# **OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER**



Sacred Heart Parish Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter week 4



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# **Reflection for Pentecost**

In the second reading today we hear an allusion to St Paul's familiar teaching that the Church is in some sense the 'body of Christ'. This is a profound analogy and has many implications, but, as I remarked in my homily last week, one of the most important implications is that the Church continues on earth the active presence of Christ. St Teresa of Avila observed that our Lord has on earth no hands but ours, no eyes but ours, no tongues but ours if all those things that he did while on earth are going to be done in our day.

In the Gospel, we hear of one of those things that our Lord did on earth—forgiving sins, that is—and how the Church is to continue doing it in his name. This is all the more astounding when we consider how our Lord's own claim to forgive sins (as in the cure of the paralytic let down through the roof) caused such grave scandal. Who can forgive sins but God? In this we touch upon the very divine constitution of the Church herself.



As together we form the Mystical Body of Christ, one might say that the Holy Spirit is the soul of that body, and just as the 'partnership' of our souls and bodies make us to live, so the 'partnership' of the Holy Spirit and the Church makes Christ to be continually present in the world, and does all these things, including forgiving sins, in his name.

We can see the contrast between the behaviour of the Apostles before and after Pentecost; one might compare it to the contrast between a dead body and a live one. This, perhaps, brings home the grave responsibility that each of us as a Christian bears for the progress of the Gospel in the world; we have each of us received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation precisely to make us Christ in the world. This ought to give us pause for thought, especially today, Pentecost Sunday.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



Please say a special prayer for the following children who will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 30 May 2015 and Saturday 06 June 2015. The children have been wonderful and hopefully enjoyed themselves over the last nine months. We would like to say thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped them on their spiritual journey and without whom we would not have been able to do it.

> **Beniamin Anderson** Felix Atkinson **Dexter Babler** Summer Burton Mia Cassar Amelia Chan-Lok Emily Cheung D'arcy Crowe Sebastian Davies Oliver Dennis Bonnie Edwards Tavis Emery **Tamsin Filipe-Harrington** Kiera Giacalone-German Olivia Giacalone-German Grace Giblin Lily Goodwin Emma Guntrip Harrison Hayman Aidan Healy **Evalyn Henley** Seamus Holton Layla James Harrison Jarrett Emma Jones Zofia Kalinowska Emilia Kavanagh Aidan Kemp Beyonce Kiroro Emily Lee Evie Linsdell Grace McCabe **Conor Maguire** Joseph Michel-Cliffe James Murphy Maya Nadotti Christian Neale Emma O'Grady Kathleen O'Sullivan Scarlett O'Sullivan Adam Ogunremi Caitlin Prior Christopher Raj Ellie Rann Benicio Rookard Luke Routledge Samuel Simpson Katherine Smith **Thomas Smith** Aimée Sturgess Sinéad Tanner Isaac Taylor Harry Thomas Archie Voorbach Elena Wilden-Labonté Wesley Wood Hannah Younan



Festival 50 Diocesan Jubilee at the AMEX Stadium - 5th July

Please check your name is on the list at the back of Church. There are a few places left on the coaches.

#### **First Holy Communion Celebration Breakfast**

If you would like to celebrate with the candidates, please join us at a very special Mass on **Sunday 14 June 2015 at 10.45am**. This is a celebration of the First Holy Communion children with the community, where the children also get a second chance to wear their special Holy Communion outfits. There will then be a celebration breakfast afterwards, in the Centenary Hall with cakes and goodies to share.

'Justice and Peace' is a way of describing the Church's call to witness to gospel values in society. If you would like to explore how our parish can show this witness in our area, and how we can speak up for justice and peace in a local, national and international way, come along on Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm to the Old Hall to meet others and hear speaker Aidan Cantwell, DABCEC's J and P Advisor
ALL WELCOME. Further details please see notices or contact the parish office

#### Arts and Crafts - have you entered yet?

There's an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the Festival 50 Art & Crafts show that is taking place at the Amex on 5 July. It is in celebration of the significant place art and crafts have held in the Church over the centuries and there is a place for all. Paintings, needlework, embroidery, calligraphy, sculpture, carving, ironwork, felting tapestry etc Individual works or Parish projects. For more details and entry forms are on the diocesan website, available from DABCEC or at <u>Elizabeth.hembrey@dabnet.org</u>

Youth Leaders' Contact Days are for anyone who works with young people, and anyone who would like to start. Held on periodic Saturday afternoons, they are an opportunity for potential / existing youth workers to network and exchange and learn new ideas. For more information contact Jack Regan, Diocesan youth Adviser, on 01293 651158 or email jack.regan@dabnet.org

Centering Prayer – intensive retreat 13th – 22nd June – at the Convent of the Poor Clares, Arundel. More details from Sr Clare Ruva – clareruva1@gmail.com

#### **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory: £743.79 (Gift Aid £324.79) Second Collection for The Catholic Communications Network £216.32

# WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 24th:No CHILDREN'S liturgy<br/>Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass<br/>Gift Aid Statements to be collected<br/>in the porch after each Mass.Mon:Teas & Coffees after Mass (Old Hall)Tues:No Toddler Group (Old Hall)Sat:1pm First Holy CommunionSun 31st:NO CHILDREN'S liturgy<br/>Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

<u>World Youth Day 2016:</u> Anyone who is interested in joining Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics in Krakow, Poland, next year should contact Jack Regan, Diocesan Youth Adviser for further information or to receive an application pack. Applicants should be aged between 16 and 35 as at 24th July 2016. Phone 01293 651158 or email jack.regan@dabnet.org

#### Parish shop

We have a lovely selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Baptism available in the church shop. Please come and have a look.

## Gift Aid

The Gift Aid annual statements will be available for collection at all Masses TODAY. We are now able to send these statements electronically so, if you would like your statement earlier or would like to save the Parish a bit of printing and postage, please send an e-mail to Peter Kelly (peterf\_kelly@o2.co.uk) or call on 01883 330684

#### Silver Jubilee

Fr Sean's Silver Jubilee celebration, 12th June.

A reminder to all parishioners who plan to attend please

sign the list in the porch to assist with the numbers for

catering. Thank you.

United Reformed Church Flower festival Caterham and District Churches together and other groups at the United Reformed Church Harestone Hill June 5th,6th and 7th. 10.30am to 5pm Theme: 'LET THE WHOLE WORLD IN EVERY CORNER SING' Light refreshments available. Admission free. Donations appreciated.

# Iraqi Christians In Need

Carl Bahoshy will be giving a lunchtime piano & organ recital at St. Matthew's Church (RH1 1DL) on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 1:10pm, in aid of the UK-registered charity 'Iraqi Christians In Need' (<u>www.icin.org.uk</u>) which is providing direct financial relief to displaced refugees under the care of the churches in northern Iraq. Free Admission (retiring collection). All welcome.



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 & Bridie Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; 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 & Bruno Louis-Joseph

# Second Collections

Next week there will be a second collection for The National Catholic Fund - this collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Please do not use your envelopes for this collection.

# Message from Fr Seán

I have a couple of visitors for my jubilee Mass on 12 June who will need accommodation: would any kind parishioners be prepared to help, please? I promise they are all house-trained.



## **Bishop Moth**

Please keep in your prayers our new Bishop Richard Moth who will be installed in a special Mass on Thursday 28th May.



### Baptisms

Mason Rann & Nicholas Trumper will be Baptised this week.

## All-Age Retreat Day - 27 May - 11am - 3.30pm - Catholic Bible School

Sarah & David Beresford are the Directors of the Catholic Bible School and experienced retreat leaders for adults, children and young people. They will lead the retreat day using a variety of creative prayer techniques to encourage reflection and encounter with God. They are experienced and capable facilitators and have a relaxed informal style. You can find us here: Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester, PO18 8SD and more details are available here: <u>www.catholic-bible-school.org</u> £2.50 per person or £10 per family group (if more than 4 people).

## Feast of Pentecost

This Sunday a large World Map will be displayed in the porch on which we plan to show the different nationalities represented in our parish community. As you leave Mass today please follow the guidance so you can be included.

	THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS	
CONTACTS		
Parish Office: Leila Merrett	Sunday 24th	Pentecost Sunday
info@sacred-heart.co.uk 01883 343241	9:00am Mass	Ron & Connie Cronin RIP (Mullen family)
Centenary Hall Hire Anne Marie Young 07724 613407	10:45am Mass	Bernard Rookard RIP (J Rookard)
thecenthall@gmail.com	5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Baptism Preparation: John Baron 0208 763 2144	Monday 25th	
Marriage Preparation: (6 months notice required) - Fr Seán	10:00am Mass	Isa Dewar RIP (Peggy)
Journey of Faith (RCIA): Peter Lovat 01883 345749	Tuesday 26th	St Philip Neri
peter_lovat@yahoo.com Chair of Liturgy Group:	10:00am Mass	Pat Moore RIP (T&P Hanley)
Eliz Wood elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com	Wednesday 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury
First Holy Communion Anne Marie Young	10:00am Latin Mass	Olive Biggerstaff RIP (J Watts)
07949 938984 fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com Confirmation	Thursday 28th	
Allison Pullin 01883 382506 al.pullin@ntlworld.com	10:00am Mass	Brendan Finnegan RIP
Safeguarding: Dee Hall and Jacqui Voorbach	Friday 29th	
e-mail: safeguardingreps@gmail.com Gift Aid:	7:00pm Mass	Maria Lobo RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)
Peter Kelly 01883 330684 peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk	Saturday 30th	
Chair of Parish Finance: Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.co	10:00am Mass	Maria Lobo RIP (J Cutler)
<b>Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:</b> Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991	Sunday 31st	The Most Holy Trinity
kelly.coyne@btinternet.com Parish Youth Clubs: (First Friday during school torm, 7pm)	9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
(First Friday during school term. 7pm) Mel Flaherty youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com	10:45am Mass	Kevin Belford RIP (Nessie)
Sth Caterham Scouts     Paul Lovell: 07712 436591	5:15pm Mass	Frank Kippin Ints
paul_lovell@rocketmail.com Chill Club (Last Friday during school term. 7pm) Veronique Wood	Em 3	ery Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am Mondays at 9:45 am

Veronique Wood
St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler 01883 342005

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am - 11am & Friday at 6:40pm

Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am