

Parish of the Sacred Heart,



Caterham

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Over the Christmas Season the Crib Collection will go to the Catholic Children's Society Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund.

The collections at the Christmas Masses will be our Christmas offerings to Fr Seán and is eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Please use your special blue envelopes.

Thank you.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK.

Sun 24th: No Children's liturgy
Coffee & Teas after 10:45AM Mass
6PM Christmas Vigil Family Mass
9PM Christmas Vigil Mass

Mon 25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wed 27th: 8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer
(St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe)

Sun 31st: No Children's liturgy
Coffee & Teas after morning Masses

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40AM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every
Tuesday and Saturday 9AM to 10AM
Rosary every Thursday 9:40AM
Confessions every Saturday 10:45AM – 11:15AM
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour -
after Saturday Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £ 972.10 (Gift Aid: £334.60)
Second collection (Church Flowers):
£ 455.60 (Gift Aid: £112)



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

**Sunday 24th December
2017**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 24th

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00AM - Pat McCoy RIP
(T McCoy)

10:45AM -
People of the Parish

5:15PM - NO MASS

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

6PM - People of the Parish

9PM - Martina & Ken Ints
(Peggy)

Christmas Day

Midnight Mass - Ann Walker
Ints (Ruby & the girls)

9:00AM - Pat Power RIP
(Lovat family)

10:45AM -
People of the Parish

Tuesday 26th

St Stephen

10:00AM -

Bernard Ellis RIP (S Ellis)

Wednesday 27th

St John The Evangelist

10:00AM Latin Mass -
Margaret Sore RIP
(Peter & family)

Thursday 28th

Holy Innocents

10:00AM Funeral -
Susie Labonté RIP

Friday 29th

St Thomas Becket

7:00PM - James Barrow RIP
(C Barrow & family)

Saturday 30th

10:00AM -

Hilda & Rodney Peck RIP
(E Wood)

Sunday 31st

Holy Family

9:00AM - John & Mamie
Neary RIP (O Neary)

10:45AM - People of the Parish

5:15PM - Fr F Broomfield RIP

May God bless you and your families this Christmastide: you are constantly in my prayers, and always in my affection. You know me now; I'm a shy one, and very different from Fr Kieran my predecessor, who could always be found at the heart of every party. But my affection for you is no less than his, and especially at times like this, when we remember how our Lord emptied himself to become a little baby for our sake. I pray that you may have a Christmas filled with good things and with the love of your dear ones. May 2018 bring you what your hearts desire, and especially growth in the love of God and neighbour, and nearness to heaven.

Seán, your parish priest.

THE PEACE LIGHT

The flame starts its journey at the Grotto of Christ's birth where a Muslim Scout passes the flame to a Jewish Scout and then onto a Christian Scout for distribution around the world so that people can burn the flame in their homes and churches over Christmas as a symbol of peace.

Anyone who wants, can light their own light from it to take back home to

burn over Christmas as a focus for prayer and a reminder of the need for peace, generosity and tolerance in our homes, in our country and throughout the world: something which is so necessary at the moment! Collect a prayer card with your light any day up to, and including Christmas Day.

Special candles are available which will burn safely for up to a week,

and can be kept at home over Christmas (they are the same candles which are used for the sanctuary lamp).

Bring a jar for yourself – and a jar (or jars) for others when you collect your light!

(Safety Information: If you do not use the sanctuary candle and are concerned about safety, follow these guidelines: You will need a large candle which will burn for

two or three days, and a large ceramic or Pyrex mixing bowl. Stick the candle onto a saucer, by dripping wax onto it and putting the candle into the molten wax and then put the whole lot into the bowl so that if it should fall over it stays inside the bowl. Keep the lighted candle away from curtains or cards. Some people like to put it in the kitchen sink or a fireplace behind a fire guard overnight.)

THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our first Peace Rosary of the New Year will be Friday 4th January.

All are welcome to join on the First Friday each month after the 7PM Mass.

We warmly welcome back Fr Stephen Dingley who will celebrate Masses with us this week.

OFFICE

The office will now close until Wednesday 3rd January 2018. The emails and voicemails will be monitored during this period.

NEW YEARS' LUNCH

Our annual New Years' Lunch will be held on Saturday 13th January 2018 (12:30PM for 1PM). Please complete and return the forms in the porch if you are able to attend.

MADABA LINK

All 98 refugees from Mosul living in the parish of St John the Baptist in Madaba have now received a gift of £10 each from us in the Sacred Heart parish. These donations mean a great deal to the Iraqis not only in providing them with a small sum to assist with their living expenses but also in reminding them that they

are not forgotten.

Some serious health issues are emerging. Caritas provide basic medical support for the refugees. One young woman has septic tonsils and needs a tonsillectomy. Caritas have said they have no money for the operation.

About 60 letters written by children in Year 4 at

St Francis School were taken to the parish primary school in Madaba at the end of last week. The teachers and children were very excited to receive them and St Francis have already received a video in response. The children in Jordan need considerable help from their teachers as English is not their first language.

Mike Wood

SVP FILM CLUB

Please note that a film will not be shown in December. The next Film Club date will be 29th January.

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Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - after Saturday Mass
Benediction every Sunday 4:45PM

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK (31st Dec)

Sun 31st: No Children's liturgy
Coffee & Teas after morning Masses
Wed 3rd: 8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer (St Peter & St Paul, Chaldon)
Sat 6th: 11:30AM FHC Session 4A (Old Hall)
Sun 7th: Children's liturgy at morning Masses
Coffee & Teas after morning Masses
4PM Confirmation Session 2

OF INTEREST...

