

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

## Sacred Heart Church

Essendene Road,  
Caterham, CR3 5PB

### Parish Priest:

**Fr Seán Finnegan**

37 Whyteleafe Rd

Caterham,

Surrey

CR3 5EG

Tel: 01883 343241

priest@sacred-heart.co.uk

## Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Times

28th September 2014



The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No 252878



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

Parish Website Address:

[www.sacred-heart.co.uk](http://www.sacred-heart.co.uk)

Weekday 26 Year II  
Morning Prayer Psalter  
Week 2

### Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,

'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

### Reflection

You can always change your mind: that is the good thing about the Christian religion. It is never too late, and sometimes changing our mind is the most humble, productive and wonderful thing to do.

Sometimes as a priest one can get a little depressed at the number of parents who cheerfully promise before God to bring their child up as a Catholic Christian at its baptism, intending perhaps to do no such thing, or at least interpreting 'bringing up their child as Catholic' in a sense very far from what the Church intends. There can be a lot of reasons for that, of course. Often there is a real intention that the child 'belong' in some sense to the Catholic Church, a desire that the child's identity, in however inchoate a way, should include at least some fragment of the family's social and religious history; sometimes the baptism is simply to please grandparents; or, lowest on the scale of acceptability, simply provide an occasion to have a party and 'wet the baby's head', welcome it, in other words.

To initiate life in the Kingdom of God, with all that means, but never to follow it through, or worse, to treat it simply as an occasion for a knees-up is very sad—some might even call it blasphemous. However—and it is a big however—we do understand that the sacraments work *ex opere operato*; which is to say that they 'work' irrespective of the bad dispositions (as long as they are not actually contrary dispositions) of those who bring it about. The child truly is a child of God, truly has received sacramental grace, truly is a Christian, and that grace will be available to the child through its life; all that is necessary is that he or she turn to God, make a good confession and start to live the sort of life that the original baptism implied. Which happens quite often, actually.

The message, then, of today's Gospel is that, put simply, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Or as our Lord says elsewhere, (Matthew 7:21) It is not those who say to me 'Lord, Lord,' who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of my Father.

## First Holy Communion 2015



### HOLY COMMUNION – REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY 30/09/14

We are almost ready to start the programme for First Holy Communion for June 2015 (06/06/15). If you would like your child to take part, could you please take note of the following information:

- **30/09/14 (Tuesday)** – Registration Form\* due with Cash / Cheque for £20 payable to Sacred Heart Parish. This is your contribution towards the cost of the materials needed throughout the preparation and the flowers for First Communion Day.

- **09/10/14 (Thursday)** – 1<sup>st</sup> Parents Evening, 8.00pm in the Old Hall (Thursday)

Your family must be registered with the Parish. Forms can be downloaded from the website [www.sacred-heart.co.uk](http://www.sacred-heart.co.uk), (under Our Parish).

\*Registration forms can be found on the website under Sacraments/Holy Communion. There are also some hard copies at the back of the church.

If you have any concerns regarding payment or have any general questions, please contact **Anne Marie Young** either via email on [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com) or by mobile on **07949 938 984**.



### APF Red Boxes

Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the presbytery clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me TODAY. Would any one in the parish who has a red box but does not have a promoter to collect their money please contact me. Moyra Brohier 342928, Local Secretary, APF Red Boxes.

### Journey Of Faith – Plus!

This once-a-month session is open to all. We just gather informally and, in the tradition of J-o-F, explore our faith through the Sunday readings, prayer and chat (with tea/coffee and biscuits to sustain us!) Come along and join us!

### Second Collection

There will be a second collection next Sunday for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory - £837.19 (Gift Aid £284.71)

Second Collection for Home Missions - £208.78

### A New Disciple – ready and willing?

Come and take part in an afternoon of dialogue and reflection about discipleship and mission. There is one meeting in two venues :

**Saturday 4TH October,**

Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne BN21 4EU

**Saturday 18TH October**

Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge KT13 8JD.

These meetings all follow on from last years ACTA Meeting with Fr Tom OLoughlin and the recent talk by Fr Rob Esdaile. Contact Eliz Wood for more information. 01883 348081

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 [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)

### Mass Time Change

Please note that the change of Mass time from THIS Friday 3rd October (inclusive), the Friday Mass will be celebrated at 7pm every Friday. This is because Fr Seán teaches at St John's Seminary on Friday mornings. The evening time will hopefully make it possible for people who cannot ever make a morning daily Mass to be able to conclude the working week in a fitting way.

### Fr John Oliver - Oxted & Warlingham Parish Priest

Please keep Fr John in your prayers as he recovers from his recent surgery.

### LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 1st Oct. 1pm in the Centenary Hall.



Menu for this month is Chicken casserole, potatoes and vegetables and apple pie and custard. Coffee and tea and raffle to finish.

Come along for the good food and good company.

### Sacred Heart Parish Club AGM

The Parish Club would like to hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 7:30pm for all Club Members. Please email [club@sacred-heart.co.uk](mailto:club@sacred-heart.co.uk) if you can attend. Please keep an eye out for any further updates.

**Saint Philomena's**  
Catholic High School for Girls



The School will have an open evening for their Sixth Form on Tuesday 7th October 2014 from 6pm to 8pm

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 28th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:30am Mass  
Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass  
(F. Shipley & H Steptoe) 
- Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)
- Tues: **First Holy Communion Registration Deadline**  
9:15am - 11:15 am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: 1pm Lunch Club (Cent Hall)  
8pm Journey of Faith (Sacristy)
- Fri: 12pm & 7:30pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Cent Hall)  
7pm weekday Mass time change  
7pm Youth club - fire station visit (Godstone)
- Sat: A New Disciple – ready and willing? Meeting  
(Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne BN21 4EU)
- Sun 5th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only  
10:30am Induction Mass for Mrs Maria Wheeler - St Francis' School new head teacher  
Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass  
(I & E Labonte + St Francis' School Association)



## Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;  
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;  
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;  
Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah;  
Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen.

There are spare places on the Readers **Day of recollection at the Catholic Bible School**, Nutbourne. **Anyone** who would like to come is very welcome you don't have to be a reader. Transport is available. Please contact Eliz Wood: 01883 348081/ [elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com)

## Advance notice:

On Friday 21st November, 7pm, Bishop Kieran will be coming to the parish to inaugurate our parish Mission Statement. On the same occasion he will induct Fr Seán as parish priest. Please note the date in your diaries.

## St Francis' RC Catholic Primary School - New Head teacher

We will be welcoming Maria Wheeler into the Parish next Sunday 5th October 2014 with a special Mass at 10:30am. You are welcome to join this Mass along with tea and cakes in the Centenary Hall afterwards.



## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

'Let us leave a spare place at our table: a place for those who lack the basics, who are alone.' Pope Francis

The CAFOD Group invites you to join with them in showing solidarity with the world's poorest people this Fast Day by sharing in a simple soup lunch or supper. This will be served in the Centenary Hall (12.00-2.00pm) and from 7.30pm (immediately after 7.00pm Mass) in the evening. Donations can be made to support CAFOD's work for those in need. Please join us for either lunch or supper this Fast Day – enjoy a simple but wholesome meal and find out more about the work that CAFOD does on our behalf. (All are welcome).

## St. Francis' Catholic Primary School Open mornings

St. Francis' School, Caterham, will be holding two Open Mornings for prospective parents on Tuesday 7th October & Tuesday 11th November 2014. The Headteacher will address parents at 9.15am, followed by tours of the school until 10.15am. Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office.



## Youth Club, Friday 3rd October, Godstone Fire Station

This month's Youth Club session will be at Godstone Fire Station where the firemen will give a fascinating insight into their work and show us around the equipment they use.

Meet at the Fire Station at 7pm, prompt, to sign in, and collect at 8.30pm.

Please note, all parents must remain contactable in case there is a fire service emergency and the fire engines get called out while we are there! Open to all children in **Years 3 to 6 only**.

Please let Mel Flaherty know if you would like your child to attend this event so we can get an idea of numbers - [youth-clubsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:youth-clubsacredheart@gmail.com).



Karen Rattigan has kindly offered to organise the Christmas Fayre this year which will be held on 14th December 2014. If you would like to help please let her know and please keep an eye out for further details on this.



## School application form signing

Fr Seán will sign your School application forms after Sunday Masses. Please complete as much of the form as possible and if you have a reference letter from Fr Kieran please bring this along with you.

## CONTACTS

### **Parish Office:**

Leila Merrett (Mondays & Wednesdays :  
9.30 am - 12.30 pm)  
info@sacred-heart.co.uk  
01883 343241

### **Baptism Preparation:**

John Baron 0208 763 2144

### **Marriage Preparation:**

(6 months notice required) - Fr Sean

### **Journey of Faith (RCIA):**

Peter Lovat 01883 345749  
peter\_lovat@yahoo.com

### **Chair of Liturgy Group:**

Eliz Wood  
elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com

### **Centenary Hall Hire:**

Anne Marie Young  
07724 613407  
thecenthall@gmail.com

### **First Holy Communion**

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

### **Safeguarding:**

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

### **Gift Aid:**

Peter Kelly 01883 330684  
peterf\_kelly@o2.co.uk

### **Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:**

Kelly Coyne: 07921030991  
kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

### **Parish Youth Clubs:**

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

### **5th Caterham Scouts**

Paul Lovell: 07712436591

### **Chill Club**

Veronique Wood

### **Chair of Parish Finance:**

Rayon Brown - raybrown2006@aol.com

### **St. Francis Primary School:**

Headteacher: Maria Wheeler  
01883 342005

## **THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

### **Sunday 28th**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am Mass

Gloria & Anthony Innocent (T & P McCoy)

10:30am Mass

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass

Thanksgiving Mass (A Pullen)

### **Monday 29th**

*Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael*

10:00 am Mass

Joy & Tom Cutler Ints (P & T Patterson)

### **Tuesday 30th**

*St Jerome*

10.00 am Mass

Fr Martin Breen Ints (Betty & Dave)

### **Wednesday 1st**

*St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

-----

NO MASS

### **Thursday 2nd**

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

10.00 am Mass

Innocent Family (Foundation)

### **Friday 3rd**

7.00 pm Mass

Joe & Trudy Ellwood RIP (Mary & Connie  
Crowin)

### **Saturday 4th**

*St Francis of Assisi*

10.00 am Mass

Christopher Riley RIP (Cutler & Monk Family)

### **Sunday 5th**

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am Mass

Annie Duffy Ints (Betty & Dave)

10:30am Mass

Vi Laker RIP ( L Leaker)

5:15pm Mass

Apy Richelet-Girling (Girling)



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

**Lauds** Mondays at 09.45 am

**Rosary** Wednesday & Friday at 09:40am

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am – 11am;