# **OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER**



Sacred Heart Parish Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2015



Psalter week 2



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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Gen 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Heb 2:9-11 1 John 4:12 Mark 10:2-16 or Mark 10:2-12

#### **Scripture Reflection**

26th Sunday of the Year

It seems to me that today's readings are really all about the Church and the part that each of us have to play vis-á-vis the world and the other members of the Church.

None of us lives to himself, St Paul reminds us, and this is even more true as members of the Church. Being 'in Communion' involves becoming part of the Church, the Lord's Mystical Body, where the life and death of each has its influence on others, and the reputation of all can be damaged or enhanced by the behaviour of each of us.

All of us at various times in our lives must have seen (in the newspapers, for instance) the bad conduct of a Christian giving the greater scandal precisely because the sinner is a Christian. The world experiences schadenfreude when a Christian falls from grace—one need only look at the gloating of some of the nastier newspapers when another instance of clerical vice is uncovered—as if those papers were themselves founts of all the virtues! This means that we have to be all the more scrupulous in our behaviour, because we do not only represent ourselves, but also all of our fellow Christians when we act for either good or ill. Hypocrisy uncovered—that is, clergy and people who fail to live up to a standard they preach to others—is often a cause of falling away of weak Christians, and our Lord is severe about it: should we be the cause of someone else losing faith, it would be better for a millstone to be tied around our neck &c. This is tough speaking, but the experience of recent years has shown just what damage bad example can do.

At the same time, there is an extent to which we are all hypocrites, inevitably. We do preach a virtue we do not practice; the Gospel—poverty, chastity, obedience, for instance; the point, however, is that we are striving to practice it, and will be only too delighted when we achieve it, while recognizing just how far we fall short of the ideal.

As a Christian said on being told that another person would not come to church because 'it is full of hypocrites'. 'Well, there's always room for one more...'

#### Liturgy day with Catherine Christmas

10th Oct 10.00am - 5.00pm at St Ambrose, Warlingham. The day is aimed at readers in the morning and musicians in the afternoon. There will be a poster in the porch with further details. If you are interested in taking this opportunity which is so close to home contact Eliz Wood at elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com.

Catherine Christmas is the Liturgy Advisor for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.

The Mullen family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support following the sudden loss of Bridie, while on holiday in Ireland. A Mass will be offered in thanksgiving. Your cards and words have helped the family immensely.

#### **THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL - vacancy** TEACHER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION Required from 1<sup>s</sup> January 2016



TLR 2C £2,587 available for suitably qualified candidate Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Janet Rigby, Office Manager on <u>jrigby3@suttonmail.org</u> by the closing date: Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

It has come to our attention that Parishioners are no longer getting lifts to Mass who once were. We have tentatively approached East Surrey Dial-a-Ride to see whether they can organise a minibus specifically to bring Parishioners to Mass. People using the service would need to pay a yearly subscription to Dial a Ride (about £7), and then pay, approx. £2.20 a mile, round-trip. The details are still unconfirmed but we would like to know how many of you would use this service. Please could you contact the office if you would be interested in this. Many thanks.



On Sunday 11th October, Bishop Richard will be coming to our parish to celebrate the 5.15 Mass, remembering Fr John Gwynne, on the centenary of his death in the First World War. The scouts and some children from St Francis' school will also be

present. Fr Gwynne was chaplain to the Irish Guards, and was based here in Caterham for a while; there is a memorial to him in our church. You can read more about him on our website, at <u>http://www.sacred-heart.co.uk/</u> <u>public-information/history/fr-john-gwynn/</u>

Called by Name - Exploring the call of Christ: Young Adults Retreat (18-35s) @Worth Abbey 23-25 October. For more info, contact A&B Vocations via: admin@ewellspringbrighton.org.uk or call 07595761483

#### School forms

Fr Seán will be signing school forms after Sunday Masses. Please bring the appropriate documentation with you.

#### Parish Women's Group

Friday 9th October. A Talk by Katherine Stearn on The Life of William Cobbett 1763-1836. How a Surrey ploughboy defied social constraints to become the most feared journalist of his day. To be held in the Old Hall at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

**Catholic Bible School** - Grief, Loss and the Scriptures Sue Golden will lead us on a retreat style day exploring how God's word can help us heal through times of grief and loss. Not to be missed. 3rd October - 10.00am-3.00pm Suggested Donation £15. Find us at Nutbourne, PO18 8SA. Further details found at www.catholic-bibleschool.org/events

Catholic Bible School - Violence and the Bible Fr John Hemer will help us make sense of this challenging element of Biblical content - why does it seem there is so much violence and how do we reconcile that with a loving God? 10th October - 10.45am-3.00pm Suggested Donation £10. Find us at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU. Further details found at www.catholic-bible-school.org/events



**St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls** Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 6th October 2015 from 6pm to 8pm.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website <u>www.catholicsingles.org.uk</u> or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

ARISE @ Worth Abbey 16–18 Oct. A weekend for teens in school years 10-13. The weekend will include: inspiring talks; lively discussions; an insight into the Monks' life as we join them for prayer; praise and worship; silly games; creative activities; lots of yummy food; chill out time; opportunities to enjoy the beautiful surroundings! For more information and/or to book, contact <u>TOC@worthabbey.net</u>

Marriage Anniversaries Mass 2015: This year's Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth on Saturday, 17th October, 12 noon, at Arundel Cathedral. All couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary are invited to apply for places. Please contact Katherine Bergin email: <u>katherine.bergin@dabnet.org</u> or 01293 651152.

