



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 24th January 2016
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 3

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or

1 Cor 13:4-13

Luke 4:21-30

Gospel Reflection

Gospel Reflection 3rd Sunday of the Year

One of the central themes of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) is the passing of the status of 'chosen people' from the Jewish nation alone to all those who do God's will, Jew and Gentile alike. Our Lord wins no friends among his countrymen by reminding them that this is not really an innovation, that God has, even in the Old Testament, let his mercy work among the Gentiles. Time and time again, our Lord battles with this xenophobic attitude that the good things of God are simply reserved for the Jews, and all others are outside his mercy and, by implication outside salvation.

We have no reason to be smug, however. This attitude is to be found among Catholics also. I have known Catholics leading really quite immoral lives who had no fear whatever of God's judgment, asserting blithely that they were going simply to heaven because they were Catholics. This is not a million miles removed from the fundamentalist Protestant doctrine of double predestination which asserts that, once one has become a Christian, one is assured of heaven; all others go to hell.

Mere belonging is simply not enough; the scriptures and the tradition are both very clear that if we wish to be saved, we need to have an active faith, which is to say a faith that is not an empty opinion, but really bears fruit in our lives. There has to be a struggle for virtue, day by day; success is not so important as never giving up the battle against, in the old phrase, the world, the flesh and the devil.

We should also pay attention to the way we are supposed to interact between ourselves. St Paul, in the second reading, makes the point that we should operate like a human body; each bit, or member, of the body doing its part to the good of the whole. This can as well apply to all of humanity as to the Church. Bringing good news to the poor, liberty to captives, to the blind new sight and so forth is a sign of how we can be Christ even to a world that rejects him.

So today's readings have both an inward and outward expression; inwardly we should make sure that we make our lives correspond to the demands of the Gospel and not rely on the 'Catholic' label to save us, outwardly, we should be prepared to let others share our faith and its rewards, remembering that they, as much as we, are called to repentance and salvation. Our charity will be the badge that identifies our faith.

Thank you

My sincere thanks to all for making my birthday so memorable. The Masses, gifts and cards were all greatly appreciated. Holy Mass will be offered as a thank you to all.
Ruby



When Jesus spoke, the people got upset!
What do we do?

Join us to find out – and continue our consideration of the readings for next Sunday

All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 27th January,
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)

Are there one or two people out there who might be willing to help count the collection? It involves about an hour and a half on a Monday morning, and the more people who volunteer, the less often anyone has to do it. Please have a word with Jimmy Mullen, Fr Seán or the office.

Next week, Fr Seán will be away 25-29th January; no Masses, therefore, until Saturday morning. Bishop Richard has asked that we not distribute Holy Communion in the church outside Mass.

The 9am Leaven group will be meeting after the 9am Mass on Sunday 7th February. If there is anything you would like us to discuss please mention it to one of the group, Pat Magnus, Mark Ryland, Joy Cutler, Moyra Brohier, Cheryl Daly, Rosemary Kinman, Frances Roberts, Richard Williams, Val Williams, Rosemary Kinman, Tree Dodington or Michele Anderson. Alternatively speak to the Welcomer who will then speak to one of the group.

John Fisher vacancy

TEACHER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Required from 1st September 2016 TLR 2C £2,613 available for suitably qualified candidate



The school wishes to appoint, from 1st September 2016, a graduate teacher of Physical Education to teach in a department that covers: core P.E., GCSE and A Level PE together with Btec First and National Diploma in Sports Science at this highly regarded, over-subscribed Catholic 11 - 18 boys comprehensive school.

The successful candidate will join an excellent department with an admirable record of very high examination success. The School has a national reputation in rugby, cricket, athletics and cross country. An ability to coach rugby and one other area will be essential. Commitment to extra-curricular activities will be essential.

The post would represent an outstanding opening for someone with teaching experience. A TLR for KS4 Coordinator will be available for a suitably qualified candidate.

Application forms are available by downloading via the website on <http://johnfisherschool.org/> where further information on the school and department may be found. Salary payable is on the Teachers Main Scale, including Outer London Weighting. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Janet Rigby, Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by noon on the closing date: Friday, 29th January 2016. Interviews will be held week commencing 1st February 2016. *The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.*

We are looking for a DJ for the Scared Heart NYE 2016 : Please contact Mark on 07736750085 if you can help or recommend someone.

Christmas Nativity 2016 Volunteers needed

If you would like to arrange the Children's Nativity re-enactment at the Christmas Family Mass this year, please let the Office know. A lot of hard work and preparation goes into this process so an early start would ease the pressure over the busy Christmas period.

Parish Women's Group -

There will be a Business Meeting in the Old Hall following the Parish Lunch on Wednesday 3rd February 2016. approx. 2.15 pm.

