

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Scripture Reflection

"Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near". This line from our Lord's discourse about the end of the world in St Luke's Gospel would be a good motto for this Advent season. At the beginning of the liturgical year we prepare for Christmas both liturgically, and in our homes, when we celebrate the coming of Christ in humility as an infant in the manger of Bethlehem two thousand years ago. However, we are also urged to prepare for the second coming of Christ in glory to judge the living and the dead, which will happen at the end of times.



This is the object of the Theological Virtue which we call hope: we look for the fulfilment of the kingdom that is prepared from all eternity for the faithful, the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. Hope is the sure and steadfast anchor of the soul that enters where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf (Hebrews 6:19-20). In the virtue of hope, we have a foretaste of the joy of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. Hope is intimately connected with the virtue of faith, on which it depends. And yet we know that we have this treasure only in earthen vessels that can easily be broken.

This sense of unease about our final salvation is not incompatible with hope; on the contrary, it removes the danger that hope may be turned into its false image, which comes in the disguise of either despair or deceptive security. We are people 'on the way', and cannot be sure that we will reach the goal of our pilgrimage until the moment of our death. This is why we must watch at all times and, most importantly, pray for perseverance in our faith.

The Gospel reading shows us that the 'Advent', the coming, of the kingdom will be dramatic and will cause fear, distress and perplexity among the nations. The Lord predicted that these things would happen when he was instructing, teaching, preparing and strengthening his disciples to endure everything to come. The shape of this world will pass away, and these dramatic events are signs that the kingdom of God has drawn near and brings for those who persevere to the end the reward of life, the joy of eternal salvation, the perpetual happiness and the possession of paradise once lost.

The John Fisher School's Festive Fireworks Display & Mini Christmas Market.

Saturday 5th December 2015 @ The John Fisher Playing Fields, Plough Lane Purley, CR8 3YP.
Gates Open 6pm. Family Ticket £20, Adult £6 and Child £5.
Fireworks Display with Carol Singing, Live Band, Bar, Tea Cup Rides, Mulled Wine, BBQ, Gisella Graham, MoonDaisy, Phoenix Trading, Wreaths, Gifts & much more. 'Fun for all the family'.



Why celebrate Christmas? Who was Jesus?
What does 'Incarnation' mean?
- and what does it really mean for us?

Join us for this and more – and our consideration of the readings for next Sunday. **All welcome!**
8.00p.m. Wednesday 2nd December, in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)

Do you have any beavers/cubs/scouts uniform that you wish to donate? Please contact Sheena on 07838 393950 or caterhamscouts@hotmail.co.uk and she will arrange collection of the items! Thank you

9am Leaven Group

The Group will meet following 9am Mass on 13 December. If there is any item you would like discussed or you have any suggestions concerning 9am Sunday Mass then please speak to one of the group Members. If not to the Welcomer who will let one of the group know.

We're fundraising for



REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 103774



The Cafod Group will be selling a range of different 'World Gifts' after all Masses on the next two Sundays, providing the opportunity for you to buy 'alternative' gifts for family and friends. These gifts make a huge difference to people in developing countries, because they do something no pair of socks can ever do – they help people break free from poverty. A tag will be placed on our Parish Giving Tree each time a gift is bought, as a visible sign of the Parish's solidarity with the poor of the world. Please see the poster in the Church porch for further details.

Health & Safety

Please take care around the church at this time of year, leaves may be slippery or the ground icy after a frost.

A plan is in place to grit the grounds if the temperature falls, but in the event of snow please be advised the car parks may be closed for safety.

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 2nd December at 1pm.



Menu: Steak casserole with herb dumplings, new potatoes and vegetables, followed by chocolate sponge and custard.

Coffee, tea and raffle to finish.


Pilgrimage to Poland

We have an opportunity to join pilgrims from the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord on a pilgrimage to Poland from Monday the 30th of May to Friday the 3rd of June, 2016.
Fr. Chris Spain will be the Spiritual Director. Fr. Chris has a great love of Poland and has visited Krakow 4 times in recent years.
The itinerary and costs are being finalised at the moment. Current estimates of costs are ~£600 per person for Monday to Friday and there will be an option to extend your stay in Krakow to include the weekend of June 4th-5th for £36 per person per night B&B, sharing.
Those interested are invited to attend an information evening at 20.00 on November 26th in St Joseph's Centre, 122 Ladbroke Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1LF at which a representative of Pax Travel will take us through the planned itinerary and costs.
Alternatively to receive an information pack please contact Sean McGettrick, who is co-ordinating the pilgrimage on behalf of PNL, on 01737 767352 or via email at sean.mcgettrick@btinternet.com.

Justice and Peace Group.

Victims of torture, human rights groups and individuals under threat and persecuted Christians need our support and our prayers. At Christmas we can take the opportunity to let them know they are not forgotten by sending them a Christmas card.
Details of organisations and individuals and guidelines to follow when sending cards are available from Action by Christians against Torture (ACAT) an ecumenical charity. Full details are available in the church porch or from the ACAT website.

Confirmation- Please return your completed forms as soon as possible

 Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mary Edwards RIP, who passed away last Sunday. The funeral details will follow.

It is the first Sunday of Advent, and the readings cycle will change to Year C for Sundays, and Year 2 for weekdays.



We can arrange transport for you to attend and drop you home afterwards—just let us know.

Transport Queries Hilary Clark
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Hil.clark221@btinternet.com

A space for you to record your drivers details when you are told

Christmas Day Contact Details
The Douglas Brunton Centre Park Rd,
Caterham, Surrey County CR3 5TA
01883 347 260



Caterham and District Churches Together invite you to join us for

Christmas Lunch

For the over 60's at
The Douglas Brunton Centre
Caterham
On Christmas Day 2005
From 12 noon until 4pm
If you would like to attend please complete a form.
For general queries contact St Marys Church Office 01883 347230

Lighting of the Cedar Tree - 29th November - Please note that the Road will be closed during the lighting of the Cedar Tree, (between 6pm & 7pm approximately) this may affect your travel plans after the 5:15pm Mass today.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £766.02 (Gift Aid £354.03)
Second collection: £397.98 (Gift Aid £233.70)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 29th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am
Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
2pm Parish Panto (arrive at 1:30pm for 2pm start)

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.

Wed: 1pm Lunch Club (Cent Hall)
8pm Journey of Faith

Fri: 7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open

Sun 6th: Children's Older liturgy only at 9am & 10:45am Mass
No Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass



Pope Francis wrote a letter to you (and everyone else) called Laudato Si'. - If you have not read it please come along to a CAFOD Taster & Tips day on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' (On The Care of our Common Home) with CAFOD Arundel & Brighton. The papal encyclical offers us an opportunity to reflect on our lives and the world around us and CAFOD has created a simple study guide to help us. The morning will consist of a taster of the study guide and some hints and tips for people wanting to use it in parishes and small groups. So come and join us on Saturday 5th December at St Clement's church, Ewell from 10:30 - 12:30. Please book your place (as spaces are limited) by contacting the A&B volunteer centre on 01483 896866 or arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Bereavement Support Group

The next meeting of the Bereavement Support Group will be on Tuesday 8th December at 10.30 am in the meeting room at St. Joseph's. The aim of the group is to enable bereaved people to talk about their loss and how it is affecting them. For further information please contact Maureen on 07759795319 or Nicki on 07753661791



Have you ever longed to make a difference to society? Do you believe healthy relationships can lead to a better society? Would you like to gain skills and experience whilst helping others build better relationships? Then Marriage Care has the opportunities you are looking for! Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide marriage preparation courses and relationship counselling for couples across England and Wales. Our centre in the Croydon area is currently looking for:

- Qualified counsellors to provide relationship counselling to those in need (BACP-endorsed training in Relationship Counselling is offered to counsellors not trained as relationship counsellors)- Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to present and facilitate Marriage Preparation days for couples marrying the Catholic Church (training is provided)
- Remote Secretaries to take last minute cancellation calls on Monday and Thursday evenings. This role is based from home and calls would be routed to your phone/mobile.

For more information, without any commitment, or to apply visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.



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, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for the Cathedral Fund. This collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please use your Parish envelopes. Next week there will be a collection for COAT.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



Please remember that all candidates 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.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Candidates that completed their First Reconciliation. After Christmas we will commence the First Holy Communion preparation.

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 30th January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4A
Sunday 31st January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4B
Saturday 27th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5A
Sunday 28th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5B
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

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



Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT)

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening at The Barn Dance with the Odd Sock Doo Dum Band on **Saturday 5th December** at 7:15pm for 7:30pm in the Centenary Hall. Tickets £12 (children £6)

Sausage & Chips supper with a wonderful selection of home made desserts.

The bar in the Hall will also be open

Tickets from Ann Walker (01883 624773)



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Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991
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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 29th	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Danny & Margaret Ryan RIP (E Barton)
5:15pm Mass	Winifred & Bernard Kelly RIP (Mary Ann Kelly)
Monday 30th	<i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>
10:00am Mass	F Martin Breen RIP
Tuesday 1st	
10:00am Mass	Rawlings (Wood family)
Wednesday 2nd	<i>St Bibiana</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Jimmy Mullen Ints (M McDowell)
Thursday 3rd	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>
NO MASS	-----
Friday 4th	<i>Comm. St John Damascene</i>
7pm Mass	Pat & Bill Webber RIP (Mary Ann Kelly)
Saturday 5th	
10:00am Mass	Koos Van Leeuwen RIP (The Bainbridge Family)
Sunday 6th	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Agnes Ralph RIP (G Barker)
5:15pm Mass	Glyn Jones RIP (P Jones & Family)



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 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