

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Christ the King

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Proper Psalms

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Ps 85:8

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Scripture Reflection

The whole idea of the Kingdom of God, of course, lies at the very heart of the Gospel. Therefore, it might be surprising to you to learn that today's feast is really very recent. In fact, it was introduced to the liturgy by Pope Pius XI in the 1930s, and was originally celebrated on the last Sunday in October.

With the reforms of the calendar in the early 1970s, this feast was given a more fitting location at the close of the liturgical year and the opening of the new one; fitting, because Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; the beginning and the end. (Apocalypse 22:12).

There are some things to notice; the first is that Christ is a King, not a president or prime minister. There is no democracy in heaven! And yet it is also true that Christ reigns with the freely-given consent of those whom he governs, this consent being, roughly, what we call faith. In that sense, we can live in the Kingdom of God on earth; where we recognize the rule of God and of Christ his Son, there is the Kingdom of God. That is what our Lord means in today's Gospel by 'my kingdom is not of this world', and why his kingdom does not have regular soldiers.

It has been tried, of course; I suppose that the crusaders saw themselves as being regular soldiers of the Kingdom of God, but they simply succeeded in setting up another Kingdom of this world, and one that didn't last very long. Our Lord is not particularly interested in that sort of thing. His interest is in being king of our hearts, rather than our swords or our cities.

St Francis de Sales once said that a single soul was diocese enough for any bishop, and this underlines the point. Christ's kingship is not about political domination, but about our day-to-day obedience to the law of God; this (or its lack) shows our true citizenship. Princess Diana once said, rather coyly, that she would rather have been Queen of Hearts than Queen of England, and this, too—if a little over-dramatic—does make a sort of parallel with the kind of kingdom that our Lord is talking about. But the love he talks about is not, principally, an emotion, but is about concrete action. 'If you love me, keep my commandments' he says. And 'by their fruits you shall know them'. And this is how we shall be known when we meet the Lord.

The John Fisher School's Festive Fireworks Display & Mini Christmas Market.

Saturday 5th December 2015 @ The John Fisher Playing Fields, Plough Lane Purley, CR8 3YP.

Gates Open 6pm. Family Ticket £20, Adult £6 and Child £5. Fireworks Display with Carol Singing, Live Band, Bar, Tea Cup Rides, Mulled Wine, BBQ, Gisella Graham, MoonDaisy, Phoenix Trading, Wreaths, Gifts & much more.

'Fun for all the family'.



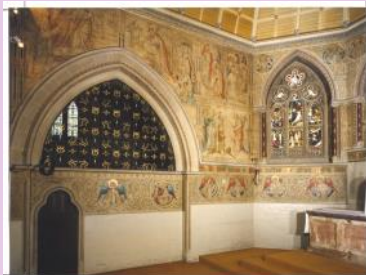
What did Jesus actually teach? Do you know?
'The teachings of Jesus.' (part 2)

Join us for this and more – and of the readings for next Sunday **All welcome!**

8.00p.m. Wednesday 25th November, in the Old Sacristy
(next to the Old Hall)

Sanctuary Restoration

The results of our parish consultation are now in. Those in favour of the restoration numbered 154 votes; those not in favour numbered 3 votes. Many thanks to all who participated.



Last Tuesday, I, with Geoff Walker, chair of our Finance Committee; Deirdre Waddington and Greg Bratza, architects, presented our project to the Southern Historic Churches Commission, and they too approved our project, unanimously. There being no further official hurdles, we have accepted the proposal by Hirst Conservation to complete the work, which, we anticipate will begin in the very near future. Hirst have completed a similar project on wall paintings by the same artist only two years ago, and so are well equipped to undertake our restoration.

The first stage will be to examine the present state of the paintings, and also the underlying wall condition, to determine what precise remedies may be applied to secure the paintings for another generation. You will understand that the works, which will be going on for many months, will mean some disruption to our worship in the church. We aim to keep this to a minimum, and specifically to avoid the wedding season, for obvious reasons, since it will be necessary to erect scaffolding in the sanctuary, perhaps for several weeks. I am going to look at the best way in which we may preserve the life of our parish as the work proceeds: in particular concerning the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. For the most part, Masses should not be disturbed: the Latin Mass can be celebrated on the forward altar without difficulty.

I would like to express my thanks to the many of you who have contributed so far to this project. And for now, all I can say is..... here we go!

Pilgrimage to Poland

We have an opportunity to join pilgrims from the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord on a pilgrimage to Poland from Monday the 30th of May to Friday the 3rd of June, 2016.

Fr. Chris Spain will be the Spiritual Director. Fr. Chris has a great love of Poland and has visited Krakow 4 times in recent years.

The itinerary and costs are being finalised at the moment. Current estimates of costs are ~£600 per person for Monday to Friday and there will be an option to extend your stay in Krakow to include the weekend of June 4th-5th for £36 per person per night B&B, sharing.

Those interested are invited to attend an information evening at 20.00 on November 26th in St Joseph's Centre, 122 Ladbroke Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1LF at which a representative of Pax Travel will take us through the planned itinerary and costs.

