



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 27th March 2016
Easter Sunday

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:12-16
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Gospel Reflection

New life is the most precious and comforting of gifts; right now in the spring we see the buds bursting into flower and leaf; we even have several new-born parishioners. And above all we have the new life brought to us by the passion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Easter egg is a good symbol of this; new life arising from the stone-looking carapace where one might least have expected it.

It brings to mind one other new life that we ought to treasure; that of the unborn child in the womb. It was a chance remark of a friend that got me thinking on this issue. An acquaintance of his had remarked on the subject of global warming that if there were the least chance that this warming were to endanger the planet, and be reversed or at least controlled by reduction of carbon emissions, than the drive for ecological control would be imperative. My friend remarked that this was indeed logical, but added that surely, if there were the least chance that the an unborn child was truly, genuinely, a person, then it ought to be protected with the same enthusiasm brought to the environmental cause. Well, quite! But an awful lot of people do not see it that way.

The abortion legislation has been around for nearly fifty years now, and in that time countless innocent lives have been lost in the UK. The trouble is that our sense of outrage has also dimmed with the years. We may not do evil that good may come; the end does not justify the means, particularly when the means is the killing of innocent life. Right now at Easter, we are remembering an innocent life taken for the sake of the guilty, and that ought to inspire us to see that this sort of thing happens never again. Nobody denies that at times people (especially women) can be put into awful situations by unplanned pregnancy, but the casual use of abortion as another, albeit drastic, means of birth control is horrible.

As we contemplate our Lord's rising from the tomb this weekend, let us also renew our commitment to celebrate and protect life in all its manifestations; to be life-affirming and positive in all that we do.

Surrexit Christus Vere
Alleluia!



Journey of Faith will meet again on 20th April 2016. Enjoy the Easter Holidays.

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Led By Bishop Richard, the day includes Theological and Practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Taking place at two venues, St Dunstan's Woking on Sat 16th April, and repeated at St Wilfrid's, Burgess Hill, on Sat 1st October. Both run from 11 am to 4 pm. Bring a packed lunch. Booking essential - contact Ruth Gerun t: 01293 651164 e: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org

Evening of Reflection for Young People with Bishop Richard: As part of the Year of Mercy, Bishop Richard is inviting young people for an evening of reflection. The next evening will be on **Sunday April 24th** at Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge, 6pm to 9pm. The evening will include an experience of Lectio Divina led by Bishop Richard. There will be live music as well as stalls and interactive activities. We expect that young people coming will be coming as part of an organised group with a responsible adult, however young people who want to come along by themselves are invited to get in touch with Jack Regan at DABCEC. Full details (including a Risk Assessment and programme) are available at yaab.co.uk

Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage:

On Saturday, 28th May at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, which has one of the four Holy Doors for this Diocese. The day will run from 11 am, and close with Mass at 3 pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. To register your interest in attending please contact the M & FL secretary - rosie.read@dabnet.org - 01293 651161.

CAFOD International Evening – Saturday 9th April 6 – 9pm in the Centenary Hall



Are there any more performers out there who would like to sing, dance or recite a poem to celebrate a heritage country? We have Irish song and dance, Nigerian singing, a song from Venezuela, and Gilbert & Sullivan. Can you represent your country? Any more national costumes or other items to add colour to our displays?

Please telephone 01883 345749

'True Peace comes from the experience of God's Mercy' - Pope Francis
 Celebration of Divine Mercy
 3 April 2016, All Saints Church Oxted
 2pm Mass
 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 (there will be opportunity for Reconciliation before Mass and after 3pm)

Holy Communion for the sick: This is a reminder to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that Communion is not given (except to the dying) on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Thank you for all you do.

St Vincent de Paul Society: The Sacred Heart Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599 890043.

Supporting the Bereaved: Annual Ongoing Formation Day on Tuesday 17th May, from 9.30 to 4 pm at St Bernadette's Church, Tilgate Way, Crawley, RH10 6RP. For all those currently involved in supporting the bereaved within the parish. For more details and to register interest contact Katherine Bergin, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Adviser on 01293 651152 or Email katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

HOMES FOR ITALIAN STUDENTS

I am looking for homes for Catholic Italian Students, aged 11-14, in Old Coulsdon (1-24 July) and Caterham (2-25 July). We give £17.75 per student per day and the students have a fully organised programme from Monday to Saturday. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you. Thank you. Rosslyn Hill 01883 381082. rosslynhill@hotmail.com



Calling all children of the Parish

We would like to invite all the children of the parish to make an Easter Garden to bring into Church TODAY it will be on display throughout Easter week .

