

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter Week 3



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The use of Armed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) - Drones

Drones are unmanned aerial vehicles, that are either controlled from the ground, often at a great distance from where they are ultimately used, or they are launched autonomously, pre-programmed for their mission. Because they are unmanned, they can stay in the air for many hours - well beyond traditional air operations. There is no danger or risk to the operators. They are a cheap option for the military in terms of their production and running costs. They are a "safe" option for Government too: with fewer military fatalities and casualties it is easier to hold on to public confidence during times of war and military intervention. Some drones are used for reconnaissance or surveillance work; others are armed with missiles and bombs. Armed drones is what I wish to focus on here in this article. The reason drones are used is simply because they are available. They are just the latest product of the military-industrial drive of political decisions. They are being developed and used in the name of national security, part of the "war on terror". They are used in pre-programmed missions, often in what are known as targeted or "signature" strikes against individuals suspected of being militants, terrorists or community leaders. In some countries such as Gaza, Pakistan and Afghanistan, drones are on constant patrol to watch the daily activities of communities - looking for suspicious activity to identify potential militants. The countries that use drones are the USA and UK. Since 2004 the USA has launched approximately 350 drone strikes in Pakistan - most of these authorised by the USA President - killing between 3000 and 4000 people. As well as being targeted directly at individuals or communities, drones are used to "Rescue" attacks. Some drones loiter in an area after an attack and strike again when people come out to help the injured or to collect the dead. This is a violation of the principle of proportionality and distinction between military and civilian targets. Since these drones are operated remotely, there does appear to be little attempt or indeed interest on the part of the operators to follow up on the results. This violates the Fourth Geneva Convention which places obligation on members of official military forces involved in armed conflict to record details of those captured, wounded or killed. Drones also terrorise communities, destroying homes and land. Since 2005, The UK has been involved in the development of its own UK-operated systems, and since 2007 the UK has spent £2 billion on drones. This includes investment in research and development by British universities and British companies such as BAE Systems and Rolls Royce. We buy drones from the US, Israel and Norway. The use of these armed drones is a new challenge to the morality of warfare. Their current use and deployment flouts both the rule of law in relation to war and human rights and flouts traditional Church teaching on warfare. The current use of drones in targeted killings and signature strikes, is beyond moral and legal frameworks and is unacceptable. Their low cost, ease and minimal military casualty rate make them attractive to politicians. Nevertheless they insulate Western public opinion from the true horrors of modern warfare. The danger attached to this is that decisions leading towards war and military intervention will be **more** not less likely. They cause panic and terror in civilian populations and sow the seeds of fear, resentment and perhaps revenge for the future. Their use leads to greater injustice and discontent, so, making the world **less** not more secure. They are weapons used by rich nations to attack poor and defenceless ones. Countries like Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Gaza are amongst the poorest and most vulnerable. Their development is shrouded in secrecy and lack the transparency of public scrutiny necessary for the moral assessment of such dangerous and perverse technology. A potentially life-enhancing technology has almost completely been taken over for military purposes.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Children's Liturgy for all ages at 9 am & 10.30 am
9:15am - 10:15am First Holy Communion Session
(Cent Hall)
Teas/Coffee after 10.30 am (Grainne Adamson & Diane Lawless)



Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall
7 pm: Cubs in Old Hall

Tue: 9.30 am: Mother & Toddler Group in Old Hall
6.30 pm: Beavers in Old Hall
7.30 pm: Scouts in Old Hall

Wed: 8pm RCIA

Thur: 8pm Baptism preparation class (old hall)

Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 - 10.30 pm.
(may close at 9 pm depending on clientele)

Sun: Children's Liturgy for all ages at 9 am & 10.30 am
Teas/Coffee: after 10.30: (Mirella O'Donoghue & Angela Baker).



Altar Servers

We are planning to attend the National Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral (Victoria) on Saturday 22nd February at 2.30pm. We will go up as group by train to Victoria. To get an idea of numbers can you let Chris

O'Connor know: casa.oconnor@talktalk.net 0208 660 4304 if your child can attend and also is you can help as a parent on the day. This Mass is open to anyone who may wish to come along.

"Journey of Faith meets this week 8.00 pm Wednesday at the back of the church. We will consider the Trinity and the teachings of Jesus. All welcome."

Valentine's lunch

Happy



Valentine's Day!

A "St Valentines Lunch" regardless of whether your are single or not will be held in the Cent Hall on Sunday 16th Feb. £10 per adult; £5 Primary School. Book through the Parish Office.

Safeguarding

Dee Hall and Jacqui will be in the Parish office after the 9 am and 10.30 am morning Masses on the 2nd February and again at 4.30 pm on the 2nd to process DBS applications for Safeguarding.

CAFOD

Many thanks to all those who purchased Cafod World Gifts at Christmas. An amazing £1254 was raised to support the work of Cafod in developing countries.

