

Sunday 26th February 2017
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Don't worry; be happy! What a world of optimism is in those four words. Some people are lucky enough to have that attitude without even having to work at it. For the rest of us poor mortals, with mortgages, tax returns, rising prices of fuel and everything else, worry can be the normal state of affairs, even when we aren't naturally disposed that way.

As life gets ever more complicated, there are ever more things to get worried about. And yet, I suppose, if we are the sorts of people who naturally tend to worry we will always find something to nag at us, were we to live the simplest life. When a person is worrying or fretting, usually the last thing you can usefully say to them is 'stop worrying'. Worry is mostly a feeling, even if it may have an external cause, and we can't turn our feelings on and off like a tap.

At least we can't at that particular time. But we can learn good habits, and a habit of trust and even of optimism is something we can acquire over time. Like all virtues, it takes a long time, but it's worth getting. As our Lord says in today's Gospel, worry is something that does no good at all in itself. It simply leaves us less able to cope with a problematic situation. A calm head is usually the best way to handle even the most troubled happening. Running round like a headless chicken achieves little.

I do not think our Lord is telling us to take no thought for the practicalities of life; that would be very irresponsible in someone who has, say, responsibility for others, such as a parent. He is saying that material things are not where we should focus, but rather we should remember what things are really about: the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Which is to say that we would be best advised to concentrate on those things which pertain to God's kingdom; peace, justice, virtue and all the rest. If we are the sorts of people who set these things as priorities, we are very unlikely to lack the other necessities of life. We may not have them in extravagant abundance, but we will always have enough to be happy.

It is always a good idea to remember the purpose of what we are doing, of how we are living; to lift up our eyes beyond the limitations of the next shop at Morrison's, and try to see the eternal hills of the kingdom of heaven.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 26th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
4pm Confirmation session 3 (Old Hall)
- Mon 27th: Teas & coffee after Mass
2pm SVP Film Club (Old Hall)
- Tues 28th: 9:15-11:15 Toddler group (St Thomas' Hall)
- Wed 1st: ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Sacred Heart Church)
1pm Lunch Club - Please sign up (Old Hall)
Thurs 2nd: 7:30pm SVP meeting (Old Hall)
- Fri 3rd: 7pm Youth Club booking needed (St Thomas' Hall)
- Sat 4th: 1:30pm FHC Session 4 group B (Old Hall)
- Sun 5th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
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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;
Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen;
Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith;
Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy, 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, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Alan Gully.

NB. Changes to Mass times - Wednesday 1st March 10am, 12pm (Latin) and 7:30pm this week.

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Coulston CR5 3DE

Headteacher

Required for September 2017

For further information and an application pack please
e mail Mrs Jennifer Blackburne at
clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk

Closing date March 17th 2017

SVP Film Club Monday 27th February Film at 2pm – Eddie the Eagle (2016)

Inspired by true events, Eddie the Eagle is a feel-good story about Michael "Eddie" Edwards, an unlikely but courageous British ski-jumper who never stopped believing in himself - even as an entire nation was counting him out. With the help of a rebellious and charismatic coach, Eddie takes on the establishment and wins the hearts of sports fans around the world by making an improbable and historic showing at the 1988 Winter Olympics. This is an inspirational and heart-warming film.

Today there will be a second collection for the Survive-Miva. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Thank you.

Fair trade Fortnight: 27 February- 12 March . Many of the farmers and workers who grow our food don't earn enough to feed themselves or their families all year round.

Thousands of farmers in countries such as Malawi, Kenya and the Ivory Coast all contribute to the tea, coffee and co-coa we enjoy in the UK. And yet many of those farmers are still living in poverty.

If people really knew the true human cost of exploitation, would they still make the same choices?

Please look out for the display in the church porch next weekend. If you can, buy fair trade goods when you do your weekly shop. We also regularly have a small collection of items in the parish shop. Please visit our special Fairtrade stall and join us for Fairtrade refreshments after 9am, 10.45 and 5.15 Mass on Sunday 12th March.

To learn more see www.fairtrade.org.uk or contact the Justice & Peace Group via the Parish office.

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 1st March in the Old Hall at 1pm.

Menu: Fish and chips followed by cake,
plus Coffee, tea and a raffle all for £5. Please sign the form in the porch if you are able to attend. All welcome.



Please note that the Centenary Hall is out of action on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week as the kitchen and hallway flooring is being replaced due to wear and tear and flood damage.

Diocesan Grandparents Day: This will take place on Wednesday 7 June 11am-3.30pm including Mass with Bishop Richard. For more information contact Rosie Read on Rosie.Read@dabnet.org.



This week is Ash Wednesday!

There is no Journey of Faith meeting this week

Save the date!

Saturday 8th April – Parish Retreat

Ecumenical morning prayer will be here - Sacred Heart Church (for the whole month of March) on Wednesday at 8.30am. With distribution of Ashes after prayers. All are welcome to join.

Baptisms - Fionn Goggins & Gabriel Williams will be Baptised here. Please keep them in your prayers.



Gift Aid - Gift Aid envelopes will be available after each Sunday Mass next week.

Why not do something different this Lent? Be sociable - come to a Lent group. Details in the church porch.

Church cleaners

We are still in need of more volunteers to help clean the Church. Are you able to spare 1 hour of your time once a month to join our rota? Maybe you could get a group of friends to join with you for a more social activity? Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP.

