



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 28th December 2014

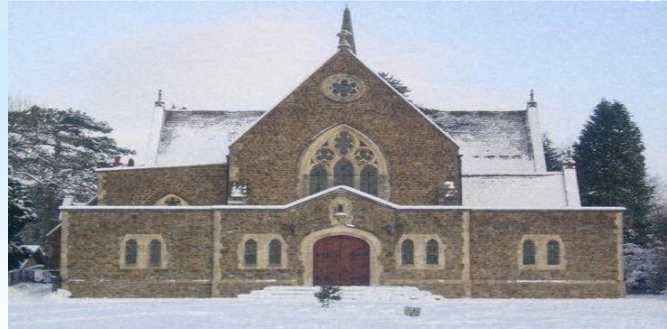
Sacred Heart Parish of Caterham, Whyteleafe and Godstone

Essendene Road, Caterham CR3 5PB

Parish Priest: Fr Seán Finnegan

37 Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5EG

Tel: 01883 343241 priest@sacred-heart.co.uk



1st Vespers of the
following Feast Proper
Psalms

Parish Website: www.sacred-heart.co.uk

Reflection

So often we are accustomed to think of Christianity over against Judaism, almost as if it were another religion entirely, that it does us good from time to time to remind ourselves that our Lord was a Jew, and not just any Jew, but the best and most faithful Jew there ever was, for in his person he summed up all that the prophets meant; he, as God, was the great interpreter of the Jewish Law. From his very birth his earthly life was surrounded by the atmosphere, practices and devotions of a normal, even pious, Jewish home. And this is why he was taken to the temple, to be presented as the Law of Moses required. It was always understood that first-born sons were special—the Phoenicians of Tyre and Sidon, worshippers of Moloch, were said to sacrifice their first born sons for their god's forgiveness of their nation—but the Jewish religion, instead, consecrated them to the Lord and offered a sacrifice of two pigeons. And yet, we are meant to understand that our Lord was the ultimate first-born Son who would indeed be offered in sacrifice for the forgiveness of not just the Jewish nation, but of the whole world.

Today's Gospel has another meaning, too. The prophet Malachi had written (3:1) Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. This was understood to be a prophecy of the Messiah, (the messenger to prepare the way was, of course, John the Baptist) and in the bringing of our Lord on the eighth day after his birth, Malachi's prophecy was fulfilled. Hence the reaction of the old man Simeon who also utters a prophecy that this Messiah shall not be for Israel alone, but for all nations. Malachi also identifies the Messiah as being God himself, speaking of himself in the third person, since the temple to which he was returning was his.

Although we read this Gospel today, the day usually reserved for remembering this mystery is the feast of the Presentation of our Lord and Purification of our Lady on February 2nd. Though not a holyday of obligation, it is nonetheless an important feast, and we could, perhaps, put it in our diaries and resolve to celebrate it.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Connie Cronin who passed away on 22 December 2014
May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.

Mass Time

Don't forget that from Sunday 4th January the 10:30am Mass will move to 10:45am for a trial period.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory - £947.38 (Gift Aid - £415.68)

CONTACTS**Parish Office:**

Leila Merrett (Closed from 24th Dec to 5th Jan 2015)
 info@sacred-heart.co.uk
 01883 343241

Centenary Hall Hire

Anne Marie Young
 07724 613407
 thecenthall@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation:

John Baron 0208 763 2144

Marriage Preparation:

(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

Journey of Faith (RCIA):

Peter Lovat 01883 345749
 peter_lovat@yahoo.com

Chair of Liturgy Group:

Eliz Wood
 elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com

First Holy Communion

Anne Marie Young
 07949 938984
 fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com

Confirmation

Allison Pullin 01883 382506
 al.pullin@ntlworld.com

Safeguarding:

Dee Hall and Jacqui Voorbach
 e-mail: safeguardingreps@gmail.com

Gift Aid:

Peter Kelly 01883 330684
 peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk

Chair of Parish Finance:

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.co

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991
 kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
 Mel Flaherty
 youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591
 paul_lovell@rocketmail.com

Chill Club

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)
 Veronique Wood

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
 01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
9:00am Mass	Martina & Ken (Peggy)
10:30am Mass	Margaret Sore RIP (Peter & Family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 29th	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>
10:00am Mass	James Barrow RIP (C Barrow)
Tuesday 30th	<i>Sixth Day of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
10:00am Mass	For all who suffer as a result of abortion (A Pullen)
Wednesday 31st	<i>Seventh Day of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
10:00am Mass	Fr Fredrick Broomfield RIP
News Year's Day	<i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
10:00am Mass	Christopher Wheeldon RIP (P Wheeldon)
Friday 2nd	<i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>
7pm Mass	Agnes Quinn RIP
Saturday 3rd	
10:00am Mass	Ron Horton RIP
Sunday 4th	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Felicia Ogbebar (J Eziashi)
5:15pm Mass	Tom Loughrey (G Seymour)