Diary Date: Cafod Irish Night on Saturday 15th March

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Spend a week in Medjugorje this Easter, 16th-23rd April, only £499. Price includes return flights with British Airways from London Gatwick, coach transfers to Medjugorje, half board accommodation & experienced guide. For more information please contact Jonathan on 01423 546 175 or email travel@aglowpilgrimages.com

Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT)

In aid of COAT come and enjoy the **Barn Dance** with the Odd Sock Doo Dum Band on **Saturday 8th February** at 7:15pm for 7:30pm in the Centenary Hall.

Tickets £12 (Children £6)

Sausage and chips included (vegetarian option also available). There is also a wonderful selection of home made puddings!



CES Religious Education Adviser (England and Wales) part-time vacancy



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is looking to appoint an RE Adviser(P/T) to provide advice to the CES on Religious Education; to help develop CES responses to issues facing RE in schools and colleges; to build relationships with diocesan colleagues, the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisers (NBRIA), relevant government officials and others.

The role will be based in London but may require travel to other areas within England and Wales. The role will be 17.5 hours per week although with some flexibility.

Closing date for applications is Friday 14th February 2014. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for further details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

The children's sessions have now begun with last week being an introduction to the HC programme. This week, 26/01/14, we will be covering chapters 1 – 3 of the book. All sessions will be held in the Centenary Hall on Sunday mornings 9.15 – 10.15am. The doors will not be opened before 9.15am.

Further sessions are as follows:

Sun 26/01/14 - Children's Session 2 – (Chapters 1-3 of book)

Sun 09/02/14 – Children's Session 3 - (Chapters 4-6 of book)

See website for full list of dates We would also like to remind you that weekly participation in Mass in the parish is a vital part of your child's preparation for Holy Communion. As well as being part of the natural rhythm of Catholic life, this weekly celebration of Mass will inform and reinforce the learning that the Holy Communion programme provides to you and your child.

Healing Mass + Benediction

Please note and tell others, that the Healing Mass on Friday 7th February will start at 9.30 am. The Rosary before hand will start at 9.10 am

R.I.P.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Michael Labonte who died this week. Our condolences to his beloved wife Suzy & family.

Family Games Night

"Come on Down", is the theme for our next Parish Family Social event in the Centenary Hall on Saturday 29th March from 7.00 pm. Based on the famous American Show this promises to be a fun filled evening for all the family with spectacular prizes in aid of the needy in our Parish. Adults £5. Primary School Children £2.50.

Tickets from:

melflaherty@hotmail.com.

Jacket Potato and filling around 8 pm. Bring your own pudding.



Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory £863.86 (Gift Aid £388.81) Survive Miva £552.61

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;
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; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson;
Seeta Pillay; Ian Lester; John Gilford ,
Christopher Miles & Pat McCoy.



Supporting the Bereaved

If you feel that you have a special ministry in this area, then DABCEC are putting on a day entitled "Preparing for a Funeral" on **Wednesday 19th March from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm** led by Kathy Quint, CRUSE Counsellor and Catherine Christmas, Diocesan Liturgy and Music Adviser. Bring as packed lunch. Contact: katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

'Founders Dinner' celebrating 85 years of The John Fisher School on Friday 14th March 2014 in the school's Sports Hall, Peaks Hill.

Pre-dinner school tours start at 6pm. Four Course Dinner for 7pm. Dress Code, Black Tie.

Tickets cost £50 available from Mike Davies. (mdavies@suttonmail.org / 077426767474).

Early bird booking until 1st Feb: £450 per table of 10.

Celebrate with former staff, pupils & friends of The John Fisher School.

All profits to the Science Centre Fund.



A.C.T.A.

For those who can and are interested, the next meeting for A.C.T.A is this Wednesday at Our Lady of Ransom's Grange Road, Eastbourne. BN21 4EU starting around 11 am and finishing at 2 pm.

Confirmation 2015 Application Forms

For all students in Year 9 who are wishing to go forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015, please pick up one of the application forms from the porch or download from parish website and get it to the Parish Office **before the end of February**. Your Pre-Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday 9th March at 6.00 pm in the Centenary Hall and will continue for all the Sundays of Lent.

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Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>
9:00am Mass	Ebenezer Moses RIP (A Aranha)
10:30am Mass	Robert Halpin (D Hall)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 27th	
10:00am Mass	Holy Souls (Donohue Family)
Tuesday 28th	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>
10.00 am Mass	Francis Gornall RIP (Ruby)
Wednesday 29th	
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Thursday 30th	
10:00am Mass	Mary Matthews RIP (Peggy)
Friday 31st	<i>St John Bosco</i>
10:00am Mass	Holy Souls (Eade Family)
Saturday 1st	
10:00am Mass	Walter Masservy (foundation)
Sunday 2nd	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Richard Flaherty RIP
5:15pm Mass	June Bell R.I.P. (M Heath)



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

