

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter week 2

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

All Saints in  
Ordinary Time  
Rev 7:2-4,9-14  
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matt 5:1-12a

### Scripture Reflection

30th Sunday of the Year

Once again it is necessary to look beyond the obvious message in today's Gospel. It is a human instinct—and quite natural—to look at the sign given, and sometimes miss the thing to which it is pointing. In our Lord's cure of a blind man, we see something that speaks immediately to our human situation; a distressing situation remedied. One of my students at Wonersh was told that he is going blind and that there is nothing that medicine can do for him. Besides the immediate distressing situation, there is the added question now about his future in the priesthood. I would love to be able to simply restore him his sight, as I would love to be able to right so many things that characterize this fallen world. But actually, that is not the point.

The point, as shown in today's Gospel is not the actual cure of the blind man itself. The cure is a pointer to the real meaning which is in those last words of our Lord: 'Go, your faith has saved you'. What matters is not so much physical healing as faith, and the salvation which proceeds from faith. The miracle has the function of authenticating what our Lord says, giving it the stamp of approval, guaranteeing it on behalf of God, if you like.

Saving faith has two aspects; the first is the intellectual acceptance of something, but the second is the actual putting it into effect; St Paul calls it 'faith working in love'. One might well believe something in theory, but until one does something about it, until it has a practical effect, one might as well not believe it. One might believe that the moon is made of green cheese, but until one attempts to serve a slice, one might as well believe that it is made of salami.

Our faith in God, to be saving, needs to have this practical aspect. The man in today's Gospel has that practical faith in that he knew just who could cure him, and then he did something about it. Our faith in God moves us first to seek baptism, and then start living the Christian life, loving God and our neighbour in all the practical ways our faith demands. Only then can we say that we believe; only then does our faith justify us. If our faith remains on the level of opinion, if, for instance, we never seek the forgiveness of God through the sacraments, we should ask ourselves whether we believe at all, or whether our faith is just mere opinion. And if this is the case, then we ought to do something about it sooner rather than later.

**School forms** - Fr Seán will sign school forms after all Sunday Masses. Please bring the appropriate documentation with you.

Day of Prayer for Syria  
at St John the Baptist, Purley  
Friday 30th October, 10am to 8pm  
All welcome

Rowland Bros Undertakers are offering to come and speak to a group of people about end of life issues—wills, power of attorney, funerals, all that sort of thing. If you would like us to take them up on the offer, would you please let the office know, and if there is enough interest, we will set something up.

**Reflection Day for Year of Mercy - 'Christ looks at us with Mercy and calls us to Discipleship':** Saturday 14 November from 10am-4pm at St Theresa's School, Effingham, Surrey RH5 6ST. Tickets £10. To book contact David Wills on 01293 651157 or email [david.wills@dabnet.org](mailto:david.wills@dabnet.org).

Room at the inn? Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 020 7739 6292.

The Parish of the Nativity will be offering a group for bereaved people to enable them to talk about their loss and how it is affecting them. The sessions will be facilitated by members of the Bereavement Team but areas of discussion will be put forward by members of the group. This group will run on the second Tuesday of every month commencing on 10th November. We will meet after 10am Mass, 10.30am - 12.00pm in the meeting room at St. Joseph's. For further information please contact Maureen on 07759 795319 or Nicki on 07753 661791

**PRAYER MEETINGS AT ST. BEDE'S ECUMENICAL SCHOOL, Carlton Road REDHILL RH1 2LQ**

We are starting a half termly series of prayer walks and prayer times for parents, teachers and friends of the school community. The focus for this year will be to pray through biblical themes as they relate to our work and lives here at Saint Bede's.

We would love to invite anyone with a heart for prayer for our community here at Saint Bede's and a passion for developing the Christian Ethos to join us from 18:00 to 19:00 in the chapel on the following dates: Tue 15/12, Mon 8/2, Tue 22/3, Tue 24/5, and Tue 19/7. Refreshments available from 17.30. For more information please email [jk@saintbedes.net](mailto:jk@saintbedes.net)

Coloma Convent Girls' School  
[www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk)



**CARETAKING DUTIES FOR THE COLOMA TRUST**

Hours variable (weekend and evening work) From November 2015. We require Caretaking Assistants to liaise with external organisations to provide security during weekend and evening premises bookings. Also to carry out site and facilities duties as required. The ideal candidates should be physically fit and have good interpersonal skills. An application form is available from Mrs Michelle Price either by email [mprice@coloma.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:mprice@coloma.croydon.sch.uk) or by telephone 020 8654 6228 ext 294. **Closing Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Our archives are remarkably bare! It would seem that somebody at some stage has cleared out most of the historical information for our parish: all that remains are some photographs, all dating from after the Second Vatican Council.

You won't be surprised that I would like to start repairing this, though I fear that much stuff is irrecoverably lost. I gather that there used to be a parish magazine called *The Sacred Heart Review*. Does anyone have any copies of this? I will happily return stuff, once we have had a chance to copy it.

Fortunately, I do have copies of both editions of Fr Richard Stewart's history of the parish, by kindness of some parishioners, and hope to post the later version up on our website some time.