An Easter Garden usually includes Jesus' tomb and the three crosses but you can add the garden of Gethsemane, an angel, people, grow real grass and flowers in it! They can be made in seed trays, lined cardboard boxes, wide flower pots – it's completely up to you as long as the container is no bigger than A3 size (but can be smaller). For lots of ideas log onto Google images and type in 'Easter Gardens' then let your creativity run wild. Entries can come from individuals, family groups or club groups. All entrants will receive a small chocolate egg & certificate. Parents – it can be a lovely, creative, active way to bring Easter to life.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
 Offertory: £989.98 (Gift Aid £395.64)
 Second collection: 502.83 (Gift Aid £165.86)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 27th: No Children's liturgy
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: No Toddler Group (Old Hall)
Thurs: 7:30pm SVP Meeting (Old hall)
Sun 3rd: No Children's liturgy
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass



The Parish Office will close from Good Friday for the Easter period. The office will re open on Monday 11th April 2016. All emails and voicemails will be dealt with when the office reopens

Sacred Heart parishioner Dr. Beverly Searle, who has a doctorate in genetics, will give a presentation on the work of the charity Unique, of which she is CEO (www.rarechromo.org) Beverly will give her talk at 7.30 pm on Friday 8th April in the Small Hall. Unique supports, informs and networks with families whose children are born sick and disabled because of rare chromosome disorders, as well as helping doctors and other professionals working with these families. Unique now has nearly 14,000 member families in 100 countries worldwide. Beverly will describe the many challenges faced by families caring for their very special children and how Unique helps. All very welcome to the talk.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016: The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 28 July to 5 August. Applications for the pilgrimage are now open and forms are available on-line from their website www.ablourdes.org.

[Grandparents Day of Reflection](#) - "Is Modern Life Toxic for Children?" A day to explore the pressures on children growing up in a techno centric world and how we as Grandparents can best support them. Led by Sue Palmer, international speaker and author of 'Toxic Childhood' - a groundbreaking book studying the effects of contemporary childhood on child development. On Saturday 10th September, 10 am to 4 pm at The Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Drinks provided - Please bring a packed lunch. To book your place contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser t: 01293 651152 e: katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Day of Reflection at Minter Abbey, Ramsgate. You are invited to a Day of Reflection with Fr Seán Finnegan in the beautiful surroundings of Minster Abbey, Ramsgate on the 30th April leaving at 9.30am. The cost of the day is £15 pp including lunch and refreshments. For more details contact: Eliz Wood 018803 348081 / elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com



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, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman, Maureen Kelly, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Easter Collection

Today's main collection will be our personal offering to Fr Seán. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid and we remind all standing order and weekly envelope members, to please use your BLUE Gift Aid envelopes. Thank you .

Refugee Update: An update together with other information can be found on the Diocesan Website or you can contact Aidan Cantwell on 01293 651154 or email aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org for more information.

Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage: From Winchester to Canterbury from Saturday 13th – Sunday 28th August 2016. More information see www.thepilgrims.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016

As today is Easter Sunday, candidates should **not** collect a badge before Mass. Candidates **MUST** see a catechists **after** Mass to be registered.



Could we also remind parents that all children should be guided through Mass and supervised at all times. If you have younger children please ensure that the FHC candidate is left with a responsible adult.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21st April 2016, 8pm - 9pm - Parent Session (Old Hall)

Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7A

Sunday 24th April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7B (Scouts, Cubs & Beavers please be aware that there will be a St George's Day parade on 24th April so you will need to attend the 23rd April session)

Thursday 5th May - rehearsal for 7th May candidates

Thursday 12th May - rehearsals for 14th May candidates

Thursday 19th May - rehearsals for 21st May candidates

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com .

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sunday 27th | <i>Easter Sunday</i> |
| 9:00am Mass | Freddy Lobo RIP (C Daly) |
| 10:45am Mass | People of the Parish |
| 5:15pm Mass | Lily Castellino RIP (D'Souza family) |
| Monday 28th | <i>Easter Monday</i> |
| 10am Mass | Private Intention (N Handover) |
| Tuesday 29th | <i>Easter Tuesday</i> |
| 10am Mass | Bridget Meade (foundation) |
| Wednesday 30th | <i>Easter Wednesday</i> |
| 10am Latin Mass | Campbell Clarke (Roberts family) |
| Thursday 31st | <i>Easter Thursday</i> |
| 10am Mass | Eamon Quinn RIP |
| Friday 1st | <i>Easter Friday</i> |
| 7pm Mass | Maura Moore RIP (T & P Hanley) |
| Saturday 2nd | <i>Easter Saturday</i> |
| 10am Mass | Baby Elizabeth Kelly Ints (P Harris) |
| Sunday 3rd | <i>Easter Sunday</i> |
| 9:00am Mass | People of the Parish |
| 10:45am Mass | Magda Soszka Ints (Bohan family) |
| 5:15pm Mass | Canon Cooksey (Foundation) |

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament Saturdays: 9am – 11am
(we will think about the restoration of the Lauds and Rosary. If you have any ideas on this please speak to Fr Seán)