

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

30th March 2014

Psalter Week 4



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ART & FAITH

We enter into this fourth Sunday of Lent with the words of Samuel I: "not as man sees does God see." This is the story of Christ healing the blind man at the pool of Siloam. El Greco's rendition of this story, Christ Healing the Blind, but also reveals El Greco's artistic vision. In this early work, El Greco learning to see as he depicts perspective of bodies from all angles. Just as the blind man learns to see, El Greco is gaining his unique vision here.



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Christ Healing the Blind presents two main groups of people: Christ healing the blind man on the left, and the Pharisees clustered on the right, suspicious and protesting. Front and centre are the blind beggar's meagre possessions and a sniffing dog—perhaps his only loyal companion. Further back, two figures complete the circle, engaged in a pose of compassion and healing—God's mercy juxtaposed with the confrontation below. Placing Christ and the Pharisees on the left and right is a point of irony: the Pharisees, who are assured of their right vision, are in fact blind to the truth unfolding before them, while Christ reveals the truth on the left. Behind the Pharisees a sky of swirling clouds reinforces their disarray, but Christ's healing act takes place in front of a firm visual backdrop of stable architectural elements. Behind Christ, El Greco leads our eye to a vanishing point with a long row of arches, hinting that the sight Christ grants to the blind beggar is long-ranging and far. In contrast, the cluster of Pharisees obscures their own horizon, as their near-sighted vision lands on one another.

Finally, the four men gathered on the left seem unaware of what is going on. Here, El Greco inserts another kind of blindness: oblivion to grace unfolding before their very eyes. Their mild presence is perhaps more challenging than that of the Pharisees, who are lacking vision but not awareness.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Children's Liturgy 9am & 10:30am Masses
9:15-10:15 am First Holy Communion Session
Teas/Coffee: after 10.30 Mass G Adamson & D Lawless)

Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall. 

Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)

Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 - 10.30

Sun: Children's Liturgy 9am & 10:30am Masses
Teas/Coffee after 10.30 am (Isabel & Elisa Labonte)

Healing Mass with Benediction this Friday at 10.00 am

Waitrose Caterham Community Matters - please support St Francis as a local cause.

St Francis has been chosen as one of the nominated recipients for the community matters project at Waitrose in Caterham throughout April. At the end of your shopping you will receive a green token to vote for one of three nominated local causes. At the end of the month Waitrose will split a donation between the causes based on the number of tokens each receive. The more tokens the school gets in the box the bigger the donation they will receive. If you shop at Waitrose during April, even if it only to get your lunch or a newspaper, please remember to pick up/ask for a green token and put it in the box for St Francis and support our Catholic primary school. Thank you.

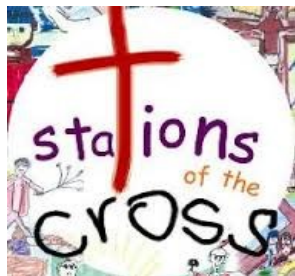
Baptisms

Next weekend I will welcome into the community and the life of faith through Baptism, Orlaith Hunter

Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross

There will be a dedicated children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday - 18th April at 11am to approx. 12 noon in the Centenary Hall. Parents are welcome to stay. However if you would like to attend the Adult Stations of the Cross in the main church you collect your children at the end. If the children would like to dress up, please come dressed as a disciple.

If you have any questions please contact Mirella on mdm99@tesco.net or Charlotte on charlottetorre@yahoo.com



Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment for another year during the Holy Thursday Mass at 8 pm.



Can you host our Italian students (11-14 years) this summer?

TGS Eurogroup is a charitable Italian student organisation supported by the Salesian Order of Don Bosco. Our young students come to England to improve their English, enjoy social activities, visit London and other places of interest.

We will give £17 per student per day to people who are able to offer these young people a home for the following dates:

Old Coulsdon: 3-26 July 2014

Caterham: 7-30 July 2014

If you are interested and would like further details, please contact: Mrs Rosslyn Hill Tel: 01883 381082

APF Red Boxes

Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the presbytery clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me by 27 April. Would any one in the parish who has a red box but does not have a promoter to collect their money please contact me. Moyra Brohier 342928, Local Secretary, APF Red Boxes.

Welcomers

Those performing welcoming duties at the various Masses on Sunday are now wearing "Welcomer Badges" so that they can be clearly identifiable and assist with whatever queries may arise and especially with new members to the Parish.

Communion to the sick.

