



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 3rd April 2016  
Low 'Divine Mercy' Sunday

**Sacred Heart Church**

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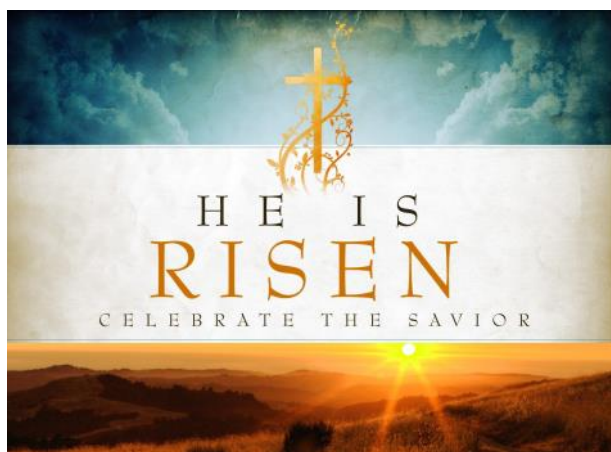
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Proper Psalms

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

The Annunciation of the Lord

Isa 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

**Gospel Reflection**

I suppose, for us Christians, that there is on the whole a tendency to feel a little envious of the apostles. It must have been wonderful to have been with our Lord in his ministry, but that is not quite what I mean; I wonder, whether, if I were an apostle, I might have found it somewhat easier to believe. Today's Gospel, of course, is the corrective proof that even the apostles found belief in our Lord's resurrection difficult to credit.

Part of the problem is that we are inclined to confuse belief with feelings. All of us can have 'off' days, when we do not feel religious at all, but this is not at all the same thing as saying that we do not have faith. Those of us who are parents do not always feel very loving towards our children, but that is quite another thing from actually ceasing to love our children. Instead we continue to behave in a loving way, knowing that if we were to follow only our feelings in their regard all the time, the child protection agency would be round in short order to see what was going on. This is because our feelings are remarkably tricky things: they come and go without our say so, and it would be a foolish person who would base his or her actions on what they felt at any given moment. Hollywood's great ethic of 'follow your heart' and 'do what feels right' is scarcely much use in the real world.

Our belief in the resurrection of our Lord and, indeed, in the whole Christian Revelation, proceeds not from feelings, but from reason (derived from witness evidence, as in the scriptures) and from the common faith of the Church. This means that we may well feel irreligious at times, we may have rational difficulties with this or that doctrine, but none of this prevents us placing our faith and trust in our Lord, in the Gospels and in the Church precisely because we know it to be the right thing to do, and far more reliable than our emotions and instincts. Our Lord in today's Gospel urges us to trust him, and not to ourselves; Thomas failed to trust the witness of the Church (in the persons of the other apostles) to the truth of the Resurrection and was blessed with extraordinary confirmation. We have the same witness of the Church, but not the same confirmation. We have, instead, the wonderful comfort of the Lord for he said blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.



Journey of Faith will meet again on 20th April 2016. Enjoy the Easter Holidays.

**Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Led By Bishop Richard, the day includes Theological and Practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Taking place at two venues, St Dunstan's Woking on Sat 16th April, and repeated at St Wilfrid's, Burgess Hill, on Sat 1st October. Both run from 11 am to 4 pm. Bring a packed lunch. Booking essential - contact Ruth Gerun t: 01293 651164 e: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org

**Evening of Reflection for Young People with Bishop Richard:** As part of the Year of Mercy, Bishop Richard is inviting young people for an evening of reflection. The next evening will be on **Sunday April 24th** at Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge, 6pm to 9pm. The evening will include an experience of Lectio Divina led by Bishop Richard. There will be live music as well as stalls and interactive activities. We expect that young people coming will be coming as part of an organised group with a responsible adult, however young people who want to come along by themselves are invited to get in touch with Jack Regan at DABCEC. Full details (including a Risk Assessment and programme) are available at yaab.co.uk

**Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage:**

On Saturday, 28th May at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, which has one of the four Holy Doors for this Diocese. The day will run from 11 am, and close with Mass at 3 pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. To register your interest in attending please contact the M & FL secretary - [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) - 01293 651161.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Saturday 23rd April 2016 11.00am-4.00pm**

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk by Peter Hobbs: **"Father forgive them – intercessory prayer"**; 3.30 Prayer for healing; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to reserve places, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Following meeting – Saturday 21st May. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: Carol Ann Harnett.

'True Peace comes from the experience of God's Mercy' - Pope Francis  
Celebration of Divine Mercy  
Today, All Saints Church Oxted  
2pm Mass  
3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
(there will be opportunity for Reconciliation before Mass and after 3pm)

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** The Sacred Heart Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07599 890043.

*Supporting the Bereaved:* Annual Ongoing Formation Day on Tuesday 17th May, from 9.30 to 4 pm at St Bernadette's Church, Tilgate Way, Crawley, RH10 6RP. For all those currently involved in supporting the bereaved within the parish. For more details and to register interest contact Katherine Bergin, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Adviser on 01293 651152 or Email [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org)

**HOMES FOR ITALIAN STUDENTS**

I am looking for homes for Catholic Italian Students, aged 11-14, in Old Coulsdon (1-24 July) and Caterham (2-25 July). We give £17.75 per student per day and the students have a fully organised programme from Monday to Saturday. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you. Thank you. Rosslyn Hill 01883 381082. [rosslynhill@hotmail.com](mailto:rosslynhill@hotmail.com)



**LUNCH CLUB**

Wednesday 6th April at 1pm in the Centenary hall all welcome. Menu this month is; Meat loaf, potatoes, vegetables & gravy. Followed by pineapple up-side-down cake & custard. Coffee/ tea & raffle all for £4.

**Vintage Tea**

Sunday 1st May. Tickets on sale after all Masses on Sunday 17th April



We remember Jackie Weech's mother Maria Saunders RIP and Maureen Driscoll RIP who passed away last week. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in peace.



**International Evening – next Saturday, 9th April, 6-9pm** in the Centenary Hall. Flyers will be distributed after Mass this weekend, giving more information. All are welcome.

**Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Holy Places: £214.60

### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 3rd: No Children's liturgy  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass  
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)  
Tues: No Toddler Group (Old Hall)  
Wed: 1pm Lunch Club (Cent Hall)  
Fri: 7:30pm Presentation on the work of the charity Unique (Old Hall)  
Sat: 6pm CAFOD International Evening (Cent Hall)  
Sun 10th: No Children's liturgy  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass



The Parish Office will close from Good Friday for the Easter period. The office will re open on Monday 11th April 2016. All emails and voicemails will be dealt with when the office reopens



### Weddings

Congratulations to John Bunni & Golda Shelley-Fraser who will be married this week.

Sacred Heart parishioner Dr. Beverly Searle, who has a doctorate in genetics, will give a presentation on the work of the charity Unique, of which she is CEO ([www.rarechromo.org](http://www.rarechromo.org)) Beverly will give her talk at 7.30 pm on Friday 8th April in the Small Hall. Unique supports, informs and networks with families whose children are born sick and disabled because of rare chromosome disorders, as well as helping doctors and other professionals working with these families. Unique now has nearly 14,000 member families in 100 countries worldwide. Beverly will describe the many challenges faced by families caring for their very special children and how Unique helps. All very welcome to the talk.

[Grandparents Day of Reflection](#) - "Is Modern Life Toxic for Children?" A day to explore the pressures on children growing up in a techno centric world and how we as Grandparents can best support them. Led by Sue Palmer, international speaker and author of 'Toxic Childhood' - a groundbreaking book studying the effects of contemporary childhood on child development. On Saturday 10th September, 10 am to 4 pm at The Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Drinks provided - Please bring a packed lunch. To book your place contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser t: 01293 651152 e: [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org)

### Day of Recollection

With Fr. Sèan. Come to Ramsgate for a peaceful away day at the beautiful Minster Abbey on 30th April 11.00 - 3.30. Please leave your details on the sheet in the porch. Contact Eliz Wood: 01883 348081



### 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, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman, Maureen Kelly, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016: The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 28 July to 5 August. Applications for the pilgrimage are now open and forms are available on-line from their website [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org).

**Baptisms** - Amelie Nawaz and Finley Bushell will be Baptised next week. Please keep them in your prayers.



*Refugee Update:* An update together with other information can be found on the Diocesan Website or you can contact Aidan Cantwell on 01293 651154 or email [aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org](mailto:aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org) for more information.

*Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage:* From Winchester to Canterbury from Saturday 13th – Sunday 28th August 2016. More information see [www.thepilgrims.org.uk](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016

As normal Masses resume, candidates should collect a badge before Mass. If you are late for Mass candidates **MUST** see a catechist **after** Mass to be registered.



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](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com) with your preferred dates.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21st 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)

Thursday 5th May - rehearsal for 7th May candidates

Thursday 12th May - rehearsals for 14th May candidates

Thursday 19th May - rehearsals for 21st May candidates

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com).

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<i>Low 'Divine Mercy' Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Magda Soszka Ints (Bohan family)
5:15pm Mass	Canon Cooksey (Foundation)
<b>Monday 4th</b>	<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>
10am Mass	Sister Margaret Petterson RIP (Peggy)
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	<i>St Vincent Ferrer</i>
10am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (T Roche)
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>
10am Latin Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (T Warren)
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	<i>St John Baptist De La Salle</i>
10am Mass	Maria Giacalone RIP (T Streifier)
<b>Friday 8th</b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>
7pm Mass	Raymond Walker RIP (J Mullen)
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>
10am Mass	Maureen Killen RIP (Delma & family)
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
9:00am Mass	Giulia Brindle RIP (O Gold)
10:45am Mass	Theresa Placey (S Flanagan)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

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

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament** Saturdays: 9am – 11am  
(we will think about the restoration of the Lauds and Rosary. If you have any ideas on this please speak to Fr Seán)