

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Weekday 34 Year II
1st Vespers of the
following Solemnity
Proper Psalms

Reflection

Christ the King

The ability of the media to make or break a person has long been noted, and nowhere is this more true than in politics. Consider, for instance the adulation once given to Tony Blair, and the way the media turned on him and ensured that the country did so too. The media, rightly or wrongly, can make somebody look like a cross between a film star and a messiah, but it won't be long before they start fault-finding because, sadly, virtue doesn't sell newspapers.

And this is a good illustration of why we can be glad that we have pinned our hopes not on the kingdom of this world, but on the Kingdom of God. The kingdom of this world is never going to match up to the eternal kingdom, however hard it tries. Even in the most explicitly Christian states, horrors happen, as history has shown time and time again, because human beings are involved, and no fallen human can really be trusted with absolute power over others.

Does this mean, then, that Christians should dissociate themselves from the kingdom of this world entirely? Many think so: the Amish, and other Protestant groups for years refused to get involved in politics. But surely getting involved in politics is, or ought to be, an operation of the virtue of charity. To seek the betterment of our neighbour by whatever legitimate means is not just an option; it is a duty. And if we Christians were to make our voices heard more, then perhaps people like, say, Barack Obama might conclude that extreme views on abortion were vote-losers, and modify those views accordingly.

Catholic Action in the past was a real force to be reckoned with: in the 50s and 60s many of the famous union leaders were Catholics who had been inspired by the Church's social teaching to try and make the world a better place through engaging in politics, bringing about, as far as they could, the social reign of Christ.

Young Catholics should seriously consider a career in politics, and for those less young, there are local councils on which to serve. And I do think, as I suggested above, that these opportunities are real occasions to do good to our neighbour, as suggested in today's Gospel. If the country is in a mess, there remains the question which asks what we, personally, have done to make it any better.

In the end, that is what it is about. The kingdom of this world will never equal the Kingdom of God, but we can make it more alike than it is now, and that will always be true.

First Holy Communion 2015



Dates for your diary:

8/1/15 - 3rd Parents Evening

11/1/15 - Children's 1st Session and Enrolment Mass

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Marie Young either via email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com or by phone 07949 938984.

Advent Group

Wednesday mornings through Advent.

Meet at 10am in the Old Hall. Beginning 26th November, 3rd, 10th and 17th December.

Prayer and Reflection Program by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Thursday evenings through Advent.

Meet at 7.30-9pm in the Old Hall. Beginning 27th November, 4th, 11th and 18th December.

'Reflections in the Baubles'. Course designed by Spiritual Director Helen Warwick.

Please see poster in the church porch.

Sunday evenings through Advent.

Meet at 7.30-9pm Godstone RH9 8JF. Beginning 23rd November, 30th Nov, 7th and 14th December.

Prayer and Reflection Program by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Please find the sign-up sheets with details in the church porch.

Fisher's Festive Fireworks

Saturday 6th December at The John Fisher Playing Fields, Plough Lane, Purley.

Gates Open 5.30pm. Includes Mini Christmas Market, BBQ, Licenced Bar etc.

Tickets Adult £6, Children £5, Family Ticket £20.

The family of Bill Jones RIP would like to thank you for the kind words of condolence and prayers, also for the overwhelming attendance at his requiem Mass.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As a result of a combination of external funding and staff vacancies, the following employment opportunities currently exist within the diocese:

Diocesan Inclusion Adviser (part time)

Project Officer (part time, fixed term 2 year)

Christian Education Centre Coordinator (full time)

For further details please see our website www.dabnet.org

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory - £829.77 (Gift Aid £302.11)

Second Collection - Cathedral Maintenance Fund: £297.28



Children's Liturgy

Help needed for the Older Children's Liturgy please!

We are looking for someone to do the administration for the

Older Children's Liturgy from January. The role involves doing a rota three times a year, making sure the box is equipped occasionally and putting any notices into the newsletter from time to time.

You would work closely with the Little Liturgy co-coordinator to do this and you would not actually have to take part in doing the Liturgy yourself.

Also, we are always looking for more volunteers to lead the session. The commitment is to lead one session a term (3 a year). You get lots of support material to do this and another adult to help you in the session.

If you want to know anymore about either role or to volunteer please talk to any of the liturgists or contact Mirella on mdm99@tesco.net. Many thanks.

'All I want for Christmas...' - A retreat for teenagers: 5th-7th Dec 2014

If you are in school years 7-9, you are invited to come away for a weekend to Worth Abbey in Sussex. Come along to make new friends, play lots of games, ask some of those "big" questions about life, explore your faith and eat lots of cake!

The retreat is run by the Lay Community of St Benedict in collaboration with the monks of Worth Abbey. The cost of the weekend is £78 but **subsidies are available**. For more info and booking forms, please contact Mary Hunt (mary_hunt@hotmail.co.uk).