There are a number of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who take communion to nursing homes, hospitals and private homes. If you are ill or have a sick friend or relative who would like to receive communion please ring the parish office or tell a Welcomer or Eucharistic Minister at church.

If you find it difficult to get to the altar for communion tell a welcomer when you arrive at church and communion will be brought to you in the bench.



Flowers: Second collection next Sunday at all Masses towards the cost of Flowers for the Church at Easter

Breakfast Club

20 members signed up for the Breakfast Club which will commence on Monday 23rd April, Feast of St George following the 10 am Mass in the Old Hall. Like St Patrick's Day, this Breakfast will also be free. Minutes of Leaven Group

CathCom

The latest edition of this Paper for Parents with children is now on sale in the porch. 50p

Thanks

"Very many thanks to all who sent Sympathy and Mass cards and supported us with their prayers following Albert's death. They are greatly appreciated. Apologies if I have missed thanking you personally. Ann, Annette and Beth Lardeur"

'Regina Coeli Primary School, South Croydon is looking for a substantive Headteacher for Sept 2014 (or January 2015 for the right candidate) L18-L24 (negotiable for exceptional candidate) attracts Outer London Weighting. See www.reginacoelschool.co.uk for more information or phone 02086884582.'



Parish Shop

Get ready for the end of the Lenten fast!
Yummy FairTrade chocolate Easter Eggs are now on sale, includes an Easter story book and a bag of milk chocolate buttons.

A Painless Way to Support our Parish!

Parishes are always looking for new ways for raising funds. This is the first time we have come across a method that doesn't cost the donor anything. 'Easy Fund Raising' allows users to give a small introductory commission to their favourite charity every time they make an internet purchase from some popular retailers, such as Apple, Amazon, Boden, John Lewis, M&S, Tesco, etc. There is no additional cost to the user and the charity receives a commission of between 1% and 3% of the value of the purchase. Our parish is registered with Easy Fund Raising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and all that you need to do is to register on this site, which doesn't take long. Then, when you next come to make an internet purchase, all you have to do is to click on the above site and nominate the "Sacred Heart Caterham" as your favoured charity and follow the directions to your chosen retailer's site. Everything else happens automatically, with the parish receiving a regular cheque for the total commissions earned, which we will report for information in the newsletter. We would be really grateful if you would support us in this way.

Please Note: Whyteleafe Road will be closed to parking next Sunday 6th April. (re-surfacing). Diversions will be in place.



Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;
Leon Kozlowski; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen;
Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson;
Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower;
Ken Archer; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Ian Lester; Christopher Miles & Pat McCoy; Olive & John Wood; Fabia Tallantire.

Jubilee meetings (Dei Verbum) – as advertised! – after the 5.15 Mass, (about 6.00 pm) in the Centenary Hall. This Sunday, 30th March, next Sunday, 6th April. Finish by 7.15!

LUNCH CLUB

This coming Wednesday 2nd. April at 12.45pm. In the centenary hall.

Menu: meat loaf, potatoes and vegetables. Followed by pineapple upside down pudding followed by coffee and a raffle, with hearty conversation and friendship included.

East Surrey Choral Society

With

soloists and orchestra from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama
Presents

Handel: 'Messiah' Parts II & III

St John's Church, Canons Hill, Old Cusdon CR5 1HA

Saturday 5th April at 7:30pm

Box Office: 01293 786358 or tickets at the door.

Adults (Including programme and refreshments), children under 14 enter for free



Wedding

Tobias Samuel **Cooper** & Kristine Dorinda **Xavier** celebrate their Marriage here this Saturday at 1 pm.

Parish Women's Group. Meeting on Friday 4th April in the Old Hall at 7.30pm.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory £861.50 (Gift Aid £370.72)

CONTACTS

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(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
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St. Francis Primary School:

Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy
Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)</i>
9:00am Mass	Holy Souls (Famoritade family)
10:30am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Patrick D'Souza RIP (C Wise)
Monday 31st	
10:00am Mass	Crispin Shorter RIP (Catriona)
Tuesday 1st	
10:00am Mass	Holy Souls (Joakim family)
Wednesday 2nd	
10:00am Mass	Canon Cooksey (foundation)
Thursday 3rd	
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Friday 4th	
10.00 am Mass Stations of the Cross	J & M Haugh 50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday 5th	
10:00am Mass	Eileen Kelly Ints (Jean)
Sunday 6th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Barbara McNulty RIP (Peter & Family)
5:15pm Mass	Frank Pullin RIP (Family)



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 returns after Easter) ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

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

