



Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 24th

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass -

People of the Parish

10:45am Mass -

Celebrant's Intentions

5:15pm Mass -

Myra Massey (Foundation)

Monday 25th

10am Mass -

Noeline Smith RIP (John)

Tuesday 26th

Sts Cosmas & Damian

10am Mass -

Wednesday 27th

St Vincent De Paul

10am Latin Mass -

Seán & Eileen Finnegan RIP

Thursday 28th

St Wencelas

10am Mass -

Friday 29th

Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7pm Mass -

Maura Collard RIP

(F Smith)

Saturday 30th

St Jerome

10am Mass -

Peter Sweeney RIP

(A Sweeney)

Sunday 1st October

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass -

Innocent Family Ints
(Foundation)

10:45am Mass -

Campbell Clark RIP

(Clark family)

5:15pm Mass -

People of the Parish

Bishop Richard will be visiting the Parish on Sunday 1 October, celebrating or preaching at all Masses.



Baptisms - Harrison Bennett will be baptised here this week. Please keep him in your prayers.

SVP Film Club - Monday 25th September at 2.00pm in the Old Hall. September's film, 'Sully: A biographical drama starring Tom Hanks, directed by Clint Eastwood. **SVP Support** - The Parish SVP Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599890043



Journey of Faith

How is your knowledge of the Old Testament? Do you know Ezra from Nehemiah and have you met Obidiah?

Join us for an elucidation of these and more - and of the readings for next Sun-



First Holy Communion Following our parents' meeting, our programme is now underway. We remind candidates that they should remain in Mass and not leave for Children's Liturgy. Please also remember to collect your badge and sign in before Mass every week.



Laleham Lea School - Vacancies- F/T Level 3 Nursery Practitioner Required & Caretaker. Please see notice board for details.



St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls - Open mornings - Monday 25th - Friday 29th September inclu-

day 8.00p.m. Wednesday 27th September, in the Old Hall

Parish Christmas Market - Sunday 26th November Planning has now started for this event! Over the next couple of months we will need everyone's support with providing the goods for successful stalls. This week we are asking you to check through your cupboards for **new unwanted gifts & Christmas decorations that are no longer needed.** We would be most grateful if these items could be brought along **next Sunday.** There will be a box in the church porch to receive your donations. Proceeds from the Christmas Market will be shared between CAFOD, Mada-ba, the SVP and the Parish Scout Group. Thank you for your support.

Watch RISE Theatre's new play about Blessed Oscar Romero Our Parish, is delighted to welcome RISE Theatre, a profes-

sive. For Parents of girls in year 6.

St Bede's School - Open Mornings on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September, arrive from 9.15am onwards. Last tour leaves at 11.30am.

The Cedars School OPEN DAY: 30 September 10am -12 pm & Saturday 8 October 2016 10am - 12pm

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £829.96

(Gift Aid: £324.89)

Second collection -

Home Missions: £198.99

sional Christian theatre company, who will be performing their original play 'Romero - Heart-beat of El Salvador' in the Centenary Hall, on Saturday 21st October at 7.30pm The production tells the true story of Blessed Oscar Romero and his heart for the oppressed people of El Salvador. Romero chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. He demanded respect for human rights. Come and experience this exciting new play, performed with energy and passion by the RISE Theatre team - www.risetheatre.co.uk

"A challenging and moving production about the life and legacy of this great man of justice." Bridget Fenwick, CAFOD

For tickets visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre, contact Marion Copley 07983 384385 or purchase tickets after Mass from 17th September Performance lasts approximately 75 minutes and is suitable for adults and children 11+. Tickets cost £12 /£10 concession

Following the Leaven meeting on Sunday 10th September 2017 the main points raised were concerning Health and Safety, and an update on the various ministries. The next meeting will be held on Sunday 8th October.

Parish Retreat - Take a day off! Treat yourself! Come to the Parish Retreat (Day of Recollection) **Saturday 14th October** 10 am to 4.00pm. John Fisher School, Purley. **Led by Sr. Margaret Eason.** We are lucky to have been able to book Sr Margaret, who is renowned for her retreats, and is therefore in great demand. She was recommended to us by Sr Sheila, who led us very successfully last year.

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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 & Pat Power.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 24th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee & Teas after 10:45am Mass
Mon 25th: Coffee & Tea after 10am Mass
2pm Film Club (Old Hall)
7:30pm Justice & Peace Meeting (Old Hall)
Tues 26th: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (St Thomas' Hall)
Wed 27th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (St Paul's, Woldingham)
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
Thurs 28th: 7:30pm SVP (Committee Room)
Sun 1st: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee & Teas after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Gospel Reflection

Schadenfreude, the Germans call it: the sort of illicit pleasure people feel at seeing other made ridiculous or brought low. Today's rather puzzling parable seems from an earthly point of view rather unjust; those who had laboured all the day no doubt saw the later arrivals with a certain pleasure, believing that either the newcomers were going to receive less than themselves, or that they themselves would receive more. Such is the way we would normally arrange things. But our Lord's parable is not to encourage people to come as early as possible in order to get the greatest reward, rather, it is pointing out the mean attitude of those who will not be satisfied with their reward, but desire also the humiliation, or the lower station, of others.

Literature has many examples of those who delight more in the damnation of their neighbour than in their own presumed salvation. Calvinists tend to bear the brunt of this particular attack, but although we Catholics are by the grace of God less prone to this particular fault, nonetheless it is not entirely absent from our ranks; for instance, I (a cradle Catholic) have once or twice (not more) heard people disparaging converts as 'not the real thing'. What is the real thing, though? Surely the true Christian, the true Catholic, is only the one whom the Lord admits to salvation, and neither the convert nor the cradle Catholic can say for sure whether he or she will be one of those elect. That, as the Gospel suggests, is our Lord's matter, and if he chooses to extend salvation even to one who 'between the stirrup and the ground...mercy sought and mercy found' what is that to us? We should rather look to ourselves and to our salvation, and know that our Lord values Charity more highly than any other virtue.

CAFOD Evening of Entertainment – Saturday 7th October (7.00-10.30pm)

Please purchase tickets as soon as possible to help with arrangements. They are available after Mass or telephone 01883 34749 (£10 adults, £5 children)

takes place on Sat 14 Oct, 10am – 3.30pm, at The Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford. Lunch is provided. Booking essential. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/events or contact admin@peertalk.org.uk

Facing Depression Together Awareness Day

an opportunity to learn about depression and how to support those living with depression. The day will include a clinical, a personal and a pastoral perspective of depression, a dramatic perspective to challenge stigma and an introduction to the work of PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church. This free event

APF Red Boxes

Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the presbytery clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me by 1 October. Would any one in the parish who has a red box but does not have a promoter to collect their money please contact me. Moyra Brohier 342928, Local Secretary, APF Red Boxes.

Psalter Week 2 NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

every Tuesday 9am to 10am

Rosary every Thursday 9:40am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am

– 11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Succour - after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm