## **OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER**



Third Sunday of Lent (A)

23rd March 2014 Psalter Week 2



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ART & FAITH

Byzantine icons are portals to are heavenly-the gold backserene, symmetrical faces invite peace that surpasses all undericon and encounter the divine the well, we see the encounter who in the Orthodox tradition ed or enlightened one. She well. She approaches with her cate for us that they are enright hand, his third finger nature. The two mountains being that they come from two icon are two architectural elein the distance. The well has a like a cross and is suggestive of into the death of Christ so as to the very essence of the Paschal



the divine presence. The depictions grounds speak of divine truth. The us into the order of Heaven. Here is a standing. We slow down before the presence.In this icon of the woman at of Christ with the Samaritan woman, has a name: St. Photini, the illuminatmeets Jesus while he is seated by the vessel to get water. Their hands indigaged in conversation. On Christ's bends in, a subtle sign of his divine hind them recall their words, reflectdifferent backgrounds. Central to the ments-the well, and the walled city peculiar shape; it's low and shaped a baptismal font. It invites us to enter rise with him in the Resurrection-Mystery. We are beckoned to the font

to seek the living water that delivers us from death to eternal life. Behind the font looms a walled city. It is Jerusalem, the scene of the Paschal Mystery. The dark, gaping gate is like a tomb. Red curtains hint of the passion and bloodshed that will soon occur there. Yet the curtains are drawn back. Like the font, these curtains are inviting us into the tomb but also showing us the way out. The woman at the well enters the tomb as she acknowledges in truth the painful path of her life. Christ illuminates her heart. He invites her to move beyond her current life. She enters the tomb of this in truth and accepts the living water. She is transformed from an outcast to an evangelizer. She will bring her joy back to her community and compel them to follow her to Christ. Through meeting Christ, St. Photini finds light in her darkness, a light she will shine to others.

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun: Children's Liturgy 9am & 10:30am Masses 9:15-10:15 am First Holy Communion Session Teas/Coffee: after 10.30 Mass (T Patterson & F Shipley
- Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall.



Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)

Wed: 8pm RCIA

- Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 10.307:30pm 9pm Chill Club (upstairs from the Bar)
- Sat: 11am First Reconciliation Service (Church) 7pm Gameshow Night (Cent Hall)
- Sun: Children's Liturgy 9am & 10:30am Masses Teas/Coffee after 10.30 am (G Adamson & D Lawless)

#### **Confirmation Mass**

Special group Mass next Sunday at 4 pm for the Confirmation Candidates in the Old Hall. Fr Rory Kelly will preside at the 5.15 pm Mass.

## Follow the path in the name of the Lord



During this time of the Lenten season, keep in your prayers those in our parish and across the Diocese who are journeying toward receiving their Sacra-

ments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. In so many ways, these newcomers are a light to us who have been sitting in the pews for years. They come with varying paths and different stories – some lovingly supported in their conversion, others perhaps facing the wrath and derision of family and friends who can't figure out why they have suddenly "found religion." Their conscious choice to brave the demands of a Christian way of life reminds us never to become complacent in living out our discipleship. Lord, in the moments of bliss but also the moments of battle, help us to stand with and for you.

## Dei Verbum

Chapter 4 of Dei Verbum will be discussed tomorrow Monday at 10.45 am in the Old Hall, following the Requiem Mass. Tea/Coffee preceding

#### Breakfast Club - Survey

If there is enough interest in holding a Breakfast Club following the 10 am Mass on a Monday, once a month, it can be provided. The cost will be £3. Sign -on sheet in the porch. We would require at least 15 persons before we start.

Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment for another year during the Holy Thursday Mass at 8 pm.



#### Annunciation

Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Mass at 10.00 am.

First Holy Communion

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

THIS SAT 29TH MARCH 2014

11.00AM IN THE CHURCH

## Children need to be accompanied by at least one parent.

If you could please go through Chapter 9 of the book again with your child

and practice The Sign of the Cross and the Act of Contrition thank you, It will be a very special day.

Have you seen in the newsletter details about the Double C Club and thought "what is this about?".

Well, the Double C Club was started many years ago as a fund raiser for the church with an added bonus of 3 prizes each month. The total membership is limited to 200 which is where the name comes from.

Membership is £24 per year which can be paid in a variety of ways, this works out to less than 50p per week.

The prizes are £70, £50 and £30 which are drawn on the 1st Sunday in the month after the 9am Mass, the winners are notified directly and are published in the newsletter.

If you would like to join or have a chat I will be at the back in the porch after Sundays 9am Mass, please come along and see me or give me a ring on 01883 346399 Sue

## CAFOD

Many thanks to all those who supported the Irish Night last Saturday, which raised £712.22 for the work of CAFOD – a great result! A special 'thank you' to the talented band for the excellent music, and to Emma Doyle for the lovely Irish dancing.