Ministers of Holy Communion: Please do not forget to genuflect (if you can!) with the priest before 'This is the Lamb of God'. I suggest that when you come up to the altar after the Our Father, that you stand at either end of the altar, where the purification cloths wait for you. Then if you need to steady yourself to genuflect, you can.

Today will celebrate the annual United Service of Caterham & District Churches Together. This year it will take place in our own church at 7pm: please do make every effort to come, not least to welcome our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters.

Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 11th - 13th March 2016, the email info@retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk
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Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £782.35 (Gift Aid £350.22)
Second collection: £322.15

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 24th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45 Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

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

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Fri: 9am Coffee morning (cent hall)

Sat: 3:45pm First Holy Communion session 4A

Sun 31st: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45 Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
3:45pm First Holy Communion session 4B

Monthly coffee and shopping mornings starting Friday 29th January - 9am onwards, Centenary Hall

On the last Friday of each month, the Centenary Hall will be open in the morning to anyone who wants to come along for a coffee and a catch-up with friends. If you're in the mood for shopping there will be a variety of stalls selling various goodies including clothes, bags, jewellery and cosmetics. Entry is free and all are welcome! If you are interested in having a stall please contact Lisa at lisadonohue@live.com

We have recently received two very nice letters from Bishop Richard.

In the first, he thanked us for the substantial contribution we made, from the profits of the sale of St Thomas', to the Priests' Training Fund. He writes:

"Please could I ask you to pass on my thanks to everyone in the parish for this wonderful expression of support for priestly formation, which is also a mark of the appreciation of the life and work of the priests of the Diocese.

It is hoped that we may have five men beginning formation for the Priesthood in 2016. Please could I ask you to keep them in prayer, together with all those who are in the earlier stages of their reflection about vocation."

He also wrote saying

"Please accept this all-too-belated thanks for your hospitality on the occasion of the Mass for Fr John Gwynn... It was a very special celebration and a lovely Mass and also the gathering that followed. We were blessed to have Jesuit representatives, and it was a real joy for me to be with you all.

As you say in your letter, the link between the 'Micks' and the parish is strong and I am grateful to you for continuing that link and for the prayers of the parish for the Regiment.
With every blessing, +Richard."

Illuminate @ Worth Abbey: 19-21st February

A weekend retreat for young people in years 9-13. Over the weekend we will be exploring Psalm 26 and unpacking what it means for us today. The weekend will include inspiring talks, time for discussion, participation in the Monk's prayer, time for space and prayer, lots of yummy food, praise and worship, silly games and time to chill out and get to know each other. It is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith through making friends and having a whole lot of fun in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey. Please email francescacarbone@btinternet.com for further information and to book email toc@worthabbey.net. Booking deadline 12th February.



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; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman, Maureen Kelly, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Second Collections

Today there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Baptisms - Dominic Horan will be Baptised next week. Please keep him in your prayers.



Newsletter hardcopies

If you have internet access please sign up to receive the weekly newsletter via email. We will be reducing the number of hardcopy's in the porch, to help bring down the cost of printing.

If you cannot sign up via the website please email the office. Please continue to take a newsletter if you do not have internet access.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



We will be meeting again at the end of the month but in the meantime, please remember that all candidates should be attending Mass at The Sacred Heart Church and need to collect a badge from a catechist **before** Mass and **return** it after Mass. **If you are late for Mass** and are unable to get a badge please find a catechist at the end of Mass.

Could we also remind parents that all children should be guided through Mass and supervised at all times. If you have younger children please ensure that the FHC candidate is left with a responsible adult.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 30th January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4A

Sunday 31st January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4B

Saturday 27th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5A

Sunday 28th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5B

Saturday 19th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6A

Sunday 20th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6B

Thursday 14th April 2016, 8pm - 9pm - Parent Session (Old Hall)

Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7A

Sunday 24th April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7B (Scouts,

Cubs & Beavers please be aware that there will be a St George's Day parade on 24th April so you will need to attend the 23rd April session)

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com.

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 24th	<i>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Robert Halpin RIP (D Hall)
5:15pm Mass	Catherine Quinn RIP
Monday 25th	<i>Conversion of St Paul</i>
NO MASS	-----
Tuesday 26th	<i>Saints Timothy and Titus</i>
NO MASS	-----
Wednesday 27th	<i>St Angela Merici</i>
NO MASS	-----
Thursday 28th	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>
No MASS	-----
Friday 29th	<i>Feria</i>
7:00pm Mass	Deryl Robinson RIP (B Robinson)
Saturday 30th	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10:00am Mass	Secular Priests' Common Fund
Sunday 31st	<i>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Finbar Collins RIP
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Eileen & Michael Tully (A Walker)



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

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

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