



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Luke 19:1-10

Gospel Reflection

It's an old joke: 'I'm a self-made man, and I worship my maker'. The instinct towards self-reliance is a very human one and in fact lies at the root of our alienation from God. The desire for power over our own and others' lives seems to be something we prize above all other things. Consequently, the acceptance of the concept that another might say more about the way we live our own lives is not a comfortable thought. It smacks of totalitarianism, of slavery, of so many things that our liberal western society regards as real evils—often with justification. This feeling that I ought, by my very nature, to be in control of my own destiny, consulting only my own wishes, accounts, perhaps, for the very many people who choose to live their lives without God rather than have to endure restrictions on their absolute liberty of action. For modern man, there is no 'ought', no 'should' other than desire and what is physically possible. But the greatest slavery, the greatest tyranny, is that which is within, and which subjects our reason, and our true freedom, to our own appetites, when the illusion that we are pleasing ourselves becomes so convincing that our power to choose to do something or not to do something has entirely vanished, to be replaced simply with addiction. Christianity is about surrendering our control over even our own lives to the one who knows best how to run things, and trusting him to see us safe to our destinations. Of ourselves, we cannot get there; his grace will do all that we need. Our salvation is not dependent on working hard, even at virtue, but on the free grace of our Lord with which we co-operate in our good works. And for this, the crucial virtue of humility is absolutely essential. It was Satan who said *non serviam*; I will not serve. Our Lady said 'Let it be done to me according to thy will'. This is why the tax-collector was justified, and the Pharisee was not.

Confirmation - All young people, presently in year 10, who wish to be confirmed, can collect an Application Form from the back of the church. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish Office by **28th October 2016**.

[Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard](#): He is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows:
Saturday January 21st - St John's Seminary, Wonersh
Saturday January 28th - St Joseph's Church, Redhill
Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill
Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea
Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Jack will confirm whether there is space. He assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

First Holy Communions

If your child is currently in Year 3 or above he or she can make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2017. The registration form is now available for collection, one per child, from Father Seán in the Sacristy after Mass. Forms must be returned by Friday 28th October 2016. The details for the 2016/2017 programme for the children will be made available to parents at the parents meeting - date to be confirmed via the Parish Newsletter.

Forms can only be handed to the family of the child wishing to apply. **Please note Children should now stay in Church for the whole Mass and not go out for Children's Liturgy.**



Friday 4th November at 6.30pm there will be a Peace Rosary. With so much strife and division in our World it is an opportunity to come together for a short time to pray and reflect on the need for Justice and Peace in our hearts and to remember many areas of conflict across the globe.

Thank you to everyone who supported or helped with the Healing Mass in any way. It was a lovely occasion.



Baptisms - Jack Cavanagh & Moses Orero will be Baptised next week. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Film Club (SVP)

Our next film 'The Lady in the Van' will be shown on Monday 31st October at 2pm in the Old Hall. This film was released last year and stars Maggie Smith in the leading role. About 25 parishioners enjoyed last month's film, as well as tea and cakes at the interval. All are welcome.

Weddings - We pray for and congratulate Kirk Pullin & Sarah Gubby who will be married here next week.



St Francis' Primary, Caterham, judged as Good with Outstanding areas by Ofsted

St Francis' Catholic Primary School in Caterham has received the results of an Ofsted inspection that took place earlier in September.

Ofsted has judged the school to be 'good', with 'outstanding' areas in Early Years provision and effectiveness of leadership and management. This result followed an inspection by Ofsted in June 2014 that judged the school to be 'requiring improvement'.

Mrs Wheeler said: "My thanks goes to all our wonderful Staff and Governors for their hard work and perseverance over the last two years in moving the school forward. Thanks of course to all our parents, carers and families and Father Seán and Father Simon, who have given myself and the staff so much support."

Mrs O'Donoghue, Chair of Governors, commented: "This is a tremendous outcome for everyone and one which the school community truly deserves. It recognises the hard work, dedication and professionalism that all members of staff have put into making St Francis' School one in which Ofsted recognises that 'pupils make good progress... take pride in their learning... and display a high level of respect for one another'."

If you would like to find out more about St Francis', visit their website: <http://www.stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk/news/?pid=7&nid=1&storyid=211>

The school has an open morning on Tuesday 22nd November for any prospective parents of children starting primary school in September 2017. The Headteacher will speak at 9.30am, tours will begin at 9.45am and finish at 10.30 am. Please telephone the School Office on 01883-342005 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you.

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Calling all tax-payers – who are not already a member of our Gift Aid scheme.

Maybe you have recently moved into the parish, or maybe you've just not got around to it. But by joining our Gift Aid scheme, 25p is added to every £1 you put in the weekly offertory. And last year this enabled the parish to collect an extra £12,000 from HMRC – very useful when lots of hefty expenses for church maintenance are cropping up.

