

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

## The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2014

Psalter Week 3



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To the medieval mind the monastic life was not merely the most direct route to eternal life, it was also heaven on earth. Then as now, we are what we do. In the same way that it takes a long apprenticeship before a carpenter develops a feel for the grain of timber and which it comes, it also took more than merely become a man of God. In order to grow in faith apprenticeship, training that occupied every waking minute and ceased only when he exhaled his last breath. Daily life was for him the raw material of high sanctity. Medieval monks followed a rigid regime. In winter the bell sounded in the dark cold night at 2 am.



church in procession to sing Vigils. Each monk knelt in his own place in the choir, the abbot furthest from the high altar and the youngest monks nearest to it. They returned to their cells at 3.30 am to resume their rest and then at 6 am returned again to the church to sing Matins and celebrate daily Mass. Next came Tierce, after which all the monks went to the chapter-house for their daily meeting. There the abbot sat in his high chair and from there each monk sat in their own place in order of seniority. The abbot would name the feast day of which ever saint it was for that day and all the monks were called to prayer for the deceased monks whose anniversary occurred on that day. A chapter from the rule of St Benedict was read out - hence the name chapter-house. The abbot would then lead them in a meditation from the words on that particular chapter. He would then allocate each monk their daily chores. Each monk had to accept whatever it was they were asked to do without a grumble. The novices then processed out of the chapter while the monks who were in need of discipline remained behind to receive their punishment which could have been, living on bread and water for several days or eating meals alone or in extreme cases had to surrender to a whipping. For very serious breaches of rules, the monastery had its own prison cell made of stone or the said monk faced expulsion from the monastery. At noon they were called from their work to return to the church for Sext and then sent out again to work until Nones. It was only after Nones that they then eat their first and often only meal of the day consisting of bread, cheese, cooked vegetables, soup, eggs, green salad, occasional fruit and on Fridays fish. This diet rarely varied. At the end of dinner they processed back into the church singing Psalm 51 and thanked God for the food they had received. In winter they were allowed to congregate in the warming house until dusk after which they recited Vespers. They ended their day back in the church with Night Prayer, or Compline. In summer this horarium varied quite a lot due to the amount of work needed to be done in the fields. Harvest time was their busiest period. Apart from the land, they also worked in the forge mending the horses shoes, or broken ploughs. They threshed the flour in the mill and turned it into grain to bake the enormous amount of bread required. The abbot's principal job was to maintain harmony and peace among the monks and sort out any quarrels that may arise. The Almoner's job within the monastery was to provide food and clothing for the beggars that came to the monastery on their travels in search of work around and about. No matter what their allocated task, the monks thought of their work as a way of giving service and glory to God. By this routine of work, prayer, study and service they grew into a state of awareness of God's will and conformity with His wishes. The modern day equivalent to the above monastic lifestyle can be seen in the Carthusians in Cowfold, outside Horsham and despite what we might think of it being a harsh lifestyle, they are never short of applicants to join up. Some of the Monks there are former Surgeons, International Lawyers and men who turned their backs on high society to find this inner peace which Monastic lifestyles can provide.

### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Teas/Coffee after 10.30 am (Sue & Mark Fanthome)

Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall.

Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 - 10.30



Sun: Teas/Coffee: after 10.30: (H Steptoe & C Bentley)

### Women's World Day of Prayer

This will be held in the Brunton Centre at 10.45 am and here at 7.30 pm this Friday 7th March. The theme is "Streams in the Desert" - Praying for Egypt - and the speaker is Ann Lardeur. All welcome to attend.

*Next Sunday I will Baptise Eloise Chambers and welcome her into the life of the Church*

### Altar Servers



We are planning to attend the National Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral (Victoria) on Saturday 15th March at 2.30pm. (change of date). We will go up as group by train to Victoria. To get an idea of numbers can you let

Chris O'Connor know: [sacredheart.servers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacredheart.servers@hotmail.co.uk) 0208 660 4304 if your child can attend and also is you can help as a parent on the day. This Mass is open to anyone who may wish to come along.

### John Lawless R.I.P.

The Requiem Mass for John Lawless, affectionately known as "Johnny", takes place tomorrow Monday at 11 am. Condolences to his wife, Frances, children Sean, Kevin & Andrew and to his 6 grandchildren.



*Items for next week's newsletter should reach the Parish Office no later than midday on Thursday please.*

### Palm Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday falls on the **second** Sunday of the month this year.

The children's choir are invited to be involved with the celebration.

Please let me know if you will be around on 13th April 2014.

If you are interested in helping out with the celebration please let me know so that we can begin to put together a group of **musicians**, **readers** for the Gospel, **children** for the drama and adult helpers. Please contact Natasha Palmer.

Email. [tashpalmer@hotmail.com](mailto:tashpalmer@hotmail.com) Tel: 07766547529

### SACRED HEART CHILL CLUB Launch and Appeal

As our children outgrow the successful parish youth club we are hoping they still carry on meeting once a month especially as they may go to different secondary schools. So the new Sacred Heart **Chill Club** has formed for all children from **year 6 to year 9**.

We are now of course appealing for some donations from yourselves.

