

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

24th November 2013

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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In July of this year, Pope Francis made his first visit as the newly elected Pope to the island of Lampedusa. It was his first official visit outside of Rome. This island is closer to Africa than to Europe and has long been the first arrival point in Europe for thousands of African Boat people or illegal economic migrants. The first time that the Church in Rome became involved in a Christian community outside its boundaries took place in the year 95 AD. A letter from Rome was sent to the Church in Corinth to deal with Church order. Some priests at Corinth had been unceremoniously removed from office and the Church in Rome intervened on their behalf. This letter was greatly revered in the early Church and in some places was even read aloud at the Sunday Eucharist. Traditionally the letter has been attributed to Pope Clement, the fourth Bishop of Rome. It is not known whether the Church in Corinth appealed to Rome to intervene or whether Rome itself took the initiative. In any case, the letter provides firm evidence that Rome believed it had the authority to deal with such matters. It seems more likely that Rome was asked to intervene. At that time, the Apostle John was still alive, yet the appeal was made to Rome rather than to John. Perhaps this was the earliest evidence of an emerging recognition of Roman primacy. Clement's letter implies that a Council of Bishops governed the Christian community of the later fourth century Rome. Clement may well have been the senior Bishop serving the Church in Rome and he may also have been specially charged with the task of overseeing Rome's relations with other Churches. The Council of Bishops then is probably along similar lines that Pope Francis had in mind in when appointing a Council of Cardinals - outside the Curia - to be his special advisers. It would be totally misleading however to think that Pope Clement in 95AD exercised his office in a way resembling the modern Papacy. The Church of Rome in Clement's time began to see that whatever befell a single cell of the Christian community, such as Corinth, ultimately affected the entire body. It intervened at Corinth because it understood the grave consequence that divisions at the local level could have for the Church throughout the world. Pope Francis intervention at Lampedusa came about by invitation from the local parish priest within days of his election but the visit was kept quiet. He concelebrated Mass with the local Bishop and the Parish priest only. No Cardinals nor politicians were invited. Recalling that more than twenty thousand migrants were thought to have perished in attempted crossing from Africa to Europe over the last twenty years, the Pope asked: Who is responsible for the loss of so many lives? Nobody! That is our answer. He compared the fate of the African boat people to the parable of the Good Samaritan. People were ready to feel sympathy but no practical help. Pope Francis, had flown to Lampedusa from Rome, then transferred on arrival to a coastguard boat and sailed into the harbour as so many migrants had done or tried in vain to do. When he arrived in port, Francis stopped to talk to some of the one hundred and sixty Africans from Eritrea who had landed there some hours earlier. Before alighting from the boat, Francis threw a wreath of yellow and white chrysanthemums into the sea in memory of the dead. He celebrated Mass on an improvised altar and used a Lampedusa fishing boat as his chair while the lectern used for the Scripture Readings was made from bits of wood taken from the remains of some of the rickety boats in which the migrants arrived.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun: Children's liturgy for all ages at 9am & 10.30 am
CHRISTMAS FAYRE starting at 11.30
8 pm: Prayer Service at Baptists Church for Food Bank
- Mon: Tea/Coffee after the 10 am Mass in Old Hall
7 pm Cubs in the Old Hall
- Tue: 9.30 am Mother & Toddler Group
6.30 pm Beavers in Old Hall
7.30 pm Scouts in Old Hall
- Thu: 9.30 am : Primary School Mums socialising in Cent Hall.
8.00 pm: Parents meeting for Holy Communion
- Fri: The Social Club is open from 7.30 pm-10.30 pm
- Sun: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:30am Masses.
Tea & Coffee after 9 am & 10:30am (Cent Hall)
(Grainne Adamson & Maribel Chambers)

Fundraising update!

The youth club cake sale made £75 last week! Thank you for all those that bought cakes!

OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Today, Sunday 24th November
11.30 am onwards.

There are over 13 stalls offering a variety of goods.



First Holy Communion - 3rd Parents Session

The final compulsory parents session will be held this Thursday 28/11/13 at 8.00pm in the old hall. The theme of this session will be on the importance of the Mass as being central to our faith and the faith of your children. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com or mobile 07949 938 984. Note: The Enrolment Mass for the Children will be on Sunday 12th January 2014 at the 10.30 am Mass. More details to follow nearer the time.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory £870.49(Gift Aid £400.51)

This years Christmas Panto is.....

**Sunday 8th December
2013**

At 2pm
The Centenary Hall

SOLD OUT!!

All children to be accompanied by a paying adult.

“CHRISTMAS” CARVERY LUNCH



Our next Carvery Lunch will be on Sunday 1st December from 12.30. This time it will be on a “Christmas” theme - offering roast turkey etc. £10 per adults; £5 Primary School Children.

Book through the Parish Office - 01883 343241.

Caterham Food Bank

To mark the launch of the Caterham Food Bank, there will be a Prayer Service for all involved at the Baptist's Church, Beechwood Road, this evening at 8 pm. Hope you can join us there. We open our doors to those in need every Thursday here between 11 am - 2 pm, starting this Thursday.

John Fisher's Festive Fireworks.

Fisher's Festive Fireworks' & Christmas Market on Saturday 7th December at The John Fisher School's playing fields on Plough Lane, Purley. Gates Open 5.30pm. Family Ticket £20 or Adult £6 and Child £5. Fireworks display, carol concert, christmas crafts, cakes, mulled wine, sweets, barbecue, licensed bar & much more.'

