

Parish of the Sacred Heart,



Caterham

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Today there will be a second collection for Aid to the Churches in Need Appeal. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT). This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Thank you.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 3rd: Children's liturgy - all morning Masses
Coffee & Teas after morning Masses
The Franciscan Sister will be selling items after each Sunday Mass
- Mon 4th: Coffee & Tea after 10AM Mass
7:30PM Liturgy Committee meeting
- Tues 5th: 9:30AM Toddler Group (St T Hall)
11AM Bible introduction (Old Hall)
7:30PM Justice & Peace meeting (Old Hall)
8PM Choir practice (Church)
- Wed 6th: 8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer (St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe)
1PM Lunch Club (Cent Hall)
8PM Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
- Sat 9th: 10AM Mass for Ministers of the Parish
11:30am FHC session 3A (Old Hall)
- Sun 10th: Children's liturgy - 9AM Mass
10:45am Youth Mass
Coffee & Teas after 10:45AM Mass
3:45PM Confirmation Session 1 (Old Hall)

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40AM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Saturday 9AM to 10AM

Rosary every Thursday 9:40AM

Confessions every Saturday 10:45AM – 11:15AM

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45PM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £946.96 (Gift Aid: £395.60)

Second collection (The Cathedral Fund):

£373.77 (Gift Aid: £118.31)



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

**Sunday 3rd December
2017**

First Sunday in Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 3rd

9:00AM -

Beryl Quérée (Cutler family)

10:45AM -

Pat & Bill Webber RIP
(Kelly family)

5:15PM -

People of the Parish

Monday 4th

St John Damascene

10:00AM -

Ann & Ian Brown (B Gilford)

Tuesday 5th

10:00AM -

Nigel Dempster RIP

Wednesday 6th

St Nicholas

10:00AM Latin Mass -
Agnes Ralph (Gail)

Thursday 7th

St Ambrose

10:00AM -

Val Williams Ints (C Daly)

Friday 8th

Immaculate Conception

10:00AM -

Private Ints (N Handover)

7:30PM -

People of the Parish

Saturday 9th

10:00AM -

Ministers of the Parish

Sunday 10th

Second Sunday in Advent

9:00AM -

Jenny Searle RIP
(B&T Searle)

10:45AM -

People of the Parish

5:15PM -

Susie Labonté RIP (Elizabeth)

On the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December, we begin Year B, the Year of Mark in our Sunday Reading Cycle.

From then until June or so, we plan to hold a series of talks and dis-

cussions about the holy Scriptures. There will be visiting speakers through the season, but the first two will be led by Fr Seán. The sessions will take place twice, intended to help those

who can only make mornings or evenings.

Introduction to the Holy Scriptures 1

Tuesday 5th December at 11.00AM in the Old Hall and Tuesday 12th

December at 7.30pm

Introduction to the Holy Scriptures 2

Tuesday 19th December at 11.00AM and again at 7.30PM

HEALTH & SAFETY

Snow Angels needed!

It's that time of year again where we are warned about the possibility of snow and ice. Could you spare half an hour to help grit the drive and walkways to the Church and Halls? If we have a bank of volunteers to join a rota you would not be called upon very often. If you can help please email hands@sacred-heart.co.uk.

Please take extra care as you walk around the Parish.

Thank you

PARISH CHRISTMAS MARKET – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone involved in making our Christmas Market 2017 a massive success. Thank you to everyone that came along to support our stall holders and enjoyed the delights of the Market.

We managed to raise £3,200. All proceeds from the Christmas Market will be shared between CAFOD, the SVP, Madaba and the Parish Scout Group.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE DOUGLAS BRUNTON CENTRE

Will you or someone you know be without company on Christmas Day?

Would you like to enjoy a Community Christmas Lunch? You are warmly invited to celebrate the joy of Christmas with others at the Douglas Brunton Centre.

Transport can be provided. If you would like to receive an invitation please complete one of

the slips which are alongside the little red box in the Church porch, and then post the slip in the box. An invitation will then be sent to you.

Drivers: Can you offer the gift of a little time on Christmas Day to help with lifts for guests to or from the Douglas Brunton Centre? (around 11.30AM and/or 3.30-4.00PM). There is a

list in the church porch for names and contact details. There is currently a desperate need for help with this.

Sponsors: If you wish to support this wonderful event organised by Churches Together, but cannot offer your time, please consider sponsoring a dinner (£5) or table (£25). Please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH SHOP



Now stocking Advent calendars, Advent wreaths and beautiful Christmas cards. We also have copies of Advent Extra on sale which you may find helpful in preparing for Advent. Please come and have a look as our new stock. Purchasing items from the Parish Shop, helps to support the Parish.



Mary, Mother of God. Who was she and why do we venerate her?

No Mary – no Jesus!

Join us for this and Advent thoughts with the readings for next Sunday
All welcome!

8.00PM Wednesday 6th December, in the Old Hall.

MASS FOR MINISTERS

Saturday 9th December @10.00AM - Fr Seán will say Mass for Ministers of Communion, Readers, Welcomes followed by coffee and croissant in St Thomas hall. This will be a good opportunity to ask questions and meet one another. Please contact Elizabeth Wood if you are able to join us. elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com / 01883 348081

LUNCH CLUB



Wednesday 6th December, in the Centenary Hall, all welcome.

£4.50 for lunch of, Steak casserole with herb dumplings, new potatoes and vegetables. Followed by chocolate dessert and cream. Tea coffee and a raffle to finish.

DAY FOR THE POOR – 'NOT IN WORD BUT DEED' POPE FRANCIS

Following on from Pope Francis' invitation to understand that sharing with those in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel.", we ask you to keep this in your minds especially over the Christmas period and

beyond. Here are some suggestions of how you can help.

- 1) Help bring people to Church by joining the taxi rota.
- 2) Offer to help with transport on Christmas day.

Taking people to or from the Brunton Centre for Christmas Lunch.

3) Does your neighbour need help e.g. shopping or simply a visit?

Ideas are not limited to these. Please get involved.



MADABA PARISH LINK

The Madaba share of the Christmas market and the £628 raised at the parish lunch mean that we have raised over £1,400 for the Jordan parish in the last fortnight. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to make this possible. It is a wonderful outcome.

This extract from a letter

from the new parish priest, Fr. Butrus Hajazeen, underlines how much our help is needed and appreciated:

'Our poorest parishioners are struggling to pay their school fees and anything you can give for these families would help us. As parish priest I have offered to

assist by matching everything the parents can contribute but with so many out of work or sick, I know how difficult it is for them.

For the refugees we do the best we can. Their existence is precarious, nothing is certain for them, whether they will get a visa, how long they

will be in Jordan. It is hard to be insecure in your own country, it is doubly so in a strange country as a refugee.'

The Sacred Heart's next contribution to Madaba will be delivered to Fr Butrus by Parishes for Peace, shortly before Christmas. Mike Wood.

Please collect a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard in the porch.

PARISH YOUTH

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE - TODAY 12PM TO 3PM

Please come and support the school and enjoy the fun, games and food. Entry £1 per adult, children free!



OF INTEREST...

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Bishop Richard invites you to join him for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin with the Holy Father, Pope Francis: 21-26 August 2018 sees the arrival of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. The Diocese is making the most of this wonderful opportunity by organ-

ising a pilgrimage for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandparents. We will be staying together in Dublin City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A three day congress will be fol-

lowed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis. If you would like more information about the event visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/ If you would like to join us on pilgrimage, please speak to your parish

priest about how he can support you financially, and for a booking form. Alternatively you can contact Lizzie or Katherine of the Diocesan Pastoral team wmof2018@dabnet.org

INVITATION TO PARISHONERS TO BECOME A COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL GOVERNOR - CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2017



Coloma is seeking to appoint Governors who have expertise in any of the following: Finance / Marketing / Fund-raising / Estate Management.

The Governor's role (which is voluntary) is very valuable and rewarding. Please see the notice board for further details.

If you would like to have an informal conversation concerning the role, or would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Sallie Trembath, on strembath@coloma.croydon.sch.uk or 020 8654 6228. It would be helpful if you could also attach your CV.

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the

admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and

had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove

the admissions cap on new faith-based schools. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.



Your Prayers are requested for the following people 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; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Richard Sowa, Ann Walker, Val Williams & Patrick Eade.

BAPTISMS



Eliza Tomlinson-Newlan will be baptised here next week.

Please keep her in your prayers.



Please pray for the soul of Susie Labonté, known to many of you, who died on Tuesday night.

The funeral for Pat Power will be held here on Wednesday 13th December at 12:15PM . May they rest in peace.

Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

G O S P E L R E F L E C T I O N

Between the stirrup and the ground

He mercy sought, and mercy found.

It is, as we know, only too possible that death may take us at any time. Our Lord speaks about his return in today's Gospel, and it is a theoretical possibility that this, too, might happen at any moment; it would, however, be more prudent to assume that our own death will be what comes first. It ought to bring it home to us that postponing repentance sine die is at best a risky business, and at worst a most foolish enterprise. It is not enough to optimistically presume that we will be granted a moment 'between the stirrup and the ground' (though we may hope that the grace and goodness of God may grant us such), because nothing of the sort has been promised us. Instead, our Lord has constantly emphasised the necessity of living a good life as a constant habit, and not chancing it.

There is, I suppose, a sliding scale in these matters. One must remember the parable of the talents from a couple of weeks ago, when our Lord reminds us that great things will be expected of those to whom much has been given. Spiritually speaking, the chances are that if you are reading this, much has been given to you even if not in terms of worldly goods; there are many, after all, who know nothing of our Lord's commandments and his mercy, and of these surely less may reasonably be expected, and who may never pick up a church newsletter such as this. As we begin Advent, let us reflect honestly on the faith and the gifts that the Lord has given us and ask ourselves whether we are really ready to meet him today, and if not, why not?

FOR YOUR DIARY

ADVENT GROUPS

To prepare for Christmas there will be groups meeting on Sunday evening in Godstone, Monday morning in the Old Hall, and Tuesday Scripture course with Fr Seán. Please see notice board for details.

CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017, 4PM

Join us in Church for our annual Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

NEW YEARS' LUNCH

Our annual New Years' Lunch will be held on Saturday 13th January 2018 (12:30PM for 1PM). Please complete and return the forms in the porch if you are able to attend.