CHILL CLUB

Chill Club on Friday 28 Nov, in the room above the Social Club, next to the Centenary Hall. 7.30-9pm

No Club in December due to holidays. The next one thereafter will be Friday, 30 January 2015

Thomas More Catholic School Vacancies

TWO FULL TIME TEACHERS OF RE

January 2015 or ASAP



For further details and an application form please visit the website www.tmore.org.uk

or contact schooloffice@tmore.org.uk

Closing date: Friday 28th November 2015

Driver needed



Would you be willing and able to collect and return 2 Parishioners from

Sunny Rise, in Chaldon. They would be happy to attend any Mass at any time, so long as they can attend one Mass a week they would be very grateful. If you can help please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 23rd: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9 & 10.30am Mass
Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass
(F Shipley, H Steptoe)



Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)

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

Fri: 7:30pm - 11pm Sacred Heart Club open
7:30 - 9pm Chill Club (Committee Room)

Sun 30th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9 & 10.30am Mass
Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass
(I & E Labonte)

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

These gifts will be on sale after all Sunday Masses from next weekend. Leaflets will be distributed after Mass this Sunday, giving details of the many gifts available. Each *World Gift* is a real example of CAFOD's work and when you choose one, you help to transform the lives of poor communities and families in developing countries. You will receive a beautifully illustrated card of your chosen gift, together with a presentation gift envelope to give to your loved one. What better way to share the spirit of giving at Christmas?

As we reach the season for potential snow, please could we have some volunteers to come to Church to help clear and grit the paths if we do get snow or ice? If you can help please contact the Parish Office on info@sacred-heart.co.uk. Thank you



Caterham and District Churches Together invite you to a Christmas Lunch For the over 60's at The Douglas Brunton Centre, Caterham on Christmas Day, 2014 from 12 noon until 4 pm. If you would like to attend please RSVP by the 10th December. Please note they are unable to accept applications after this date. We look forward to hearing from you. For queries please contact Alan Turton on 01737 553385 Or by email to: alancatherineturton@blueyonder.co.uk Christmas Day 01883 347260).

Scouting at the Church

The 5th Caterham (Sacred Heart) Scout Group is an outgoing, friendly and vibrant group, and has been a church group since 1988 and meets at the church during school term time, and hold its church parades once a term at the church.

Beavers (aged between 5 3/4 - 8) Tuesday 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Cubs (aged between 8-10 1/2) Monday 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Scouts (aged between 10-14) Tuesday 7.30pm - 9pm

If you would like your child or children to join, or if you are aged 14 and over and would like to volunteer to help please contact the Group Scout Leader Paul Lovell on 07712436591 or email paul_lovell@rocketmail.com



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & 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.

Second collection

THIS Sunday there will be a second collection for the National Catholic Fund (this is not a Gift Aid collection). **NEXT** Sunday there will be a second collection for The Parish Charity Fund (Gift Aid envelopes can be used).

Thank you.



Parish Christmas Panto 2014!

Only 11 tickets left!!



The Christmas crib 2014... where are all those God given talents?

This is an appeal for volunteers; all those with creative/ artistic ability, good at making things or maybe those that could be instructed & have a little time to help. Could you put your details at the back of the church on the list or see me Gemma Zarembski. Those that put their names down will be notified of what needs to be done. I would love to have a pool of talented people that could help in these arty situations.

Even if you can't help, maybe you can collect the things we need e.g.. old newspaper, pva glue, flour (to make paste) old emulsion paint (earthy tones and grey, nothing bright), old sheets of plywood or mdf, fairy lights, large amount of dark blue or black fabric. There will be a cardboard box for the items at the back of the church.

Thank you.

Carol Service

The Guild of Friends of St Lawrence's Church are pleased to welcome back again members of the Salvation Army's Croydon Citadel Band to play the carols at our Carol Service. The service is on **Tuesday 9th December at 8pm** in St Lawrence's Church, Church Hill, Caterham and will be led by Father Seán Finnegan from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Caterham. Wine and mince pies will be served after the service. All welcome.

CONTACTS

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Gift Aid:

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991
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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
Mel Flaherty
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5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591
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Chill Club

Veronique Wood

Chair of Parish Finance:

Rayon Brown - raybrown2006@aol.com

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sunday 23rd | <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> |
| 9:00am Mass | People of the Parish |
| 10:30am Mass | Florence Flaherty RIP (Flaherty Family) |
| 5:15pm Mass | Eileen & John Marjoram RIP (Bridie) |
| Monday 24th | <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</i> |
| 10:00am Mass | Lobo Family (C Daly) |
| Tuesday 25th | |
| 10:00am Mass | Con McCarthy RIP (Bridie) |
| Wednesday 26th | |
| 10:00am Latin Mass | John & Elizabeth Adams RIP (JK Adams) |
| Thursday 27th | |
| 10:00am Mass | Kathleen Watts RIP (J Watts) |
| Friday 28th | |
| 7:00 pm Mass | Tim O'Brien RIP (Angela) |
| Saturday 29th | |
| 10:00 am Mass | Holy Souls (Maura) |
| Sunday 30th | <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> |
| 9:00am Mass | Nora Mai Daly RIP (M Liversage) |
| 10:30am Mass | People of the Parish |
| 5:15pm Mass | Pat & Bill Webber (M A Kerry) |

Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday at 9:40am & Friday at 6:40pm

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am – 11am