Bishop Francis Walmsley is keen to make contact with a Mr Stone, son of Margaret Stone RIP from Fleet, who comes to Mass here. Please have a word with Fr Seán.

#### **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory: £951.28 (Gift Aid £426.13) Refugee support : £1,832.10 (Gift Aid £981.60)

#### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 27th:	CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am &	
	10:45am Masses	
	Teas & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass	
	Deadline for APF box return	
Mon:	Teas & Coffees after Mass (Old Hall)	
Tues:	9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.	
Wed:	8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)	
Fri:	7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open	
Sun 4th:	CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am only	
	10:45am Youth Mass	
	Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass	

#### Thomas More Roman Catholic School 11-19

Open evening for Year 7 2016 entry Thursday 8 October 2015, 6pm - 9:30pm





CAFOD - Harvest Fast Day is Friday, 2 CAFOD October. Your support and donations Justone world this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across

the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis.

Heating: our church heating system has developed a serious leak, alas! And, worse, it appears to be in a very inaccessible spot—behind the mosaic in our Sacred Heart chapel. So the repair is likely to prove expensive. I am trying to ensure that it will be in working order before the cold(er) weather comes, but I thought I ought to warn you in advance.

Exploring our Understanding of the Vocation and Sacramentality of Marriage: A morning's Course for Marriage Catechists on Saturday, 3rd October, from 10 am (coffee from 9.30 am), at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. To book contact Katherine Bergin katherine.bergin@dabnet.org.

Gaudium - The Joy of the Priesthood: View the latest YouTube video on the joyful vocation of the Priest produced by the A&B Diocesan Vocations Director. Hear priests of the diocese speak of the real joy they find in the priesthood. Check out the link and share with others. If you would like a copy of the DVD then contact Vocations Director, Fr Terry Martin on vocations@dabnet.org.

## **BIKE & BUGGY SALE** Saturday 17th October 2015

9am-11am Centenary Hall, Essendene Road, Caterham on the Hill, CR3 5PB



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.

#### Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for The catholic Agency for Support of Evangelisation. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid

Next week there will be a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Feast Day. This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid, CAFOD have provided their own envelopes for your use.



How is your knowledge of the New Testament?

Do you really know Mark from John? What were they saying, and why? What was Jude's warning? - and

what was 'revealed'? Join us for an elucidation of these and more - and of the readings for

next Sunday All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)

St Francis' School will be holding two Open Mornings for prospective parents on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 12th November 2015. The Headteacher will

address parents at 9.15am, followed at 9.30am by a tour of the school. Any prospective parents who wish to attend should

contact the school office.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016 Dear Parents / Carers,

Please note that all Catholic children are in Year 3 or above since September 2015 are eligible to make their First Holy Communion in 2016.

Registration forms will be available after Mass today. The deadline for submission is 9th October 2015. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. Forms will only be available from the Church porch they will not be on the website.

The first parents' meeting will be Thursday 15th October at 8pm in the Old Hall.

Your children will need to be baptised and your family must be registered with the Parish.

Have you registered with the Parish yet? Forms can be downloaded from the website www.sacred-heart.co.uk, (under Our Parish). There are also some hard copies at the back of the church.

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

	THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS		
Parish Office: Leila Merrett	Sunday 27th	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
info@sacred-heart.co.uk 01883 343241	9:00am Mass	People of the Parish	
Centenary Hall Hire Anne Marie Young	10:45am Mass	Seán & Eileen Finnegan RIP	
07724 613407 thecenthall@gmail.com	5:15pm Mass	Jim Horrocks RIP (Bernie)	
Baptism Preparation: John Baron 0208 763 2144	Monday 28th		
Marriage Preparation: (6 months notice required) - Fr Seán	10:00am Mass	Joan Borras RIP	
Journey of Faith (RCIA): Peter Lovat 01883 345749	Tuesday 29th	SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	
peter_lovat@yahoo.com Chair of Liturgy Group:	10:00am Mass	Friends & Relatives Ints (Mullen family)	
Eliz Wood elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com	Wednesday 30th	St Jerome	
First Holy Communion Anne Marie Young	10:00am Latin Mass	Theresa Adegbesan Ints	
07949 938984 fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com <b>Confirmation</b>	Thursday 1st	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	
Allison Pullin 01883 382506 al.pullin@ntlworld.com	10:00am Mass	Innocent Family Ints (Foundation)	
Safeguarding: Dee Hall and Jacqui Voorbach	Friday 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels	
e-mail: safeguardingreps@gmail.com	7pm Mass	Beryl Dickenson RIP	
Peter Kelly 01883 330684 peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk	Saturday 3rd		
Chair of Parish Finance: Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com	10:00am Mass	Fred Hudson RIP (Ruby)	
<b>Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:</b> Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991	Sunday 4th	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
kelly.coyne@btinternet.com <b>Parish Youth Clubs:</b> (First Friday during school term. 7pm)	9:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Peggy)	
Mel Flaherty youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com	10:45am Mass	John Ryan RIP (S & M Flanagan)	
<b>5th Caterham Scouts</b> Paul Lovell: 07712 436591	5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish	
paul_lovell@rocketmail.com <b>Chill Club</b> (Last Friday during school term. 7pm) Veronique Wood <b>St. Francis Primary School:</b> Head teacher: Maria Wheeler 01883 342005	Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am Lauds Mondays at 9:45 amRosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays: 9am - 10am & Saturdays: 9am - 11am		