

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November 2014



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Weekday 35 Year II
1st Vespers of the
following Sunday Psalter
Week 1

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Reflection: The Sacrament of Penance

I'd hoped to say something at the homily time on this subject, but Archbishop Peter has pre-empted me with a pastoral letter.

As you know, our parish forms part of the Redhill Deanery, and as a Deanery, we, the clergy, have been reviewing how we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (also known as 'Confession' or 'The Sacrament of Reconciliation'). Advent and Lent are particularly important times for the celebration of this essential sacrament, and so we want to make it more available to you.

The Penitential Rite at Mass, and also communal penitential services without recourse to individual confessions are excellent ways to express our sorrow for less grave ('venial') sins. These do not, however, provide recourse for those who have need of more profound reconciliation.

So, it has been resolved that we need to be more accommodating in the deanery. Therefore, here in our Sacred Heart Parish we have arranged that visiting priests will be present during all Sunday Masses next Sunday, 7th December (Fr Gerard Bradley) and a fortnight after, 21st December (Fr Stephen Dingley) to give you a chance to go to confession to someone kind whom you will never need to meet otherwise.

In addition, there will be a hour or more at St Joseph's Redhill, when a number of priests (including me) will be present to hear confessions from 7pm on Tuesday 16th December. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

If it has been some time since your last proper confession, here is how to go about it.

- You can go face-to-face, or behind the screen. There are two doors to our confessional; the one nearest the altar is face-to face, the other has a screen which is now provided with a curtain to provide complete confidentiality.
- There is no need at all to begin with the traditional 'Bless me Father for I have sinned' (though please feel free to use it). Just tell the priest roughly how long it is since the last time you have celebrated this sacrament.
- And now tell your sins: it helps to say roughly how often sins occurred, and what, basically went on, though without going into unnecessary detail.
- The priest may give advice, and will give a penance which you need to say you accept or not (you can ask for another penance if you don't think you can do the one he asks).
- You say your Act of Contrition. If you don't know one, there should be one written up in the confessional which you can read, or you can make one up ('Lord I am sorry for my sins' or something like that), or you can ask to say one after the priest.
- The priest will give you absolution. At the end you say Amen, and then go to say or do your penance.

If this is all a bit intimidating, please just ask the priest to guide you through; he wants to help make this easy for you, and will certainly do so.



Advent Group

Wednesday mornings through Advent.
Meet at 10am in the Old Hall - 3rd, 10th and 17th December.

Prayer and Reflection Program by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Thursday evenings through Advent.

Meet at 7.30-9pm in the Old Hall. Beginning 27th November, 4th, 11th and 18th December.

'Reflections in the Baubles'. Course designed by Spiritual Director Helen Warwick.

Please see poster in the church porch.

Sunday evenings through Advent.

Meet at 7.30-9pm Godstone RH9 8JF. Beginning 23rd November, 30th Nov, 7th and 14th December.

Prayer and Reflection Program by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Please find the sign-up sheets with details in the church porch.



Coloma Parents' Association presents

A Traditional Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6 December ~ 12 to 4pm

A wide range of festive stalls and activities including

- Fun Fair Rides -
- Bouncy Slide - Bouncy Castle -
- Santa's Grotto - Mulled Wine & Mince Pies -
- Christmas Crafts - Christmas Plants -
- Cakes - Home Bakes - Toilettes - Books - Gifts -

Entrance £2 per family

Coloma Convent Girls' School
Upper Shirley Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 5AS
Registered Charity 1053147

'All I want for Christmas...' - A retreat for teenagers: 5th-7th Dec 2014

If you are in school years 7-9, you are invited to come away for a weekend to Worth Abbey. Come along to make new friends, play lots of games, ask some of those "big" questions about life, explore your faith and eat lots of cake! The retreat is run by the Lay Community of St Benedict in collaboration with the monks of Worth Abbey. The cost of the weekend is £78 but **subsidies are available**. For more info and booking forms, please contact Mary Hunt (mary_hunt@hotmail.co.uk).

Calling out for....

for adult helpers, ks2 upwards readers, infant Mary, Joseph & soloists.

We will have a rehearsal for the Nativity at 11.45am Sunday 21st December.

Please contact Tash on tashpalmer@hotmail.com if you can help. Thank you.



Fisher's Festive Fireworks

Saturday 6th December at The John Fisher Playing Fields, Plough Lane, Purley. Gates Open 5.30pm. Includes Mini Christmas Market, BBQ, Licenced Bar etc.
Tickets Adult £6, Children £5, Family Ticket £20.



Don't forget the Christmas Fayre on

Sunday 14th December 2014 after the 10:30am Mass.

We would be grateful for all of your donations (Bottles, cakes (on the day), jewellery, soft toys, unwanted gifts etc). If you can make any donations please bring them to the Church Porch as soon as possible.

There will be a meeting after Mass on **Sunday 7th December** for all those who can help.

Fr John Olliver RIP

We have now received confirmation from the family that Fr John's funeral will be at **11.00 am on Wednesday 10th December at St Joseph's, Redhill**. A reception to which all are welcome will be held at the new hall at St Joseph's. A committal will be held at the crematorium later in the afternoon in the intimacy of his family members.

Fr John will be received into All Saints', Oxted on Tuesday 9th December and there will be a Vigil mass at 7.30 pm followed by watching overnight. If you are available, please could you let Michael White-Howeles know what time you are able to be present. Fr John's wishes were to have his ashes interred in the rose garden in Oxted cemetery. There will also be a memorial celebration of his life in the new year. It's family's wishes that there should be no flowers but donations to St Francis School for the development of mathematics amongst the pupils there.

LUNCH CLUB



Wednesday 5th. December at 1pm in the Centenary Hall.

Menu: Steak and kidney casserole with herb dumplings, vegetables and new potatoes. The sweet is rhubarb crumble and custard. Followed by tea or coffee and a raffle.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory - £816.78 (Gift Aid - £310.23)

Second Collection - National Catholic Fund - £225.87

Seasonal drinks after 5.15 Mass on 7th December

You are cordially invited to join the leaven group for drinks and light refreshments. A chance to meet each other - new and old friends - informally. Please stay if only for a short time. For further details or if you wish to help contact: Janet D B jdoyleblunden@gmail.com or tel: 07746 783631

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 30th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9 & 10.30am Mass
Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass (I & E Labonte) 
11:30am St Francis School Fayre
- Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)
- Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: 10:30am Advent Group meeting
1pm Lunch Club (Cent Hall)
8pm Journey of Faith (Sacristy)
- Thurs: 7:30-9pm Advent Group meeting
- Fri: 7:30pm - 11pm Sacred Heart Club open
7:30 - 9pm Chill Club (Committee Room)
- Sun 7th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9 & 10.30am Mass
Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass (C & E O'Conner)
Christmas Fayre meeting after 10:30am Mass (Bar area)
2pm Christmas Panto - **SOLD OUT!**
After 5:15pm Mass - Seasonal Drinks

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

These gifts will be on sale after all Sunday Masses this weekend and the following Sunday. Each *World Gift* is a real example of CAFOD's work and when you choose one, you help to transform the lives of poor communities and families in developing countries. You will receive a beautifully illustrated card of your chosen gift, together with a presentation gift envelope to give to your loved one. What better way to share the spirit of giving at Christmas?



Caterham and District Churches Together invite you to a Christmas Lunch For the over 60's at The Douglas Brunton Centre, Caterham on Christmas Day, 2014 from 12 noon until 4 pm. If you would like to attend please RSVP by the 10th December. Please note they are unable to accept applications after this date. We look forward to hearing from you. For queries please contact Alan Turton on 01737 553385 Or by email to: alancatherineturton@blueyonder.co.uk Christmas Day 01883 347260).

Please join us for our

Christmas Carol Service

Central Hall Westminster,
London SW1H 9NH

Monday 8 December 200pm
Family and friends are very welcome



WOLDINGHAM SCHOOL



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

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen & John Gilford.

Second collection

THIS Sunday there will be a second collection for The Parish Charity Fund (Gift Aid envelopes can be used).

Next week the second collection will be for COAT (this is not a Parish Gift Aid collection).

Thank you.

Weddings



Congratulations to Bradley Queenan & Lucy Hargreaves who will be married this week.

East Surrey Choral Society


Present Handel: 'Messiah Part I'

Christmas music from the best known of all oratorios, carols for choir and audience and the 'Hallelujah' chorus.

Caterham Valley URC, Caterham, CR3 6SX

Saturday 13th December at 7:30pm

Tickets from the box office (01293 786358), at the door or online at www.escs.org.uk

As we reach the season for potential snow, please could we have some volunteers to come to Church to help clear and grit the paths if we do get snow or ice? If you can help please contact the Parish Office on info@sacred-heart.co.uk 

Mass Intentions

When submitting Mass Offerings we would be grateful if you could add your Gift Aid number to the information provided. Many thanks.

Carol Service

The Guild of Friends of St Lawrence's Church are pleased to welcome back again members of the Salvation Army's Croydon Citadel Band to play the carols at our Carol Service.

The service is on **Tuesday 9th December at 8pm** in St Lawrence's Church, Church Hill, Caterham and will be led by Father Seán Finnegan from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Caterham. Wine and mince pies will be served after the service. All welcome.

CONTACTS

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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Gift Aid:

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
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5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591
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Chill Club

Veronique Wood

Chair of Parish Finance:

Rayon Brown - raybrown2006@aol.com

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Nora Mai Daly RIP (M Liversage)
10:30am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Pat & Bill Webber (M A Kerry)
Monday 1st	<i>Monday in the First Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Bill Cartwright Jepson RIP (Leake Family)
Tuesday 2nd	<i>Tuesday in the First Week of Advent</i>
9:30am Mass	Joan Borrás RIP
Wednesday 3rd	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>
10:00am Latin Mass 12:00pm Funeral	Jane Windsor 70th Birthday (Windsor Family) Funeral of Anne Hamblin (No Mass)
Thursday 4th	<i>Thursday in the First Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Margaret Fahy RIP (M Flanagan)
Friday 5th	<i>Friday in the First Week of Advent</i>
7:00 pm Mass	Beryl Dickenson RIP
Saturday 6th	<i>Saturday in the First Week of Advent</i>
10:00 am Mass	Agnes Ralph RIP (G Barker)
Sunday 7th	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Jenny Searle (T & B Searle)
10:30am Mass	Oliver Farrell RIP
5:15pm Mass	People of The Parish

Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday at 9:40am & Friday at 6:40pm

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am – 11am