We are looking for any donations of bean bags / large cushions /throws all cleaned and in good condition. We are also looking for a donation of a flat screen tv, preferably wall mountable from anyone in parish who might be upgrading a newer model at home. We can arrange pick up and fitting etc in time for the **Chill Club** launch. Please contact Veronique Wood or Judy Mee via parish office ASAP.

Our first Chill Club session will be Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7.30-9.00pm in the room above the parish social club. We look forward to seeing you.

### 9 am Teas/Coffee

It has been suggested that the Teas/Coffee after the 9 am be extended to every other Sunday and hopefully in time every Sunday. In order to achieve this we need a list of volunteers to take up this Hospitality Ministry. Could you help with this? If so, put your name onto the sheet in the porch as you leave today please.

### MASSES

Please note that the Mass on Thursday will be at 7.30 am as I will be in St Francis School all day as part of the interviewing panel commencing at 8 am. Please keep the Governors in your prayers as they undertake this very important task in finding and appointing a suitable Candidate to lead St Francis Primary School which has recently been upgraded to a two-form entry.

Saturday is the Feast of St David, Patron of Wales.



Age 10-14  
School  
Years 6-9

### **The CHILL Club**

Last Friday each month

Term Time Only

Upstairs, Parish Social Club, next to church hall  
7.30-9.00 pm

A chance to chill with friends

No charge to attend\*

Just fill out a registration form on your first visit  
All children to be signed in and out at each session

### **Sessions in 2014 until summer break**

Friday 28 February

Friday 28 March

Friday 25 April

Friday 27 June

\*Please bring a small amount of money if you wish to  
buy soft drinks +/- crisps

*Younger than age 10 / Year 6? – See Info on the  
Youth Club*

### **Lenten Groups**

There are quite a variety of dates, times and venues to choose from, so there should be a reasonably good response. Dei Verbum continues on the first four Mondays of Lent at 10.30 am in the Old Hall. The Ecumenical Lenten discussion Groups with the U.R.C. Harestone Valley are on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings and the Parish Lenten Groups meet at various venues. The full list of all the venues etc is in the porch awaiting your signa-

### **Confirmation 2015 Application Forms**

The Pre-Confirmation Programme is part of the 2015 Confirmation Preparation Programme, which starts on Sunday 9th March 2014 for 5 weeks at 6 pm in the Old Hall. This is a fundamental going "back to basics" course where each student is expected to know the 7 Sacraments, their outward sign and inward grace; what is forbidden by the 10 Commandments; the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary; the 14 Stations of the Cross and have an understanding of what it means to be Catholic. Each student is asked to take a test at the end of the course. Failure to complete this course will render the students unprepared to go forward for Confirmation 2015. Closing dates for applications is this coming Friday at midnight. To date we have received 7 applicants.



### **Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.**

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;  
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;  
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;  
Leon & Sophie Kozlowski;  
Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Ken Archer; Elizabeth Daley;  
Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay;  
Ian Lester; John Gilford,  
Christopher Miles & Pat McCoy.

### **C.O.A.T.**

A wine tasting evening on Saturday 1st March at the Soper Hall, Harestone Valley Road. - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from Ann Walker 01883 624773

### **First Holy Communion reminders**

The next sessions will be the Tour of the Church on 1st March 2014 at 2pm. Please could all candidates meet in the Porch at the back of the Church. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Families are welcome to join also.



### **IRISH NIGHT SAT. 15th MARCH**

Tickets are now available for this annual event to raise funds for CAFOD (£10 adults, £5 children/young people, to include a 2-course supper). Please come along to this informal and relaxed evening of music and dancing with an Irish theme, in honour of the Feast of St Patrick. Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend or telephone Biddy (345749).

### **Induction**

The Revd Julian Thomas will be Inducted as the Minister of the U.R.C. Church, Harestone Valley Road, on Saturday. We extend to him our prayers and full support.

### **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory £787.76 (Gift Aid 390.70) Education: £263.24

## **CONTACTS**

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### **Parish Youth Club:**

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)  
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### **Chair of Parish Finance:**

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### **St. Francis Primary School:**

Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy  
Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney  
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## **THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

### **Sunday 23rd**

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times (Year A)*

9:00am Mass

Youth of the Parish (A Pullin)

10:30am Mass

Anthony Charlier RIP (Ann Charlier)

5:15pm Mass

Rafal Wlodarski Ints

### **Monday 24th**

10:00am Mass

Mary Bohan R.I.P. (Bohan Family)

11.00 am Mass

Requiem - John Martin Lawless

### **Tuesday 25th**

10:00am Mass

Holy Souls (Pamela Jones)

### **Wednesday 26th**

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NO MASS

### **Thursday 27th**

7.30 am

Jack Leonard R.I.P. (M Heath)

### **Friday 28th**

10:00am Mass

Peggy Wheeldon's Ints

### **Saturday 1st**

*St David*

10:00am Mass

Freddy Lobo R.I.P. (Cheryl)

### **Sunday 2nd**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times (Year A)*

9:00am Mass

Amor Sohawon R.I.P. (Leila)

10:30am Mass

Michel Labonte R.I.P. (Suzie)

5:15pm Mass

People of the Parish



**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

**Lauds** Mondays at 9.45am

**Rosary** Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; (1pm -2pm returns after Easter ) ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

**HEALING MASS with Benediction** every first Friday at 10:00am

