTS**Parish Office:**

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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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
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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 22nd	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Eileen Kelly Ints (Jean)
10:45am Mass	Andrew Koh RIP (Ursula)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	
10:00am Mass	Birthday Intentions (Tomi Famori)
Tuesday 24th	
10:00am No Mass	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Only
Wednesday 25th	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
10:00am No Mass	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Only
Thursday 26th	
10:00am No Mass	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Only
Friday 27th	
7:00pm Mass	Mary Owens (foundation)
Saturday 28th	
10:00am Mass	Deceased members of Mendonsa & Lobo family
Sunday 29th	<i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Bridget Meade (Foundation)
5:15pm Mass	Robert Halpin RIP (D Hall)



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

Stations of the Cross - Friday 6:30pm