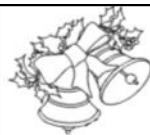
Alternatively to receive an information pack please contact Sean McGettrick, who is co-ordinating the pilgrimage on behalf of PNL, on 01737 767352 or via email at sean.mcgettrick@btinternet.com.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Fr Martin Breen. His funeral will be at 11.30am Wednesday 25th November at St John's, Tadworth. There will be a vigil Mass the night before.

Please pray for our children who will be making their First Confessions this Saturday,(28th)

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent, and the readings cycle will change to Year C for Sundays, and Year 2 for weekdays.



We can arrange transport for you to attend and drop you home afterwards—just let us know.

Transport Queries Hilary Clark
07795 373180
Hil.clark221@btinternet.com

A space for you to record your drivers details when you are told

Christmas Day Contact Details
The Douglas Brunton Centre Park Rd,
Caterham, Surrey County CR3 5TA
01883 347 260



Caterham and District Churches Together
invite you to join us for

Christmas Lunch

For the over 60's at
The Douglas Brunton Centre
Caterham
On Christmas Day 2005
From 12 noon until 4pm
If you would like to attend please complete a form.
For general queries contact St Marys Church Office 01883 347230



The Panto tickets have now sold out.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £944.36 (Gift Aid £421.60)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 22nd: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am
Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
4pm FHC Session 3B (Old hall)

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.
7:45pm Justice & Peace meeting

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith

Fri: 7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open

Sat : 4pm First Reconciliation

Sun 29th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
10:45am Folk Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
2pm Parish Panto (arrive at 1:30pm for 2pm start)

Lighting of the Cedar Tree - 29th November - Please note that the Road will be closed during the lighting of the Cedar Tree, (between 6pm & 7pm approximately) this may affect your travel plans after the 5:15pm Mass next week.

John Fisher School vacancies

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY - required as soon as possible



The School is looking for an experienced (ideally in the secondary phase), well informed and independent Clerk to support the Governing Body. The person appointed will be required to manage and organise at least four full Governing Body meetings a year and four different committees, which meet at least once per term. In addition the Clerk will be expected to provide full clerking support throughout the year which will include the maintenance of records, completion of returns, monitoring the policy review cycle and facilitating the election of Governors when required. Rate of pay: equivalent to the Merton ME Grade 7 scale which including holiday pay amounts to £16.16 per hour.

SIXTH FORM CENTRE SUPERVISOR/COVER SUPERVISOR - required from 4th January 2016 - Salary Scale 4/5 - Salary range £19,524 – £24,027 full time equivalent £13,569 - £16,699 pro rata

The school is currently looking to employ a Sixth Form Centre Supervisor/Cover Supervisor to supervise the Sixth Form Centre to ensure a quiet and studious atmosphere and to supervise whole classes during the short term absence of teachers. The hours are 30 per week, term time only. This position may suit a candidate who is looking for a contract prior to starting a career in teaching. The successful candidate need not be a practicing Catholic but like all staff must be able to support the Catholic ethos of the school. Application forms (support staff) are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org where further information on the school may also be found including job description and person specification. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, the Office Manager on irigby3@suttonmail.org by the closing date Tuesday, 1st December 2015. Interviews will be held week commencing 7th December 2015.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.



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; 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, Sheila French, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Mary Edwards & Gina Waiton.

Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for the Parish Charity Fund. This collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your Parish envelopes. Next week there will be a collection for the Cathedral Fund.

Next Justice & Peace Group meeting

7.45pm Tuesday 24th November at 4 Court Road. All welcome. For further information contact: Janet 01883 712440

Confirmation- Please return your completed forms as soon as possible

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



Please remember that all candidates 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.

After weeks of preparation and hard work our candidates will take their First Reconciliation next Saturday (28th). If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 3B- **this session is now FULL**

Saturday 28th November, 4pm - First Reconciliation (all children)

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

Do you have any beavers/cubs/scouts uniform that you wish to donate? Please contact Sheena on 07838 393950 or caterhamscouts@hotmail.co.uk and she will arrange collection of the items! Thank you



Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT)

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening at The Barn Dance with the Odd Sock Doo Dum Band on **Saturday 5th December** at 7:15pm for 7:30pm in the Centenary Hall.

Tickets £12 (children £6)

Sausage & Chips supper with a wonderful selection of home made desserts.

The bar in the Hall will also be open

Tickets from Ann Walker (01883 624773)



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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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Peter Kelly 01883 330684
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Chair of Parish Finance:

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991
 kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

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 22nd	<i>Christ the King</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Florence Flaherty RIP (O Flaherty)
5:15pm Mass	Margaret Stone RIP (C Stone)
Monday 23rd	<i>St Columbanus</i>
10:00am Mass	Maureen Killen RIP (Delma & family)
Tuesday 24th	<i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & comps</i>
10:00am Mass	Annie Duffy RIP (Betty & Dave)
Wednesday 25th	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Maria Lobo RIP (C Daly)
Thursday 26th	
10:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Maura)
Friday 27th	
7pm Mass	Laurence O'Dwyer RIP (J Sheridan)
Saturday 28th	<i>BVM Saturday</i>
10:00am Mass	Welfare of Mrs Adnes Mendonca (D'Souza family)
Sunday 29th	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Danny & Margaret Ryan RIP (E Barton)
5:15pm Mass	Winifred & Bernard Kelly RIP (Mary Ann Kelly)



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