The A.G.M. meeting will take place in the Old Hall after the Parish Lunch on 1st March (Ash Wednesday) at about 2:15 pm.

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and The Redshirts:

People are invited to apply as Helpers for this year's pilgrimage, and young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the website www.ablourdes.org/contact

Easter Retreat for Young Adults –

The popular, and powerful, Easter Retreat for young adults will be running again this year from Maundy Thursday (April 13th) to Easter Sunday (April 16th), offering young adults the chance to journey together through the key events marked by the Easter Triduum. If you've never experienced this in the heart of a monastic community, surrounded by people your own age, alive in the faith, it's really worth doing! For more details or to book, contact toc@worthabbey.net. You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £885.83 (Gift Aid: £336.29)



Parish Sunday Lunch

12th March

Sunday Roast in the Centenary Hall
Parishes for Peace

Proceeds to the Iraqi refugee families in Madaba.

12.30 pm Sunday March 12th.

Bar Available. Prize Draw.

£12 per person booked in advance.

Tickets available after Sunday Masses

Please bring your family and friends.

Enquiries: Jo Waiton 07724613407

or Mike Wood 01883348081



Tandridge Catenians Support Christian Refugees

Fr. Sean Finnegan and Fr. Simon Hall from All Saints Parish Oxted were the guests of the Tandridge Catenian Circle at their annual clergy evening on Wednesday.

Almost 40 Catenians and their wives enjoyed dinner in the Centenary Hall following the monthly circle meeting.

A raffle during the evening raised £185. This has been donated to the Parish's collection to support our link with St John the Baptist parish in Madaba, Jordan where Mosul Christian refugees are receiving shelter and support.

Several of those attending bought tickets for the parish lunch on March 12th. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the group in Madaba as well as enjoying a roast chicken lunch with fellow parishioners. All proceeds to the funds for Madaba.

Tickets on sale after all Masses on Sunday.

Mike Wood 01883 348081

Oxted & Limpsfield Choral Society

Join us for our PALM SUNDAY CONCERT - THE SAVIOUR
by William Lloyd Webber

Sunday 9th April 2017 at 7pm

United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted RH8 0AA

Tickets £10. Available from Tel: 01959 577749 or any choir member, or at the door for more details visit www.olcs.org.uk

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Oakwood School - Open day

59 Godstone Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 2AN

'Excellent' ISI Inspection 2017

Saturday 4 March 2017 10am - 1pm

Independent Education with a Catholic ethos for girls and boys aged 3 to 11

Tel: 0208 668 8080 or email Enquiries@oakwoodschool.org.uk



CAFOD



As the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, CAFOD is appealing for our support on Friday 10th March, the annual Lent Fast Day, when we are invited to share what we have with those who live in poverty. As a large organisation, acting on behalf of us all, and working with a network of partners in developing countries, CAFOD is well placed to act promptly in the event of a disaster and direct aid immediately to those who are suffering. It also has the knowledge, structures and resources to ensure that donations are used effectively in areas of development. Support is given to projects which desperately need it, and then withdrawn as they become self-sustainable, allowing the resources to be moved on to other worthy schemes. CAFOD works with communities across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, wherever the need is greatest, helping people to tackle the poverty and injustice they face.

Lent Fast Day – Friday 10th March

Save the Date – Annual CAFOD Vintage Tea, Sunday 30th April

Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School - Class Teachers required for September 2017. We are looking to appoint two outstanding class teachers to start in September 2017. Closing Date 12 noon, Thursday 16th March 2017. Interviews w/c 20th March 2017. Both experienced and newly qualified teachers are encouraged to apply. Full details and application forms are available on the school website or via the school office 020 8660 0115.

[Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women:](#)

Sue Petritz the recently appointed Diocesan Link to the [NBCW](#) would like you to share their hopes and concerns with the diocese. The National Board of Catholic Women is a forum dating from the 1930's in which Catholic women of England and Wales come together to share their hopes, views and concerns at diocesan and national level, and these are conveyed to the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It also has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC). You can contact Sue Petritz by email: spetritzma@gmail.com.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March 2017 - All Welcome

Local services are to be held at the Douglas Brunton Centre at 10:45am

The Caterham Community Church - corner of Westway and Coulsdon Road at 7:30pm

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From 12-21 May 2017. In the footsteps of Jesus - From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley. Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community.

See www.chemin-neuf.org.uk

or Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

01883 342005

Morning Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am –

11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass

Jim & Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP (J O'Sullivan)

10:45am Mass

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass

Mary Bohan (Bohan family)

Monday 27th

10am Mass

Eric Mitchell RIP (R&C Sowa)

Tuesday 28th

10am Mass

Niki Handover Ints

Wednesday 1st

Ash Wednesday

10am Mass

12pm Latin Mass

7:30pm Mass

Freddy Lobo RIP (C Daly)
John Chapman RIP (C Linton)
People of the Parish

Thursday 2nd

10am Mass

Amor (Amy) Sohawon RIP (Leila)

Friday 3rd

7pm Mass

Personal Intentions (O Famori)

Saturday 4th

St Casimir

10am Mass

Sheila Hepplewhite RIP (J&T Cutler)

Sunday 5th

First Sunday of Lent

9:00am Mass

Annie & Leonard Balcombe RIP (Peggy)

10:45am Mass

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass

Sheila Hepplewhite RIP (Parish Womens Group)