To join is very simple. Fill in a form from the little Gift Aid box in the porch at the back of the church and pass it to the Parish Office. If you want to continue with weekly plate offerings then you will get a set of weekly envelopes. Or if you would like to donate by standing order, then there is a form to sign (or, easier, set up via your Internet banking – details from the Gift Aid Organiser).

Please make the most of your generous donations to the Parish. If you have any questions, contact Peter Kelly, Gift Aid Organiser, at peterkelly67@gmail.com or 01883 330684.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £849.40 Gift Aid: £310.58)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 23rd: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: No toddler group (Half term)
Wed: No Journey of Faith (Half term)
Thurs: 8pm SVP (Old Hall)
Fri: 12:30pm deadline for First Holy Communion & Confirmation registration.
Sun 30th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Books to South Africa

When the parish hymn books were replaced last year Fr. Sean kindly agreed to donate the previous supply to a parish in KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa.

They arrived in Durban with our container of about 14000 children's books a few weeks ago. A catechist, Maria Somai, at the parish of The Most Holy Rosary, xKwadukuza has sent an appreciative email thanking us for the hymn books and some second hand bibles donated from St Francis School which she uses with her catechism class.



St Francis School organised an amazing collection of used children's books (well over 1000) now distributed to various school libraries in the Kwadukuza area. We thank them and all parishioners who donated books.

Children's books no longer needed are always welcome and enormously appreciated by children in South Africa starved of reading material.

Mike and Eliz Wood(mjw@litnum.com)

Today there will be a Second Collection for MISSIO. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Harry Gaut's family would like to thank all those who attended Harry's Requiem Mass on Thursday 6th October and donated towards their 5 chosen charities. It was such a beautiful service for a brave little boy who touched the hearts of so many people.

Sacred Heart's New Year's Eve Party

Saturday 31st December 8pm until 1.30am.
£10 per person, £5 per child (up to 14 years) Family Ticket
£25 (2 adults and 3 children) Group Ticket £40 (5 adults)
Finger buffet included.

Tickets will be on sale soon. Please put this date in your Diaries.

We have already booked an outstanding professional DJ so should be a really great night.

Volunteers are needed to help out on the night with catering and bar (trained staff). Please contact Sue at sue.fanthome@gmail.com

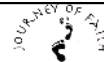


Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound:

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; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Brenda Sharpe & Paul Lovell.

Parish Christmas Market – Sunday 20th November

We are now asking for support for the ever-popular bottle stall. Alcoholic bottles are especially welcome but perhaps even the children could manage to bring in a little bottle of lemonade or ketchup! If everyone could donate a bottle next weekend, the success of this tombola would be guaranteed! This is an excellent time of year for clearing out children's toys and we would also be grateful to receive any unwanted toys in good condition over the next two weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated



There is no Journey of Faith meeting this week as it is half-term.

I hope to send the readings for next Sunday and notes to those who want them, as usual.

Schools forms after Sunday Masses. Applications for St Bedes & Coloma, who don't use a form, must also see Fr Seán.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Bishop Richard will lead a day for Ministers of Communion on 11th Feb in Arundel. This is an extra date as the other two days were full. Please sign the list in the porch if you would like to come. We need to book early. Transport will be arranged nearer the time.

Safeguarding Gathering and Mass: Day for Safeguarding Parish Representatives and Clergy with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on Saturday 5 November at the Friary Hall, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1HR, 10am-12pm followed by Mass at 12.15pm. For more information and to confirm attendance contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office 01273 241203 or email them.

Marriage Catechists Reflection Day: On Saturday 26 November from 10.30-15.30 join Bishop Richard for this day to develop this ministry for engaged couples for both experienced and new catechists. For booking or information contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Tel: 01293 651152 Email katherine.bergin@dabnet.org and www.dabnet.org

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Jimmy & Sue Ints (SVP)
10:45am Mass	Martina Kilkenny RIP (S Flanagan)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 24th	
-----	NO MASS
Tuesday 25th	
-----	NO MASS
Wednesday 26th	<i>Sts Chad & Cedd</i>
10am Latin Mass	Kit Monk Thanksgiving (J Cutler & Family)
Thursday 27th	
10am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 28th	<i>Sts Simon & Jude</i>
7pm Mass	Jimmy & Sue Ints (F Roberts)
Saturday 29th	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
10am Mass	John Henry McCoy (T McCoy)
Sunday 30th	<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Margaret O'Connor RIP (C & A Kelly)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Alex Joseph-Gabriel RIP (Ciccardini family)

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday 9am to 10am
Rosary every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturdays: 9am – 10am
Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour after Saturday Mass
Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm