

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEKS READING

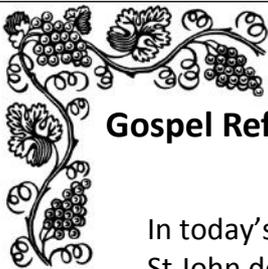
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings:

1st Reading : A reading from
the Acts of the Apostles
10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

2nd Reading: A reading from
the letter of St John 4:7-10

Gospel: 15:9-17



Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel our Lord lays down part of his blueprint for the Church. It is worth pointing out that St John does not place this passage after the Resurrection, but as part of the long 'Farewell Discourse' which took place at the Last Supper. But the Church, seeing the appropriateness of considering the Church in the context of the Lord's departure (the feast of the Ascension, after all, is beginning to appear on the horizon) has given it to us today to contemplate. Much of the Farewell Discourse is given to the theme of unity and we should note that the type of unity our Lord speaks of is not that of a democracy—individual units freely cooperating together because it suits them to do so—but is closer to that of a family to which we belong. One can be born into a family, or join it by the covenant of marriage or adoption, but there is always something irrevocable about the union; one belongs, it is part of who one is. One may be the 'black sheep' of a family, but one is still of the family.

Our belonging to the Church is of this nature; it is part of who we are, and to separate ourselves from this family is to wither and become less ourselves. Perhaps this is one of the main differences between the Catholic Church and some other communions; our religion is not so much about what we *do* as what we *are*. Whether we were grown on the vine which is Christ, the Church, or grafted onto it matters little; we *belong*. For better or worse, it is home, where we are loved, cherished and nurtured even when we rebel. Perhaps it is why when people do separate themselves from the Church they sometimes feel bitterness and a wrenching, closely analogous to the breakup of, or the breakaway from, a family, an experience so tragically common in today's world.

But when the thing works properly, when all participants recognize and keep their side of the covenant, then there are all the positive sides of belonging that the Lord desires for us in his immeasurable love. As part of this vine, the sap of grace flows in us to produce the fruits of good works unless (to strain the analogy a little) we constrict or even block the flow by serious sin. I recommend you take a missalette today and read over the Gospel before Mass and think about this wonderful family to which you belong.



Can you help?

We are looking for Parishioners that might be able to offer their advice or assistance. Are you a firefighter, a carpenter or an IT student? If you are and are willing to help please contact the Parish Office

Parish shop

The Parish Shop needs more volunteers to help once a month for 1/2 hour after Mass on Sunday. The shop is well stocked and very popular but there are not enough helpers at 9.00 or 5.15 masses. If you can help please drop into the shop or contact Eliz Wood 01883 348081



St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul will have its inaugural meeting at 7:30pm on 22nd May 2015 in the Old Hall. Please come and join the group and find out more information. All are welcome.

Journey of Faith

Journey of Faith, this coming week (6th May) 8.p.m. Old Sacristy. The topic will be 'Prayer' and will include the next Sunday's readings. All welcome! Also, Journey of Faith - *Plus!* the following week, (13th May) same time and place.

Gift Aid

The Gift Aid annual statements will be available for collection at all Masses on Sunday 24th May. We are now able to send these statements electronically so, if you would like your statement earlier or would like to save the Parish a bit of printing and postage, please send an e-mail to Peter Kelly (peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk) or call on 01883 330684

The John Fisher School

Open Mornings for September 2016 Intake
Year 5 parents are invited to visit The John Fisher School on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June between 9.15am and 10.15am. If you would like to book a place please send an email to: lstubley1@suttonmail.org



Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £1,177.63 (Gift Aid £451.16)
Second Collection for the Education of Priests:
£515.73 (Gift Aid £249.80)



Festival 50 Diocesan Jubilee at the AMEX Stadium - 5th July

COACHES - There are still coach tickets for The Diocesan Festival available and everybody is welcome but only for 2 weeks. Places must be finalised by 10th May. We have almost filled 3 coaches. There is still time to join the party just complete the envelope from the porch or Contact: elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com

Flowers at the Festival: All parish flower arrangers are invited to help fill the Stadium with flowers starting on Saturday 4th July in time for Sunday 5th. Anybody who is interested in being involved with Flowers must contact Min Merchant by Monday 11 May on 01293 884934.

Young People and the Festival:

There will be a **Vigil for young Catholics** (aged 14-35) which is free to join. It will be possible for a number of people to stay over at the Amex for the main Festival the next day. Numbers are limited for sleeping over and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The evening will include a brilliant programme of prayer, live music, inspiring speakers and more. 'One Hope' will be leading the music. Doors open at 4.30pm. Main vigil programme runs from 7-10pm. Under 18s, sleeping over or not, will need to come as part of an organised group with a responsible adult. Anyone who wants to come but can't find a group to join can talk to us – we may be able to form an ad-hoc group. Anyone attending the vigil, whether sleeping over or not, must register. Please see the [online form](#) or email Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

There will then be a dedicated **youth stream** at the Festival on the Sunday running from 10-12pm and we want as many young Catholics as possible to come along for what promises to be a brilliant programme. Come along and listen to the music, hear the speakers, pray with us and meet other young Catholics. There will also be a chance to meet people and organisations ministering to young people.



COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL - Vacancies

Upper Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 5AS

www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk

The Music Department has the following part time vacancies for September 2015:

Peripatetic Piano Teacher

Peripatetic Harp Teacher

Closing Date: 1st June 2015 Please send CV or contact Mrs Hilary Meyer, Head of Music on 020 8654 6228 ext:256

Email: meyer@coloma.croydon.sch.uk

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 3rd: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Teas & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am
Mass (Old Hall) 
- Mon: After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)
- Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: 1pm Lunch Club (Cent Hall)
8pm Journey of Faith
- Thurs: 7:45pm FHC Parents session
- Sun 10th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
9:15am FCH Children's session



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 & Bridie Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison & Christine Vernon.

LUNCH CLUB



Wednesday 6th May in Centenary Hall at 1pm. Menu this month is cottage pie and vegetables followed by treacle tart and custard and a raffle. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Dates for your Diary:

Next Parent's Session: 7th May 2015 (7:45pm)

Next Children's' Session: 10th May 2015

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Marie Young either via email on fnc.sacredheart@gmail.com



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL - VACANCIES

SENCO TLR 1b (£10,917)

Required from 1st September 2015

Closing date: Monday, 11th May 15. Interviews will be held on Monday, 18th May 15.

TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS (Full Time) and TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS (Part Time 0.4 - 0.6fte) required from 1st September 2015

Closing date: Tuesday, 5th May 2015. Interviews will be held Thursday, 7th May 2015.

COVER SUPERVISOR

required as soon as possible to cover maternity leave until the end of January 2016

Salary Scale 4/5 - Salary range £19,524 – £24,027 pro rata

Closing date Wednesday, 6th May 2015. Interviews will be on Wednesday, 13th May 2015. Please contact Janet Rigby, Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org to arrange a visit or an informal discussion with the Headteacher, Mr Mark Scully. Application forms are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org where further information on the school and department may be found.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.

Second Collections

Emergency Appeal from CAFOD

CAFOD has launched a £3 million emergency appeal following the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal on Saturday. An initial £100,000 has already been committed. The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), a coalition of leading aid agencies of which CAFOD is part, has also launched a joint appeal.

Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are now in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. The UN estimates that 8 million people (a quarter of the population) are affected. CAFOD is responding with Caritas Nepal and the Church and we have deployed a team to provide specialist support. We are particularly concerned for communities in remote areas that have not yet been reached and need to be ready to act quickly when access becomes possible. Support will also be needed for the long term - long after the television cameras have left - to enable communities to rebuild their lives and plan for the future.

I am very aware that members of parishes and schools communities across England and Wales have responded extremely generously to our recent Lent appeal which as you know will be matched pound for pound by the British Government. This generosity will enable many communities around the world to look forward to a more hopeful future in which they and their families can flourish.

Please use the CAFOD envelopes with your donation.

Thank you

Next Week we will have a Second Collection for the Parish Charity Fund. Please use your Parish Gift Aid envelopes.

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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Chair of Parish Finance:

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.co

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991
 kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

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 3rd	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
9:00am Mass	M Hinchy RIP (M Hinchy)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Frank Pullin RIP (A Pullin)
Monday 4th	<i>The English Martyrs</i>
10:00am Mass	Private Intentions (Peggy)
Tuesday 5th	
10:00am Mass	Chu Eng Eng (AR Edward)
Wednesday 6th	
10:00am Latin Mass	John Clifford RIP & Brian Finnegan RIP
Thursday 7th	
10:00am Mass	Secular Priest Common Fund
Friday 8th	
7:00pm Mass	Lewis Houlihan Ints (Day Family)
Saturday 9th	
10:00am Mass	Deceased members of D'Souza & Rodrigues Family (Mr & Mrs D'Souza)
Sunday 10th	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
9:00am Mass	Iris & Charles Bührmann RIP (L Roffey & Family)
10:45am Mass	Wil, Alvro, Ceci, Cele & Jack RIP (S Simpson)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

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 & Friday at 6:40pm

