



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Psalter Week 3

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Luke 20:27-38

Gospel Reflection

Last week in the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, we were reminded of the necessity of the virtue of humility, and how no number of good works, however excellent in themselves, can save us without the necessary faith in God's own power to justify us.

This week Zacchaeus, another tax collector, does not just ask God's forgiveness, but expresses it in deeds of very real faith and repentance, demonstrating by his works the faith that has come to birth in his soul. We are reminded that God does not save us because of who we are, but rather because of who He is. Our membership of a particular group, be it by being a good-living Pharisee or even a member of the Catholic Church will not by itself guarantee our salvation; there has to be a real turning from sin and a determination to live a life of virtue, that life for which sanctifying grace is intended. This grace comes through the sacraments, but to be able to benefit from it we must determine to act according to the grace we receive. For instance, our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance, but only if there is a real 'purpose of amendment'; a true intention to do our best to avoid those sins in the future, even though we may guess that it is very likely that we will fail. So, the good works that we do as a sign of our faith are themselves the fruits of God's own grace and certainly require our co-operation.

This week we will be celebrating two major feasts: of All Saints and All Souls. These ought to remind us that we are on a journey the end of which is out of sight, but not out of our knowledge. It reminds us that we need to live as people whose true homeland is not here on earth, but in heaven where Christ is, at the right hand of the Father, and to pray that, as in the case of Zacchaeus, salvation might come to our house, that we, who are lost, might yet be found.

Confirmation - The deadline for application forms has now passed. If you missed the submission date please contact the confirmation catechists. All applicants will be contacted shortly.

Pope Francis: "Peace is possible in Syria"

On **31st October** Pope Francis invites us to pray for peace in Syria and for its people as part of a global day of prayer for peace; to spread the message of peace, unity and hope and to call on those involved in peace negotiations to take these agreements seriously and make every effort to facilitate access to humanitarian aid.

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgmeOioRB1g&feature=youtu.be>

You may wish to pray for a few moments before your evening meal or set some time aside on Monday to Pray for Peace in Syria. Or if in London join Pax Christi, CAFOD and the Council of Lutheran Churches in the UK for simultaneous prayer vigils for peace at the [Foreign Office](#) (junction of Whitehall and King Charles Street) or the [Russian Embassy](#) (6-7 Kensington Palace Gardens) between 4pm - 5pm

We will also pray for Syria and other areas of conflict and injustice on **Friday 4th November** at the Rosary for Peace **6.30pm. All welcome.**

First Holy Communions

The deadline for application forms has now passed. If you missed the submission date please contact the First Holy Communion catechists on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com or speak to Fr Seán directly.

All applicants will be contacted shortly.

Please note Children should now stay in Church for the whole Mass and not go out for Children's Liturgy.



LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 2nd November at 1pm in the Centenary Hall, all welcome. Menu this month is Chicken Casserole, new potatoes and vegetables. For the dessert Chocolate pudding and custard. Tea/coffee with a raffle all for £4.

Schools forms after Sunday Masses. Applications for St Bedes & Coloma, who don't use a form, must also see Fr Seán.

Blessing of the graves - Fr Seán will be blessing graves in the cemetery after the 12.00 Latin Mass on Wednesday 2nd November at 1pm as well as next Sunday, 3pm in the cemetery.

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for The Retired Priests Fund. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid please use your purple envelopes.

Parish Film Club (SVP)

Our next film 'The Lady in the Van' will be shown on Monday 31st October at 2pm in the Old Hall. This film was released last year and stars Maggie Smith in the leading role. About 25 parishioners enjoyed last month's film, as well as tea and cakes at the interval. All are welcome.



St Francis' Primary, Caterham, judged as Good with Outstanding areas by Ofsted

The school has an open morning on Tuesday 22nd November for any prospective parents of children starting primary school in September 2017. The Headteacher will speak at 9.30am, tours will begin at 9.45am and finish at 10.30 am. Please telephone the School Office on 01883-342005 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you.

PEACE ROSARY FOR JUSTICE,

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

6.30PM FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

SACRED HEART CHURCH, CATERHAM

With so much strife and division in our World it is an opportunity to come together for a short time to pray and reflect on the need for Justice and Peace in our hearts and to remember many areas of conflict across the globe.

We will especially be remembering our brothers and sisters in areas of conflict around the World including;

SYRIA, ALEPPO, AFGANISTAN, IRAQ, YEMEN, NORTH & CENTRAL AFRICA

Please come along for prayer and quiet reflection on special peace and justice mysteries of the Rosary. 6.30PM – 7PM

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Calling all tax-payers – who are not already a member of our Gift Aid scheme. Maybe you have recently moved into the parish, or maybe you've just not got around to it. But by joining our Gift Aid scheme, 25p is added to every £1 you put in the weekly offertory. And last year this enabled the parish to collect an extra £12,000 from HMRC – very useful when lots of hefty expenses for church maintenance are cropping up.