ANNUAL JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY - HOPE OVERCOMING FEAR: THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD:

On Saturday 27 January 2018 at DABCEC 10am – 4pm with Jack Valero of Catholic Voices and Dr Anthony Towey of St Mary's Universi-

ty. Themes to explore will include a Christian response to rising nationalism, the media including social media, how we inform ourselves and

messages of hope. To book please contact Ruth Gerun
e: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org
t: 01293 651164 or visit www.dabnet.org/courses

MASS FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday January 6th at 1PM with Bishop Richard in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12

2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sus-

sex RH10 6RP. Email: mag.booker@gmail.com.
Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION WITH BISHOP RICHARD, 2018

In 2016 and 2017, Bishop Richard invited Confirmation candidates to join him at Evenings of Reflection held around the Diocese. More than 350 people attended in 2017, and had the chance to meet with Bishop Richard and to be led in the practice of Lectio Divina. Bishop Richard will be doing the same

thing in 2018. The dates and locations are now available so that parishes and Confirmation coordinators can factor them into their planning.
Thursday January 18th - St John's Church, Horsham
Thursday February 8th - St Joseph's Church, Epsom
Thursday February 22nd

- St Michael's Church, Worthing
Saturday March 3rd - St John's Seminary, Womersley
Saturday March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill.
All evenings run from 7PM to 9PM. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD? CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help them in their work. There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, the parish or with fundraising, campaigning and more. If you would like more information or feel that you could help CAFOD then please contact Martin on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk



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Sunday 31st December 2017

Holy Family

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st

9:00AM -

John & Mamie Neary RIP (O Neary)

10:45AM -

People of the Parish

5:15PM -

Fr F Broomfield RIP

Monday 1st January

Mary Mother of God, Solemnity

10:00AM -

Agnes Quinn RIP

Tuesday 2nd

St Basil and Gregory

11:30AM Funeral -

Muriel Day RIP

Wednesday 3rd

Most Holy Name of Jesus

10:00AM Latin Mass -

Franciszek & Patience Kornicki RIP

Thursday 4th

10:00AM -

Canon Dennis Barry RIP

Friday 5th

7:00PM - Marcia Cross RIP

(C Linton)

Saturday 6th

Epiphany

10:00AM -

Pat McCoy RIP (T McCoy)

Sunday 7th

Transferred Feast of the Epiphany

9:00AM -

Christopher Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)

10:45AM -

People of the Parish

5:15PM -

Thomas Finnegan RIP



Your Prayers are requested for the following people 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; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; 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, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Richard Sowa, Val Williams & Patrick Eade.

Psalter Week 4

31st December READINGS

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19
Luke 2:22-40

7th January READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

BAPTISMS



Polly Pemberton will be baptised here. Please keep her in your prayers.



We pray for the soul of Muriel Day who passed away this week. Her funeral will be held here on Tuesday 2nd January at 11:30AM.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We must not underestimate the importance of what is known as Mary's 'fiat'; 'Let it be done to me according to your will'. It parallels the important prayer of our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane 'may this cup pass from me, nevertheless, let your will be done' (Luke 22:42). As both Adam and Eve had their role in the fall, so both the new Adam, Jesus, and the new Eve, Mary, have their role in the redemption, and the most important element in this is obedience. For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's [Jesus'] obedience many will be made righteous (Romans 5:19).

The parallels between Adam and Jesus also Mary and Eve suggests that it might be fruitful to look for other parallels, also. Just as Adam and Eve were created sinless, and our Lord likewise, it is natural that we should look to our Lady and expect to find her sinless too. And the Church has found a suggestion of this in today's Gospel; the angel salutes her as 'graced one' (though the Jerusalem Bible in your Mass booklets disregards the Church Fathers and translates this as 'highly favoured' not, in my opinion, really bringing out the strength of the original), which seems to suggest the doctrine we now know as the Immaculate Conception.

We might thus conclude that in the incarnation, the becoming human, of our Lord the fall of man was being given a sort of re-run; mankind was being given another chance to get it right. Adam and Eve exercised their freedom to opt out of the Kingdom of God; we, however, have to opt in. The obedience of Christ and, subordinately, the obedience of our Lady, made this possible. The way to opt in is by, first, faith proceeding to Baptism, which makes us part of Christ's mystical body. But this implies also a moral dimension; if we are part of Christ, we must also strive to be like Christ. If we would seek to distance ourselves from Lucifer's 'I will not serve', and from our first parents' disobedience, we must seek to imitate the obedience of our Lord and his Mother.

Christian children, all must be
 Mild, obedient, good as he.
 — Not just children, but everyone.

FOR YOUR DIARY

You can listen to Bishop Richard speaking about the Catholic Church and its work around mental health on Heaven's Road Radio via the web www.heavenroadfm.com on Monday 8th January at 9AM, 3PM, 9PM and 3AM or using the listen again button outside these times.

PEACE SUNDAY 2018

This will take place on **Sunday 14 January**. The theme this year is 'Migrants and Refugees - Seekers of Peace'. Information and resources is available from the Pax Christi website - www.paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday. This includes the full text of the Pope's letter for Peace Sunday. There can also be a collection in parishes to support the work of Pax Christi.