Requiescat in pace. Amen.



It is with sadness we announce the death of Michael Taylor, husband of Phyllis Taylor & father to Debbie & Paul whose Requiem Service (not a Mass) will take place this Tuesday at 11.00am. We also announce the death of Mary Matthews, a long standing and committed parishioner who died last Sunday. Mary attended the 10.30am Mass weekly without fail until quite recently. She served under 6 Parish Priests going back to 1959 when she first arrived in the parish. She died aged 90. No details as yet re her funeral.





**£10 per adult;
£5 per Primary School Child**

The Parish will celebrate New Years Eve in the Centenary Hall again this year following on from the very successful party held there last year from 7.30 pm until 1.00 am.

Limited number of tickets are now on sale through the Parish Office and after Masses on Sundays on a first come first served basis. You can also pre-book tickets /tables which must be paid for at the time of booking by contacting the parish office. Cheques made payable to the "Sacred Heart Church". The price includes a Disco, delicious buffet - style food, served around 10.30 pm and a free glass of champagne served just before midnight. The Bar facilities will also be available and extended until 1 am. (We have been granted an extended licence for this occasion). Secondary School pupils under 18 can, if they so wish, convene in the Old Hall under supervision (volunteers requested please) where they are at liberty to provide their own choice of music and entertainment. Perhaps they may like to come in and decorate the Hall in advance to their own style. If so, kindly let the Parish Office know beforehand. Soft drinks and eats will be provided for them in the Old Hall. The Old Hall will close at 11.45 pm so that families can all be together when the clock strikes midnight in the Centenary Hall. *(The room above the bar is now being used to store the Food Bank and is not available.)*

Today we appeal in advance for helpers with the preparation and serving of the food on the night; we appeal for helpers with the decoration of the Hall in advance and we appeal for some abled- bodied men to ensure the evening passes without incident and is enjoyed by all. If you feel you can help in any way with the above mentioned, please give your name and contact details as soon as possible to:

Karen Rattigan 07775996012 or email the Parish Office.

The consumption of any kind of alcohol is strictly forbidden by anyone under the age of 18 on any part of our premises at any time.

The Parish Club last Friday realised a total of £10.20 (three drinks in all were sold) even though it was open from 8pm until 11 pm with lights and heat at full blast ? Is it time to call time on this Club opening weekly and maybe open monthly on Youth Club Night ?

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

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;
Michael Labonte; Leon & Sophie Kozlowski;
Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Ken Archer; Jenny Trumper; Elizabeth Daley; Peter Hanley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey,, Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Avi Aaronson; Ian Lester & John Gilford.



Advent Discussion Groups

This year there are three House Groups: Sign up today.

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| Group 1: | Venue: | 1, The Enterdent, Godstone |
| | When: | Sunday 24th Nov - 8 pm start |
| | Group Leader: | Peter Lovat |
| | Theme: | "Journey of the Magi" - a new course |
| Group 2: | Venue: | The Priest's House, 37 Whyteleafe Road |
| | When: | Tuesday 26th Nov - 8 pm start |
| | Group Leader: | Marion Copeley |
| | Theme: | "Journey of the Magi" |
| Group 3: | Venue: | 4, Furrows Place - Caterham on the Hill |
| | When: | Thursday 28th Nov - 1.30 pm start |
| | Group Leader: | Annabel Broom |
| | Theme: | Diocesan Course: Prayer & Reflection |



The Parish annual Carol Concert will take place in the Centenary Hall on Saturday 21st December starting at 6 pm led by the Medway Brass Ensemble plus a variety of highly talented guest musicians from the parish and our own parish Male Voice Choir. This is a free concert run on similar lines as last year which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with a retiring collection to cover the cost of the hire of the Band. A free glass of mulled wine and mince pies will be available afterwards. The bar will also be open. Could we appeal for volunteers to help decorate the hall festively beforehand please? Let the Office know. Decorations can be provided.

CONTACTS

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Gift Aid:

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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Parish Youth Club:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
Veronique Wood
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Chair of Parish Finance:

Rayon Brown - raybrown2006@aol.com

St. Francis Primary School:

Acting Headteacher: - Mrs Patricia Burke
01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 24th	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Eddie Rowen RIP
5:15pm Mass	Gavin Hammergrew-Smith RIP (A Bell)
Monday 25th	
10:00am Mass	Bridget Anderson RIP (M White)
Tuesday 26th	
10.00 am Mass	Kathleen Watts RIP
11:00am	Funeral service for Michael Taylor
Wednesday 27th	
10.00 am Mass	NO MASS
Thursday 28th	
10:00am Mass	Beryl Dickenson RIP
Friday 29th	
10:00am Mass	John McCarney RIP
Saturday 30th	<i>St Andrew - Apostle .Patron of Scotland</i>
10:00am Mass	Patricia Howlett's Ints
Sunday 1st	<i>Frist Sunday of Advent -Year A</i>
9:00am Mass	Mary Loftes RIP (A Bell)
10:30am Mass	Anthony Charlier RIP (Ann & family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9.45am

Rosary Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; 1pm -2pm ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

HEALING MASS with Benediction every first Friday at 10:00am