To join is very simple. Fill in a form from the little Gift Aid box in the porch at the back of the church and pass it to the Parish Office. If you want to continue with weekly plate offerings then you will get a set of weekly envelopes. Or if you would like to donate by standing order, then there is a form to sign (or, easier, set up via your Internet banking – details from the Gift Aid Organiser).

Please make the most of your generous donations to the Parish. If you have any questions, contact Peter Kelly, Gift Aid Organiser, at peterfkelly67@gmail.com or 01883 330684.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £873.82 (Gift Aid: £367.77)

Second collection for MISSIO: £192.18

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 30th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
2pm SVP Film afternoon (Old Hall)
Tues: 10am Holy Day of Obligation
9:15-11:15am toddler group (St T's Hall)
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
1pm Blessing of the graves (St Mary's Church)
Fri: 6:30pm Peace Rosary
Sun 6th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass
3pm Blessing of the graves (St Mary's Church)



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 Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, 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, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Brenda Sharpe & Paul Lovell.

Books to South Africa

When the parish hymn books were replaced last year Fr. Sean kindly agreed to donate the previous supply to a parish in KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa.

They arrived in Durban with our container of about 14000 children's books a few weeks ago. A catechist, Maria Somai, at the parish of The Most Holy Rosary, xKwadukuza has sent an appreciative email thanking us for the hymn books and some second hand bibles donated from St Francis School which she uses with her catechism class.

St Francis School organised an amazing collection of used children's books (well over 1000) now distributed to various school libraries in the Kwadukuza area. We thank them and all parishioners who donated books.

Children's books no longer needed are always welcome and enormously appreciated by children in South Africa starved of reading material.

Mike and Eliz Wood(mjw@litnum.com)

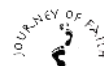


Parish Christmas Market – Sunday 20th November

With just three weeks to go now, we are again making a special request for bottles of any type. Please also have a look around at home for unwanted toys, gifts, jewellery and fancy goods. All these will be very welcome and early donations help stallholders with their preparations.

Please put the date of the Market in your diary. It will start after the 10.45am Mass on Sunday 20th November and finish at 3.00pm. All proceeds will be shared with CAFOD and the SVP, thereby supporting our neighbour in need, both local and global.

A special thank you to 'Blends Catering' who have donated a voucher for a speciality Blends cheesecake!



We are told that our faith is founded on love – but both Moses and Jesus gave us a plethora of commandments. What's going on? What are these commandments and what do they mean?

Join us for an elucidation of these and more – and of the readings for next Sunday

All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 2nd November, in the Old Hall

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Bishop Richard will lead a day for Ministers of Communion on 11th Feb in Arundel. This is an extra date as the other two days were full. Please sign the list in the porch if you would like to come. We need to book early. Transport will be arranged nearer the time.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 26th November 2016 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Year of Mercy*. **Please note venue:** at St. Andrews Hall, Medstead. GU34 5LX. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* by David Beresford of the Catholic Bible School "You feed them- sharing Christ's compassion"; 3.30 Reconciliation and *Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Christmas is coming - and Advent is nearly here! Take time off from the shopping and consider your spiritual needs! (remember the story of Martha and Mary?). Join an Advent group! Sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

Marriage Catechists Reflection Day: On Saturday 26 November from 10.30-15.30 join Bishop Richard for this day to develop this ministry for engaged couples for both experienced and new catechists. For booking or information contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Tel: 01293 651152 Email katherine.bergin@dabnet.org and www.dabnet.org

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th	<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Margaret O'Connor RIP (C & A Kelly)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Alex Joseph-Gabriel RIP (Ciccardini family)
Monday 31st	
10am Mass	John & Catherine Carey RIP
Tuesday 1st	<i>All Saints</i>
10am Mass	People of the Parish
7pm Mass	W.M Roe (Foundation)
Wednesday 2nd	<i>All Souls</i>
10am Mass	All Holy Souls
12pm Latin Mass	All Holy Souls
7pm Mass	All Holy Souls
Thursday 3rd	<i>St Martin de Porres & St Winifride</i>
12pm Requiem Mass	Chiara Johns RIP
Friday 4th	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
7pm Mass	John Handover RIP (N Handover)
Saturday 5th	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
10am Mass	John Henry McCoy (T McCoy)
Sunday 6th	<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Bert & Elizabeth Bailey RIP (Denton family)
10:45am Mass	Gretta Brennan (L Chambers)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday 9am to 10am
Rosary every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturdays: 9am – 10am
Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour after Saturday Mass
Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm