



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleaf Godstone

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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27th December 2015 to 10th January 2016

Sacred Heart Church

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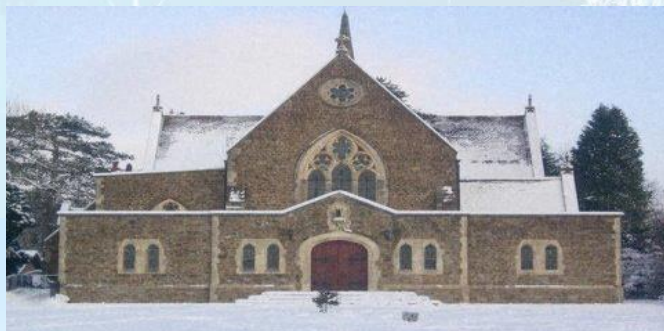
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Scripture Reflection

Children can be such a worry to their parents. How often it is that I have heard a parent ask me; 'where did I (or we) go wrong, Father?' And sometimes there is actually fault, but, more often than not, the parents have simply done what they thought was right at the time—and surely none of us can find fault with that. The fact that maybe it hasn't worked out as they hoped only reflects the fact that their children have free will too, and circumstances are very often beyond parents' control, no matter how much they love their offspring, or how attentive they are.

I often refer such parents to today's Gospel. Our Blessed Lady was without sin, either original or personal sin, and yet she still managed to lose her twelve-year-old Son for three whole days. I think that there must be few parents who have ever succeeded in that particular feat. And if they managed to do that without sin, then it ought to encourage us in what we do.

I suppose in the end, it all comes down to doing our best under the circumstances. There is no such thing as a perfect parent, I imagine, though our Lady and St Joseph must have come as close as one is going to get. But things happen, and one simply has to deal with them and not beat oneself up over what might have been, or should have been.

Our Lady herself is often regarded as one of the sources for St Luke's Gospel, and no doubt she was the source of this story, as suggested by that penultimate phrase 'His mother stored up all these things in her heart'. What must she have made of our Lord's comment that he must be about his Father's business. To me that sounds rather like an adolescent's brash brush-off of his parents' frantic concern. No doubt most parents, confronted with such a statement would have felt inclined to give the stray a thick ear. But our Lady instead seems to have remembered and treasured this statement. Did she already begin to suspect just who her Son was, and so take his statement simply at face value?

And how naturally the Gospel today ends. Our Lord went down to Nazareth with them, and lived under their authority. This was the part of God's kenosis, self-emptying, humbling, which was to climax in his sacrifice on the cross. And we read that just like normal children, he grew in wisdom and stature, and somehow managed to grow also in favour with God and men. Presumably he didn't run off again.

Parish Office - The Office is now closed until Wednesday 6th January 2016. All voicemails and emails will be saved until then.

WINTER WALK AND PUB LUNCH - The Catenians are organising a Walk from the Harrow, 235 Stanstead Rd, Caterham on the Hill, CR3 6AJ at 11.00am on Monday 28th December. All welcome.

Teenagers: the famous former gangster John Pridmore will be coming to our parish on Sunday 10th January to speak about what his faith means to him. This is primarily intended for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but all teens are very welcome.

90th Birthday celebration

After morning Mass on Monday 11th January, cakes, teas and coffees will be served in the Old Hall to celebrate Ruby Gornall's 90th birthday. All are welcome.

Justice and Peace

There will be a Justice and Peace meeting in the Committee Room on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7:30pm

Thank you to the Youth Club and especially Mel Flaherty for beautifully retelling the Nativity story at the 6pm Christmas Family Mass.



There will be an SVP meeting in the Old Hall on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7pm.



Youth Club - Friday 8th January

The first Youth Club session of 2016 will be a film night in the Old Hall at 7pm on Friday 8th January. Entry £1 including film (tbc), popcorn and drinks. Youth Club is open to all children in the juniors at primary school, ie years 3 to 6 inclusive. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Mel Flaherty at youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

We welcome Fr Gerard Bradley from St John's Seminary who will be celebrating some of the Masses on Sunday 27th December 2015

New Year's Eve Party

We are going to have a New Year's Party in the Centenary Hall. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Mark on 07736750085. Tickets on sale after Mass.

A number of parishioners asked for a copy of the talk on Canon Roe's ancestry. Ann Lardeur apologies for the delay, but owing to other commitments the final edit has yet to be done. If anyone would like an email copy then some of the illustrations from the exhibition can be included. Contact details for going on the list: email contact her on adlann@furzebank.eclipse.co.uk. For printed copy ring 01883 349762.



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, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Second Collections

on Sunday 10th January 2016 there will be a second collection for the White Flowers Appeal. This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

St. Mary's Church is hosting radio 4's any questions on Friday 8th January, doors open around 7pm. Tickets are free, please contact St Mary's parish office on 01883 348751 for queries and tickets.

CAFOD World Gifts Many thanks to all those who supported this scheme which raised £600 for CAFOD. Our Parish Giving Tree is now covered with labels illustrating all the gifts bought and given to support poor communities in developing countries.

Health & Safety
Please remember to take care walking around the Church and Halls over the festive period as leaves can be slippery underfoot. In the event of ice or snow every effort will be made to grit and clear the drive and car parks. Masses will continue as normal.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Sheila French RIP who passed away recently. Her funeral will be held at the sacred heart Church on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 12pm

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £907.00 (Gift Aid £423.78)



THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday 27th	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Hilda & Rodney Peck RIP (Wood Family)
5:15pm Mass	Seamus Horrocks RIP (Bernie)
Monday 28th	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
10:00am Mass	Margret Sore RIP (Peter & family)
Tuesday 29th	
10:00am Mass	James Barrow RIP (C Barrow)
Wednesday 30th	
10:00am Latin Mass	Alfred Edward (AR Edward)
Thursday 31st	
10am Mass	Fr Frederick Broomfield
Friday 1st	<i>Mary Mother of God, Solemnity</i>
9am Mass	Agnes Quinn RIP
Saturday 2nd	<i>Ss. Basil and Gregory</i>
10:00am Mass	Christopher Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)
Sunday 3rd	<i>Epiphany (transferred)</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Ron Horton RIP
5:15pm Mass	Seamus Horrocks RIP (Bernie)

Father Seán & the Office would like to wish you all a very Prosperous & Happy New Year!

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(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)

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Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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Sunday 3rd	<i>Epiphany (transferred)</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Ron Horton RIP
5:15pm Mass	Seamus Horrocks RIP (Bernie)
Monday 4th	
10:00am Mass	Susan McNally RIP (Ruby & family)
Tuesday 5th	
10:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Pat, Anne & Angela)
Wednesday 6th	<i>Epiphany</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Fr Andrew Southwell
Thursday 7th	<i>S. Raymond of Peñafort</i>
10am Mass	Thomas Finnegan RIP
Friday 8th	
9am Mass	Michael Fahy RIP
Saturday 9th	
10:00am Mass	Sheila French RIP (Peggy)
Sunday 10th	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	Celsa Vigh RIP (Hill family)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	All those affected by Abortion (A Pullen)

**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