



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Psalter Week 3

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent

Josh 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Gospel Reflection

There has always been a tendency among certain types of believers to attribute misfortunes directly to some particular sin. And actually we can see this sort of thing also in the Bible. Take for instance, the story of David and Bathsheba; when they committed adultery, the child born of that union was born dead, and the prophet Nathan makes quite clear that the reason was the adultery.

When we move forward a few hundred years and come to the Book of Job, however, we find a different approach, though of course the book of Job is almost certainly a parable, not history. Job there is afflicted not for his sins, but actually for his virtue; the writer depicts Satan daring God, as it were, to afflict Job in an attempt to provoke this holy man to rebellion against God. God, knowing Job, agrees, and so all sorts of horrid things happen to Job. 'Job's comforters' try to reason with him, saying that he must have done something awful to merit his misery, but the message of the book is quite clear, that the afflictions are not a result of Job's sin.

In today's Gospel, our Lord seems to take both positions. Firstly, he rejects the idea that those who died in a massacre and those on whom a tower had fallen suffered as a result of their sins; but he adds; unless you repent, you will all perish as they did'.

It strikes me that our Lord sees human solidarity much more clearly than we do. As human beings, by our very nature, we share a responsibility for the sin of the world—the doctrine of original sin underlines this—and God holds us, with the rest of humanity, to account for it. Hence death, and ultimately, hence suffering. We have to turn our backs not just on our own personal sins, but on sin generally. It isn't enough to live personally hygienic lives; we share a common responsibility for the state of the world merely by the fact of being human. Though God knows us by name, and sees us as individuals, he also sees us as a lump, if I can put it like that, and perhaps this is why we will have both a particular judgment and a general judgment when we die.

But what we should at all costs avoid is a simplistic accusation of some secret sin when we discover somebody with an affliction. Repent, says the Lord; but of sin generally. Even the very greatest saints with, one might have thought, no need for repentance, nevertheless saw the need for prayer and penance and put this into practice most vigorously.



This week we consider the Sacrament of Marriage! If you have experience of it, or an opinion, come along and share it!

- **Join us** for this and more – as well as our in-depth look at the readings for next Sunday

All welcome! 8.00p.m. Wednesday 2nd March, in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)

Parish Women's Group

Our A.G.M will take place on Wednesday March 2nd at around 2pm after the Parish lunch which will be in the Centenary Hall.

We welcome Fr Gerry who will celebrate Mass for us here on Tuesday 1st March 2016.

Lenten Small Group Programme: The format for this year's Lent prayer and reflection programme is inspired by the Year of Mercy which began on the 8th of December 2015 and runs until Christ the King, 20th November 2016. Each week we will reflect on a different aspect of Mercy, using a mixture of Scripture, Church teaching and prayer. Contact the Diocesan Bookshop to order booklets on 01293 651165 or email bookshop@dabnet.org.

CAFOD International Evening (Sat. 9th April) - HELP NEEDED!



Please stay behind for a few minutes after Mass this Sunday, to ensure that your country or region will in some way be represented on 9th April. We are asking for just a small contribution from everyone – maybe a little finger-food, a flag, costume, music etc. All offers will be greatly appreciated and together they will help us to arrange a lovely evening to which all are welcome! Proceeds from the evening will support the work of CAFOD and will be matched pound for pound by the government.

John Fisher School - Vacancies



PUBLIC EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS - ASAP

The John Fisher School is currently looking to increase its team of Public Examination Invigilators. You will be required to work for a period of six weeks during May and June, as well as providing invigilation for internal examinations at regular intervals throughout the academic year, which is currently an additional five/six weeks. To be remunerated at £8.00 per hour. Telephone enquiries to Mrs Bourne, Examinations Officer are welcome.

TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Required from 1st September 2016

We wish to appoint from 1st September 2016 a full time Teacher of RE, who has the ability to inspire students to enjoy learning and to achieve. Applications are welcome from individuals of all religions who will support the catholic ethos of our school. The successful candidate will be well qualified, keen and enthusiastic who will join a department consistently rated as 'outstanding' by the diocese. The John Fisher School has a national reputation for the quality of its provision for religious education and numbers many priests within its old boy alumni. This post represents an outstanding opening for a newly qualified teacher or an experienced teacher looking for potential career development within the department.

Application forms (support staff) are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org where further information on the school may also be found. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by noon on the closing date Monday, 7th March 2016. Interviews will be held week commencing 14th March 2016. *The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service will be required.*

Double C Club

There are still memberships available for the Double C Club. I will be in the porch after the 5:15pm Mass today.

If you would like to join or have any questions please come and see me. Thanks Sue

Parish Retreat This year our Passion Week 'Day' is on the Saturday before Palm Sunday (19th March). Reserve the date NOW! The theme of the day will be the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We guarantee you will be surprised and stimulated! It's a chance, at the end of Lent for a day of quiet prayer and thoughtful meditation. Come for a 10am start, and a 3.30pm finish, with a shared lunch. This is an ideal opportunity to finish Lent well, or, if somehow all the good intentions are still just good intentions, to make up for lost time. Do not let this golden opportunity slip past!



We are pleased to inform you that the applications for this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes are open. This year, for the first

time, we are offering an online application form to all helpers and pilgrims, with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims. The **Online Application Form Link** is available on our website <http://www.ablourdes.org>

For those of you who find anything to do with computers challenging, please call the Pilgrimage Office to chat through your concerns, and we will make sure that you get the help you need. **Assisted Pilgrims** please contact the Pilgrimage Office in the usual way, by phone on 01403 740110 to request a paper application form. To avoid disappointment, please get your form in early and no later than the 30th April 2016.



