

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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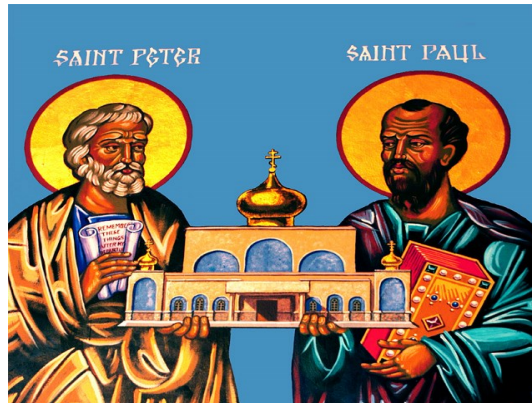
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Psalter Week 1

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The tradition that Peter was crucified upside down began with the reference to the form of his death in John chapter 21, in which Jesus told Peter, "I assure you: When you were young, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow older, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don't want to go." John reported, (probably after Peter died) "He said this to signify by what kind of death he would glorify God." So the idea that Peter was crucified (stretch out your hands) came from John, but this does not include the location or the physical position of his crucifixion. Eusebius (AD 325) claimed in his Ecclesiastical History that all the apostles were martyred except for John. The evidence for some of these is very spotty, but the number, variety and quality of testimony to the martyrdom of Peter and Paul in Rome is sufficient that I think we can reasonably say that most likely this is how they died.

The early church fathers are unanimous in claiming that Peter died in Rome, by crucifixion, during the persecution of Nero in AD 64. As for crucifixion upside down, that is also testified to, but the evidence is weaker for this particular form of crucifixion. The apocryphal Acts of Peter is the earliest reference to crucifixion of Peter upside down. The earliest reference to the martyrdom of Peter comes from the letter of Clement of Rome (about AD 90). He said, in his Letter to the Corinthians, "Let us take the noble examples of our own generation. Through jealousy and envy the greatest and most just pillars of the Church were persecuted, and came even unto death... Peter, through unjust envy, endured not one or two but many labours, and at last, having delivered his testimony, departed unto the place of glory due to him." Not much there as to the means or location of his death, but that it was an execution is clearly implied. Ignatius, in his Letter to the Romans about AD 110 claimed that Peter was bishop of Rome. Irenaeus of Lyon, about AD 180, agrees that Peter served in Rome. Tertullian, about AD 195 declared "But if you are near Italy, you have Rome, where authority is at hand for us too. What a happy church that is, on which the apostles poured out their whole doctrine with their blood; where Peter had a passion like that of the Lord, where Paul was crowned with the death of John (the Baptist, ie. by being beheaded). Dionysius of Corinth, also about AD 200 "You (Pope Soter) have also, by your very admonition, brought together the planting that was made by Peter and Paul at Rome and at Corinth; for both of them alike planted in our Corinth and taught us; and both alike, teaching similarly in Italy, suffered martyrdom at the same time" When Eusebius reported the crucifixion of Peter and the beheading of Paul in Ecclesiastical History, he was simply passing along a tradition which has been the unanimous opinion of the church for two hundred years.

Tradition has it that Peter's body is contained in a crypt below St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This is actually not all that far-fetched a claim. In fact, when the sarcophagus claimed to contain his body was studied in the 1960's (Margherita Guarducci, 1963-1968) the evidence supported that it was of a man about 60 years old who died in the first century AD. I certainly would not base my faith on this being his body, and besides, it is not clear the significance to a Christian to have the actual remains of Peter.