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 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? – check Info on the Youth Club on the Parish website.



## Parish Shop

Get ready for the end of the Lenten fast! Yummy FairTrade chocolate Easter Eggs are now on sale, includes an Easter story book and a bag of milk chocolate buttons.

## **Scripture & Revelation**

The 9 am & 10.30 am Masses today will have a seven minute introduction and slide presentation (instead of a homily) to the Jubilee Lent Group , which the Bishop is anxious that we participate in, which starts this evening at 6pm in the Centenary Hall.



## Gora mile maith agat (A thousand thanks)



45 parishioners and friends sat down to a free hearty full Irish breakfast in the Old Hall on St Patrick's Day after the 10 am Mass . The morning finished off with an impromptu sing-song of Irish ballads led by Fr Kieran on his accordion. Special word of thanks to Karen, Amanda, Jo, Maura and Helen for doing all the cooking, washing and tidying up afterwards and to Elizabeth for providing real shamrock.

Please Note: Whyteleafe Road will be closed to parking on Sunday 6th April. (re-surfacing). Diversions will be in place.



# r 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 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; Christopher Miles & Pat McCoy; Olive & John Woods.

Journey of Faith meeting, in the Old Sacristy (by the Old Hall) this Wednesday, 8.00 pm. We will look at the readings for next Sunday, and the Eucharist. All are welcome.

Jubilee meetings (Dei Verbum) – as advertised! – after the 5.15 Mass, (about 6.00 pm) in the Centenary Hall. This Sunday, 23rd March, next Sunday, 30th March, and Sunday after, 6th April. Finish by 7.15!

**East Surrey Choral Society** 

With soloists and orchestra from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama Presents

Handel: 'Messiah' Parts II & III

St John's Church, Canons Hill, Old Cousdon CR5 1HA Saturday 5th April at 7:30pm Box Office: 01293 786358 or tickets at the door. Adults (Including programme and refreshments), children under 14 enter for free

## Baptisms

Next Sunday I will Baptise Samantha van Dalen and Ava Mae Short.

## **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory £1085.20 (Gift Aid £444.64)

(This included an anonymous gift of £150, which was placed in the Offertory Basket, for which we are very grateful) CAFOD: £565.53

CONTACTS	THIS WEEK—SE	ERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
Parish Office: Leila Merrett ( Mondays & Wednesdays :	Sunday 23rd	Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)
9.30 am - 12.30 pm) info@sacred-heart.co.uk	9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
01883 343241	10:30am Mass	Oluwantomi Famoritade (Olaleye)
Baptism Preparation: John Baron 0208 763 2144	5:15pm Mass	Youth of the Parish (A Pullin)
Holy Communion: Anne-Marie Young 07949 938984 fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com	Monday 24th	
Confirmation:	10:00am Mass	Requiem Mass for Rita Rossi RIP
Allison Pullin 01883 382506 al.pullin@ntlworld.com	Tuesday 25th	The Annunciation of the Lord
Marriage Preparation: (6 months notice required) - Fr Kieran	10:00am Mass	Michel Labonte RIP
Journey of Faith (RCIA):	Wednesday 26th	
Peter Lovat 01883 345749 peter_lovat@yahoo.com	10:00am Mass	Mary Owens (foundation)
Chair of Liturgy Group:	Thursday 27th	
elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com Centenary Hall Hire: Tara O'Sullivan email only for now		NO MASS
	Friday 28th	
thecenthall@gmail.com Safeguarding: Dee Hall and Jacqui Voorbach e-mail: safeguarding@sacred-heart.co.uk	10.00 am Mass Stations of the Cross	Johnny Lawless RIP (J & K Dunlop)
	Saturday 29th	
Gift Aid: Peter Kelly 01883 330684 peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk	10:00am Mass	Bridget Meade R.I.P. (foundation)
	11:00am	First Reconciliation Service
Fuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:   Kelly Coyne: 07921030991	Sunday 30th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)
elly.coyne@btinternet.com	9:00am Mass	Holy Souls (Famoritade family)
First Friday during school term. 7pm) ⁄Iel Flaherty	10:30am Mass	People of the Parish
youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com Chill Club Veronique Wood	5:15pm Mass	Patrick D'Souza RIP (C Wise)
Chair of Parish Finance	Confessions	s every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

**Chair of Parish Finance:** Rayon Brown - raybrown2006@aol.com

St. Francis Primary School: Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney

**Rosary** Thursday & Friday at 9:40am **Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament** 

Lauds Mondays at 9.45am

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; (1pm -2pm returns after Easter); Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

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