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 on Easter Sunday and to 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 and the children could add something to their gardens each week during Lent!

Lent Groups - Traditionally we give things up during Lent – often booze or chocolate (depending on age or inclination!). It's not too difficult and not only does it do our soul good, but our health as well. How about something different this Lent? – time. Nobody has enough time, so it's a real sacrifice, but it would be enjoyable! Join one of the Lenten groups advertised in the church porch and sign up for the one that suits you best. If you feel you'll miss the healthy option, choose a venue near you and walk – then instead of the normal two, you'll get three benefits: enjoyment, spiritual uplifting and exercise! Sign up **today!**

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £920.63 (Gift Aid £472.30)

Second collection for CAFOD: £624.87 (Gift Aid £220)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 28th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee 10:45am Mass
4pm First Holy Communion Session 5B (OH)
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group. (Old Hall)
Wed: 12:30pm Lunch Club
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)
Thurs: 7:30pm SVP meeting (Old Hall)
Sun 6th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Lunch Club

Wednesday 2nd March - 12:30pm

This month we will be serving Corned Beef

Casserole with rice pudding for dessert. Teas and Coffees will also be served. £4 which includes a raffle.



Second Collections

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for The White Fathers Appeal. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

St Francis' School is needing to top up its bibles, as the wear and tear of years, and also the hugely increasing numbers of children have made things too difficult. Would some parishioners like to contribute towards buying some bibles for St Francis'? They can be dedicated to the memory of somebody, and the children can be encouraged to pray for the person whose name is written in the front.

Internship with the Pastoral Team at Dabcec:

An internship for a maximum period of one year working with the advisers on different initiatives and will include a range of duties and administrative work.

This opportunity is for those with an interest in pastoral work within the Church or who wish to develop and evidence workplace skills and who may be waiting for places at university or longer-term work opportunities.

This internship scheme builds on two recent successful experiences and is designed both to assist the Pastoral Team in its work but also to ensure that participants receive a valuable and rewarding experience, with benefits for their personal and professional development.

For further details of terms, conditions and remuneration, please contact Deacon Andrew Bayes, Pastoral Team Coordinator at Dabcec or via email: andrew.bayes@dabnet.org

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage:

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

Big Church Day out:

Tickets are now on sale for the Big Church Day Out 2016. Taking place on the **28th & 29th May**. BCDO is the UK's largest Christian celebration of its kind, gathering more than 25,000 people from all denominations and ages for 2 days of world class music, family fun and incredible worship on the Wiston Estate in West Sussex. More information on their website www.bigchurchdayout.com.

One Day to explore **why Later Life Matters** Monday 29th February 2016; 12.30 – 20.30 Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH. For more information visit www.mha.org.uk/oneday/



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; Bernice 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, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly & Clare Schofield (née Stewart)

We remember in our prayers Clare Schofield (née Stewart) who grew up in this parish and will be known some of you. She is seriously ill. Her brother Richard was a priest of this diocese and wrote our parish history. Her son is a priest of the Westminster diocese.

Woman's world day of prayer from Cuba

Friday 4th March. This is not a day just for women, everyone is welcome to attend either of the services. Local services to be held at, DOUGLAS BRUNTON CEBTRE, Caterham at 10:45am
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, Woldingham at 2pm (refreshments at 1pm before service).

Fairtrade Fortnight: 29 February- 13 March 'sit down for breakfast stand up for farmers'.

Many of the people who provide items for our breakfast table don't earn enough to feed themselves or their families all year round. Seasonal hunger, lean periods and poor pay are all real issues facing the people who produce the food we often take for granted. **You can help change this, by simply switching your breakfast to Fairtrade.** Please look out for the display in the church porch next weekend; if you can, buy fair trade goods – we have items in the shop; join us for Fairtrade refreshments after 9am and 10.45 Mass on 13th March. To learn more see www.fairtrade.org.uk or contact the Justice & Peace Group via the Parish office.

Baptisms - Sienna Wilkinson will be Baptised next week. Please keep her in your prayers.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016

We will be meeting again at the end of the month but in the meantime, please remember that all candidates should be attending Mass at The Sacred Heart Church and need to collect a badge from a catechist **before** Mass and **return** it after Mass. **If you are late for Mass** and are unable to get a badge please find a catechist at the end of Mass. 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

Saturday 19th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6A

Sunday 20th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6B

Thursday 14th 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)

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



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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Raymond Fenney RIP (M Fenney)
10:45am Mass	Calvin Butcher Ints (Nessie)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 29th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Thanksgiving (C&R Sowa)
Tuesday 1st	<i>St David</i>
10am Mass	Annie & Leonard Balcombe RIP (Peggy)
Wednesday 2nd	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Latin Mass	Amor (Amy) Sohawon RIP (Leila)
Thursday 3rd	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Richard Marsterson RIP (T Philpot)
Friday 4th	<i>Saint Casimir</i>
7:00pm Mass	Bill & Lee Sleven RIP
Saturday 5th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10:00am Mass	Richard Webster RIP (J Doyle Blunden)
Sunday 6th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Nora & Jerimiah Moynihan RIP (M Liversage)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 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

**** **Stations of the Cross** Friday 6:20pm ****