World Youth Day: The next World Youth Day will be celebrated in Krakow, in July 2016. Young people 15-30 can go in a group; 18-30 as individuals. The cost will be £450, all-inclusive. Would there be interest among our young people to making up a group? Please let the office know. You can find out more on [www.WYD.org.uk](http://www.WYD.org.uk)

On a similar theme, our parish seems not to have a tradition (recently anyway) of getting involved in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Would there be interest for this coming year? The A&B pilgrimage is generally acknowledged to be one of the best available; there are places for able pilgrims as well as the sick. There are places for those who want to work with the sick (one of the best ways to make the pilgrimage), doctors and nurses (of whom we have plenty in our parish) being particularly welcome. There is a children's group, to enable parents to participate without having to constantly manage their childcare. There is a particular role for the 16-18 age group, the 'redshirts', for which there is fierce competition for places. The cost tends to be in the £600-700 range, but there is plenty of time now to start raising money. Sick people and the young should not let cost be a reason not to go: the parish will help if necessary.



**Baptisms**

Madison White & Daniel Wilding will be Baptised next week. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory: £885.26 (Gift Aid £360.30)  
Second collection for MISSIO: £226.88

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 25th: NO Children's liturgy  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass  
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)  
Tues: No Toddler Group.  
Fri: 7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open  
Sun 1st: NO Children's liturgy  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

### Second Collections

On 8th November there will be a second collection for the Retired Priest Fund. This collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your Parish envelopes.

### Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests

At present, we have 32 retired priests cared for by the Diocese. They have each given many decades of service to the people in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Although a priest "retires" from parish duties he is still in ministry and may, if he wishes, assist parishes with his services.

We want to help our retired priests to live independent lives for as long as possible. So the Diocese provides accommodation and pastoral care. As time goes on a retired priest, like any other aging person, may require more and more assistance to continue living at home. The Diocese ensures he receives all necessary personal and pastoral care. Eventually he may need to move to a residential or nursing home. The Diocese helps locate suitable accommodation.

Caring for the elderly, we all know, is costly but is something we do not want to skimp on. In 2014, the Diocese spent £253,000 on our retired priests.

o please help by giving generously to the Retired Priests collection. Your donation can also be Gift Aided and the tax rebate benefits your parish.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: a date for your diaries. There will be an afternoon of reflection at Woldingham School on Saturday 14th November, beginning at 2.30pm and ending with Mass, hopefully to end at 6.30pm or so. Communion ministers from throughout the deanery are warmly encouraged to attend.

As we prepare for the launch of the Extraordinary Justice Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis – "Be merciful even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 3:36) Woldingham School would like to invite parents and local parishes to join with our community for a key note address given by Margaret and Barry Mizzen on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the Auditorium at 7:00pm**. Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm.

Margaret and Barry's son, Jimmy Mizzen, was murdered in an unprovoked attack, the day after his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2008. Since his death they have worked tirelessly for peace, championing a message of forgiveness which can change lives, the importance of family and the need to stay strong in the faith.

Please come along to Woldingham to hear a thoughtful and inspiring presentation.



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, Sheila French, Val Williams, Alex Joseph-Gabriel, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders & Don Hancock .

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



Please remember that all candidates 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.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com) with your preferred dates.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 7th November 2015, 3:45pm** - Parent & Child session 2A.

**Sunday 8th November 2015, 10:45am** - Enrolment Mass

**Sunday 8th November 2015, 3:45pm** - Parent & Child session 2B.

**Saturday 21st November 2015, 3:45pm** - Parent & Child session 3A.

**Sunday 22nd November 2015, 3:45pm** - Parent & Child session 3B- **this session is now FULL.**

**Saturday 28th November, 4pm** - First Reconciliation (all children)

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com) .

### Parish Meeting

On Friday 30th October at 7:30pm, in the Centenary Hall, there will be a parish meeting



primarily to consider embarking on the restoration of the historic paintings in the sanctuary. The architect Deirdre Waddington will make a presentation of the proposed work and there will be an opportunity to discuss and agree whether or not to proceed. Other parish matters will also be discussed. All welcome.



John Fisher School Vacancies - please see the Parish noticeboard for details.

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**Chair of Parish Finance:**

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

**Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:**

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**Parish Youth Clubs:**

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)  
 Mel Flaherty  
 youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

**5th Caterham Scouts**

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591  
 paul\_lovell@rocketmail.com

**Chill Club**

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)  
 Veronique Wood

**St. Francis Primary School:**

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler  
 01883 342005

**THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Rachel McCarthy RIP (F McCarthy)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Jim Horrocks RIP (Bernie)
<b>Monday 26th</b>	<i>St Chad and Cedd</i>
10:00am Mass	Thanksgiving for Kit Monk (Cutler Family)
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	
10:00am Mass	The Sara Family Intentions
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	<i>SS Simon and Jude</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Michael Quill Ints
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Betty & Dave)
<b>Friday 30th</b>	
7pm Mass	Eileen Kelly RIP (M Stephenson)
<b>Saturday 31st</b>	<i>BVM Saturday</i>
10:00am Mass	Annie & Michael Lynch Ints (M Reilly)
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<i>All Saints</i>
9:00am Mass	Sheila Hanley Ints (Peggy)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	W.M. Roe (Foundation)



**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30 – 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