

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter Week 3



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Month of the Holy Souls



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## Reflection for November - Month of the Holy Souls

Fr Kieran writes: If we must speak of a fire in Purgatory, the Bible itself suggests that it is God himself who is the fire—"a consuming fire", Isaiah tell us. After death we see clearly what we have made of our lives; the pettiness and selfishness of many of our ways stand clearly revealed; at the same time the goodness of God—a goodness utterly transcending all human goodness—is equally revealed in all its splendour.

Our human experience may suggest to us how painful such a meeting can be. Here is an illustration which may help. Suppose I have a friend, a great friend, who I know loves me deeply and is loyal to me through thick and thin. Then one day I fail my friend in a very selfish and treacherous act. I know my friend is aware of the depth of my treachery, and now I shrink from having to face my friend. Why? Precisely because my friend is such a good person and loves me so deeply. If my friend were shallow, it would be easier, much easier to face. Neither is it, that my friend won't forgive me; but the forgiveness -when it comes- will come out of a burning love that I will shrink from facing like a fire. When forgiveness comes from the heart of God, who is infinite love, how great then the fire, how painful the reconciliation.

The doctrine of the **Communion of Saints** tells us that those who now endure this searing encounter with God can be helped by our prayers. When I pray for my dead friend, my prayer and my love become their prayer and their love and they can somehow stand in the shade of the piety of another that becomes mysteriously their own. What a comfort this is—to know that the love with which we supported each other in life now reaches across the boundary of death to ease this searing encounter with the relentless burning love of God. It must be one of the most beautiful aspects of our Christian faith.

### A Parable

In the bottom of an old pond lived some grubs who could not understand why none of their group ever came back after crawling up the stem of the lilies to the top of the water. They promised each other that the next one who was called to make the upward climb would return and tell what is above the water line and what happens to him. Soon one of them felt an urgent impulse to seek the surface; he rested himself on top of a lily pad, and went through a glorious transformation which made him into a dragonfly with beautiful wings. In vain he tried to keep his promise. Flying back and forth over the pond, he peered down at his friends below. Then he realised that, even if they could see him, they would not recognise such a radiant creature as one of their number.

The fact that we cannot see our friends or communicate with them after the transformation we call death, is no proof that they cease to exist!



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

Sun: No Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:30am  
Tea & Coffee after 9.00 am (Old Hall) & 10:30am  
(Cent Hall) (Priscy Risely & Virgie Erese)

Mon: Tea/Coffee after the 10 am Mass in Old Hall  
7 pm Cubs in the Old Hall



Tue: 9.30 am Mother & Toddler Group  
6.30 pm Beavers in Old Hall  
7.00 pm: Men's Group 2 Church cleaning  
7.30 pm Scouts in Old Hall

Wed: 8.00 pm R.C.I.A.

Thu: 9.30: Primary School Mums socialising in Cent Hall.

Fri: 7 pm - 9 pm Youth Club Splash Disco for Ticket  
holders at Tandridge Leisure Centre.  
The Social Club is open from 7.30 pm-10.30 pm  
7.30 pm Silent Auction with Cheese & Wine in Bar

### Deanery Mass

The only Mass in the Deanery on Tuesday 12th will be at Redhill at 10 am to commemorate all the deceased clergy who served in various parishes across the Deanery.

### Church Cleaning - Men's Group 2

This Tuesday at 7 pm

Angelo Pires

Stacey Nash

Bijo Thomas

### Eucharistic Leaders

In a case of **absolute emergency**, where I was overcome by a sudden illness or worse, where every effort to find a supply priest at such short notice failed or where the supply Priest who was booked to cover holidays failed to turn up on a Sunday, the following parishioners would then lead a Eucharistic Service .

9.00 am :Rosemary Kinman

10.30 am: Elizabeth Wood

5.15 pm: Stephen Blunden

This Service would contain all the components of the Sunday Mass , including the Liturgy of the Word but **without the Eucharistic Prayer**. The Communion Hosts would have already been consecrated at an earlier Mass, be it here or in another church, and reserved in the Tabernacle. The Communion would be under one species . (no chalice). This Service under these conditions would fulfil the Sunday obligation, allowing the community to remain together as normal without having to scatter to outline parishes for Mass. This situation has indeed occurred in a few parishes within the Diocese and the above solution was applied quite satisfactorily with the full approval of Bishop Kieran.

### Cemetery Sunday

Blessing of individual graves at St Mary's on Sunday 17th at 3.00 pm, regardless of the weather. Please stand next to your loved ones grave and I will come to you.



Sunday 24th November

We need your good spirits!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS

This week we need **CHOCOLATE** and lots of it for our chocolate tombola . It can be boxes of treats to fun size bars.

Please leave any donations inside the box in the church porch.

### National Youth Day Mass

On Sunday 24th November, we plan to celebrate National Youth Sunday at the 5.15 pm Mass by inviting as many teenagers to participate in some way. Please email : marionhilltop@msn.com for more detail and offers of help.

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory £886(Gift Aid £356.23)

Average Mass attendance over 4 weeks = 670  
an increase of 90 over the same period last year

Do you know what Vatican II said about the Bible? Does it matter? (YES!) Why not find out?

Sign up for Jubilee meetings:

Sunday evenings (7.30 – 9 pm) 3rd, 10th, 17th November

Wednesday evenings (8 – 9 pm) 6th, 13th, 20th November

Thursday midday (1.30 – 3 pm) 14th, 21st 28th November

OR come to a "one off" condensed meeting on the 17th November from 3.30 pm to 5 pm in the Old Hall.

Sign up NOW!

Lists at the back of the church.

### Baptism Preparation Classes

Preparation Classes will be held on Thursday 14th & 21st November in the Old Hall at 8 pm. Pick up the yellow application form from the porch entitled: "Preparing for new birth"

Tickets for the Silent Auction and Cheese and Wine evening this Friday 8th November in the Bar, are now on sale. You can reserve your ticket by contacting Carina Cordina at [carinacordina79@gmail.com](mailto:carinacordina79@gmail.com). There are fantastic items up for grabs on the day including a pair of VIP tickets with VIP hospitality for Les Miserable a round of golf for four people at Surrey National Golf Club and Chocolart Gift Vouchers.

### Second Collection

Second Collection today for the Retired Diocesan Priest's Fund.

### Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is on Wednesday 6th. November Menu: Fish Cobbler and Veg. Followed by Eve's pudding . 12 .45

### Teas - 10.30 am Mass

It has been brought to my attention that the Centenary Hall following the teas/coffee after the 10.30 am Mass is being left in a messy state. Could those using it kindly leave it in the state they found it, swept clean with tables and chairs returned to their storage bay. Thanks

### Calling all Parish Musicians

The Parish music group leaders will be running a 'new music' rehearsal straight after the 10.30am Children's Choir mass on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** in the Centenary Hall bar. We would like to introduce some new hymns and mass settings into the 10.30am folk/children's masses SO...instead of Bring a Bottle, we'd like you to Bring a Song!! Please bring the music (preferably guitar chords and/or musical notes) for anything that you feel would be appropriate to introduce into the mass. We're also looking for new singers and musicians; so if you've got a burning desire to sing or play an instrument in Mass but felt too shy to do so, please do come along and meet with us in a more informal setting. For more information please contact Karen Rapps on 07761 561923

### Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeeble.

Pat Knight, Kathleen & John Saunders, Helen Keogh, Daisy Hill, Connie Cronin, Christopher Browne, Kit Monk, Krista Thompson, Jane Hill, Rosemary Whale, Michael Labonte, Leon & Sophie Kozlowski, Pam Weaver, Jimmy & Bridie Mullen, Jim & Bernie Horrocks, Margaret Robertson, Tess Gully, Heather Tordimah, Jenny Rower, Ken Archer, Jenny Trumper, Elizabeth Daley, Mary Tanner; Peter Hanley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Nicholas Crapp, Rose Knight, Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Avi Aaronson; Ian Lester; John Gilford;



### November Masses for the Holy Souls

We are reminded that the Church is not limited to this world but extends into the next as well. By praying for the dead, as we prayed for them when they were still with us, we are united with the "Communion of Saints." Holy Souls Mass envelopes for the names of your loved ones are now in the porch. Fill in the names and return the envelope back to the Priest enclosing £10 Stipend. The list will be placed on the altar during every Mass said during the month of November. The Mass itself will be said in due course.

### Caterham Food Bank - Planning Meeting

Having met with David Chadwick from Caterham Community Church last Tuesday, it became clear that the decision to isolate ourselves from the Caterham Food Bank was perhaps done in haste without having considered the deeper implications involved, especially Ecumenism and how this might be seriously affected. Having prayed together over the issue and having clarified our position in certain matters, it was agreed that the "Whyteleafe Food Bank" project be dissolved with immediate effect and we resume with Caterham Food Bank. Could I ask those who put their names down to volunteer as helpers to come to a planning meeting next Sunday 10th in the afternoon at 4.00 pm in the Old Hall.

### Christmas colouring competition

We are holding a colouring competition which will be judged by a local artist at our Christmas Fayre with prizes to be won. There are four age groups: 5 and under, 6-8yrs, 9-12yrs and 13-16yrs. Please collect colouring sheets in the church porch from today. Be sure to write your name and contact number on the back of the picture when it is completed and return to the entry box in the foyer. The closing date for entries is 23rd November. Any colouring medium can be used. Happy colouring and good luck.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Parish Office:**

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### **Parish Youth Club:**

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)  
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### **Chair of Parish Finance:**

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### **St. Francis Primary School:**

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

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Times Year C</i>
9:00am Mass	Gretta Brennan (Leigh Chambers)
10:30am Mass	Michael Chambers RIP (Family)
5:15pm Mass	Deceased members of the Catenian Association
<b>Monday 4th</b>	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
10:00am Mass	Fr David Tinsley R.I.P. (Neary)
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	
10.00 am Mass	Joan Brealey R.I.P. (Ruby)
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	
10.00 am Mass	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Anne Coniry R.I.P. (M Reilly)
<b>Friday 8th</b>	
10:00am Mass	John Gilford ( ill)
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	<i>Dedication of St John Lateran Basilica</i>
10:00am Mass	Peter & Terry Patterson's Ints. (Women's Group)
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times Year C</i>
9:00am Mass	Bert & Elizabeth Bailey R.I.P. (Denton)
10:30am Mass	Julio Avila R.I.P. (Simpson)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



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

**Lauds** Mondays at 9.45am

**Rosary** Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

**HEALING MASS with Benediction** every first Friday at 10:00am