In conclusion, we can reasonably conclude that Peter was in fact crucified in Rome. As for his crucifixion upside down, this is much more weakly attested to in only one ancient source which is probably much less reliable than that of Clement, Ignatius, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Eusebius and many others.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 29th: Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass

(Priscy Risely & Maribel Chambers)



Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 10am Toddler group final session before Summer Hols

Fri: 7.00 pm Youth Club - 7 pm in Cent Hall

Fri: 7.30 pm: Stuart Pickford Talks in the Old Hall

Sat: 11 am Walk and Pub

Sat: 12 pm St Francis School Fayre

Sun 6th: Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass

(Terry Patterson & Fiona Shipley)

Walk & Pub Lunch

The Tandridge Catenians are organising a Walk and Pub Lunch on Saturday 5th July. Distance will be 4 - 5 miles. All welcome – Meet on the Green at Westerham at 11.00 am. If anyone wants further information they can contact David Shaw at 07720440495."

Toddler Group

The final meeting of the Toddler Group for this term, will be this Tuesday. Come and join the fun with face painting and snacks. The Group will meet again in September.



St Francis' School play and meet...



Come and meet other new reception parents and children, all welcome!

Tues 22nd July:

Meeting at Queens park, 9.30am onwards (or the Arc if wet).

Contact Claire on 07957 196956 or Nathalie on 07725 313955 – please call for further information/any questions, otherwise see you there.

Weds 6th August:

Meeting at Queens park, 12pm onwards (or Henry's Cafe if wet).

Contact Dominique on 07903 335407 or Laura on 07941 508928 – please call for further information/any questions, otherwise see you there.



Hold the date:

Friday 17th October, 6-8pm onwards, St Francis' Welcome Disco.



Moving on

Bishop Kieran has appointed me to St John the Evangelist Parish, Horsham, which I have accepted. I take over from Fr Richard Biggerstaff who has been asked to take up a position at Oxford. My move from Caterham has been widely known for some time, so this won't come as any major surprise. Having spent 7 years amongst you, I feel it's time for me to move on and face a fresh challenge, and allow a new Parish Priest to come in to pursue in his own way, the missionary work that needs to be continued, and to share in the joyful and lively spirit of this vibrant community. Hopefully much of what I achieved and established here will have a lasting effect. I know some found my approach rather testing initially, as difficult decisions had to be decisively taken i.e., the closure of St Thomas, Whyteleafe and the reduction of the number of Masses. But despite these two factors, the numbers have steadily grown along with the offertory collections, and this is borne out by the fact that our Primary School is now a two-form entry with 320 pupils enrolled. We still have huge numbers for Baptisms and Weddings, so the Parish is still growing and expanding. I leave the parish on a financially firm footing also. My successor is Fr Sean Finnegan, moving from Shoreham on the south coast. Sean is in his early 50's and will be the first native parish priest for a long time here, being born in Banstead. He was educated at St John Fisher. Some of you, I gather have been at school with him. His mother who is 90 still lives in Banstead. Fr Sean, some time ago, requested Bishop Kieran to find him a parish which would give him easier and quicker access to his mother. My requesting a move from here was providential for Sean's request to be answered. No two Priests are the same, so I ask you to bear patiently with Fr Sean as he settles in. It's very daunting for a new Priest in his first months as he tries to find himself. I think you will find, that he has not got that radical approach to changing things quickly that I had when I first arrived here in 2007. His approach will be a lot more sedate I feel, which many of you will welcome. He also enjoys his pint of beer, I'm told. My final Mass with you will be on Sunday 14th September. Fr Sean's first Mass here will be 21st September. I, like many of my predecessors will carry fond memories of my time here. I thank you most sincerely for your generous support throughout the seven years. Please keep us all in your prayers.



Weddings during July

Adrian Renni & Jennifer Trumper;
Stephen Wren & Sally Lomas;
Richard Wastell & Lisa Martin
Steven Grove & Kayleigh Conway
Darren Nicholls & Danielle Fidge.

Youth Club, Friday 4th July.

The Youth Club will meet at the Centenary Hall from 7pm-8.30pm for an 'end of term' party with fun outdoor team games plus food provided. The Club is open to all children in school years 3-6 inclusive. Entry £1. Contact youth-clubsacredheart@googlemail.com

School Application Endorsements

As I am leaving in September, many Parents have started to express concern that Fr Sean won't know whether they practice regularly or not - a requirement on the school application forms. To offset this worry, I will endorse school applications 2014/2015 with a special stamped and signed letter to be handed to relevant Parents **on Sunday 13th July after all Masses**

In the steps of St. Cuthbert

Stuart Pickford, a local resident, who is a keen walker and photographer, will be giving a talk on the historic walk from Melrose to spectacular Holy Island on Friday 4th July at 7.30pm in the Old Hall. Everyone is welcome.

LUNCH CLUB Wednesday 2nd July in the Centenary Hall at 12.45. Menu this month is Quiche, new potatoes and salad, the sweet is jelly and ice cream, followed by tea or coffee and raffle. All welcome, so join us for good food and conversation.

Baptisms

Next weekend I will Baptise Sophia Langan; Mia Ella Stott;

Parish Mission Statement

This Sunday we will be introducing our new Parish Mission Statement. This has been developed over the last few months, based on many individuals and parish groups reflecting on what is important in the life of the parish, and written feedback from parishioners of all ages. We hope we have captured the essence of these contributions. The purpose of the Mission Statement is to communicate who we are, as a Christian community in the Catholic tradition, and how we seek to live our faith. Please take time to look at the display in the porch, which also shows photographs of Parish life. Everyone will also be given a copy of the Mission Statement at Mass. Leaven Group members will be available after Mass, if you have any questions or comments.

Flat share/lodger

We have a male teacher at St Francis School that is looking for a flat share or lodgings in the local area. If you can help or know someone that is looking to flat share or have a lodger please contact the Parish Office on info@sacred-heart.co.uk. They are looking to move by September 2014 to continue working at the School on a permanent basis. Thank you.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory £789.30 (Gift Aid £330.15)



Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.

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; Tess Gully; 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 & John Wood; John Gilford & Elise O'Connor.

10.30 Teas/Coffee

Maribel Chambers is stepping down from being the principal organiser of the Teas/Coffee after the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays and we are looking for her replacement. Sheet in porch for your names.

Healing Mass

Healing Mass with Benediction this Friday at 10.am followed by light refreshments in the Cent Hall.

2nd Collection

Second Collection next Sunday for **Peter's Pence**

St Francis' Catholic Primary School
Summer fair
Sat 5th July 2014
12pm-3pm
A great day for all the family!
The crocodile encounter, go-karts,
1.30pm - Caterham Performing Arts, table top
stalls, face painting, bouncy castle, arts & crafts,
test your strength, candy floss, tombolas,
raffle, BBQ, Pimms, beer and much more..
Adults £1, Children free
Kindly sponsored by:
PARK & BAILEY
Aqueducts
True Beauty@Home
ECHO Electrical Solutions
Homecroft Wealth

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Kieran

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
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Chill Club

Veronique Wood

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St. Francis Primary School:

Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy
Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th

Sts Peter & Paul

9:00am Mass

Ceinnein Jeremiah Ints (Peggy)

10:30am Mass

Fidelma Carolan RIP (S Ogunremi)

5:15pm Mass

People of the Parish

Monday 30th

10:00 am Mass

Holy Souls (Mendonca Family)

Tuesday 1st

The Dedication of the Cathedral

10.00 am Mass

Margaret Sore RIP (Peter & family)

Wednesday 2nd

10:00 am Mass

David & Gill Crowley RIP (S Ellis)

Thursday 3rd

NO MASS

Friday 4th

St Elizabeth of Portugal

10.00 am Healing
Mass+Benediction

Bridie Anderson (Haugh Family)

Saturday 5th

St Anthony Zaccaria

10.00 am Mass

Al Keating Ints (B Sharp)

Sunday 6th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass

People of the Parish

10:30am Mass

Malcom Wright RIP (T & B Stewart)

5:15pm Mass

Herman Joakim RIP (Family)



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Rosary Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; 1pm -2pm ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

