



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 31st January 2016
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isa 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8,
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Luke 5:1-11

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel has elements that continue on from last week's. We noticed last week that merely being a Jew (or, for that matter, a Catholic) is not enough to secure God's approval; in today's Gospel we hear the outrage of our Lord's own people in his own home town. It was unthinkable that he should remind them that God had on occasion preferred foreigners to them, and worse, that he, Jesus, was prepared to do the same.

It's a familiar complaint: 'it's not what you know, it's who you know.' It is something we instinctively know all about; the desire to be a bit special, to have inside knowledge, to play golf with the boss, to be on the inside circle...

Our Lord, though, has no favourites in that sense. On another occasion he even declines to interrupt his discourse even to speak to his own family who had come to see him. 'All those who listen to the word of God and keep it are my mother, my sisters and my brothers', he said. This of course included his own blood family, but the tie of blood gave that family no first place in his attention. And again, he urges that nobody who prefers father or mother to him is worthy of him.

This can seem hard. But like so much in the Gospel, our Lord sets the values of the world on their head. In the world, number one comes first, and then those close to one. But in the Kingdom of God, different rules apply. God has no favourites: all alike are his children who listen actively to his Word, and that Word is Jesus.

Consider the description of love that St Paul gives us in the second reading. This is not a description of an emotion that simply happens to me, but a really challenging action that we need to take seriously. It is a project to be put into effect consciously in our daily lives. If we have been patient, kind, not boastful or conceited, rude or selfish, if we have not taken offence or been resentful, and so forth, we might say that we have love in our hearts, or at least the sort of love that God is interested in. The experience of being 'in love' is something else, and for another purpose.

Does that mean that the father should feed the beggar and let his children go hungry, then? Of course not. But anyone should pay close attention to his standard of values and ask himself whether other needy people are actually paying the price for our overindulgence.

To our Lord's hearers in the Gospel today, Jesus would have seemed to be running against something absolutely fundamental in their common life and values; take care of your own people first. Our Lord encourages us to see all people as our own people. People talk now about the concept of a 'global village'; perhaps it has a longer pedigree than people thought.

Lunch Club

Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 1pm

Fish and chips will be served in the OLD HALL

with a home made cake and custard for dessert. The cost for this month only is £5. All welcome!



How do you feel about Reconciliation?
What about Reconciliation as a Sacrament?
Why go, what to do and all about it – agree
or disagree - **Join us for the discussion,**
All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 3rd February, in the Old Sacristy
(next to the Old Hall)

Are there one or two people out there who might be willing to help count the collection? It involves about an hour and a half on a Monday morning, and the more people who volunteer, the less often anyone has to do it. Please have a word with Jimmy Mullen, Fr Seán or the office.



Coloma Convent Girls' School
Upper Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 5AS
www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk

EXAM INVIGILATORS

**Part time - periodically throughout the year
for Coloma, The Quest Academy - Coloma Trust**

and The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy - Coloma Trust Experience preferred but training will be given if necessary. Applicants should have effective written and communication skills with the ability to keep calm under pressure and to be firm and fair at all times. An application form is available from Miss Sallie Trembath either by email strembath@coloma.croydon.sch.uk or by telephone 020 8654 6228 ext. 222. Closing Date: 12th February 2016
Please return forms to Mrs. M. Martin, Headteacher at the above address.

Traditionally we give things up during Lent – often booze or chocolate (depending on age or inclination!). It's not too difficult and not only does it do our soul good, but our health as well. How about something different this Lent? – time. Nobody has enough time, so it's a real sacrifice, but it would be enjoyable! Join one of the Lenten groups advertised in the church porch and sign up for the one that suits you best.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

Vacancy - Examination Invigilator
Immediate Start



Ad hoc - only required as and when the need arises. Flexibility in approach to work is required and availability to invigilate at short notice.

Monday to Friday - Term Time - Salary: £8.55 per hour
Further details and an application form are available by contacting the school, or can be downloaded from the school website. Visits are warmly welcomed and highly recommended - please contact Ms Adams, Personnel Officer / Staff Cover Coordinator on recruitment@stphils.org.uk.
Closing date: 12 noon, 26th February 2016 Interviews: Week beginning 7th March 2016

Volunteer List

We would like to put together a list of Parishioners that would be willing to give a little of their time to help set up and clear away tables, chairs etc, serve food or be on hand as and when needed. For example, we recently hosted the Senior's New Year's Lunch and the Ecumenical service, both of which needed a few tables and chair to be set up and cleared away. This would take no more than 15 mins and the help would make a great difference. Please contact Jo Waiton if you may be able to help - even if it's just one time! Email: waitoninnocent@talktalk.net

Parish Women's Group

There will be a Business Meeting in the Old Hall following the Parish Lunch on Wednesday 3rd February 2016. approx. 2.15 pm.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Please do not forget to genuflect (if you can!) with the priest before 'This is the Lamb of God'. I suggest that when you come up to the altar after the Our Father, that you stand at either end of the altar, where the purification cloths wait for you. Then if you need to steady yourself to genuflect, you can.

The 9am Leaven Group

The 9am Leaven group will be meeting after the 9am Mass on Sunday 7th February. If there is anything you would like us to discuss please mention it to one of the group, Pat Magnus, Mark Ryland, Joy Cutler, Moyra Brohier, Cheryl Daly, Rosemary Kinman, Frances Roberts, Richard Williams, Val Williams, Rosemary Kinman. Tree Dodington or Michele Anderson. Alternatively speak to the Welcomer who will then speak to one of the group.

Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday February 6th at 1pm in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP.
Email: casamariapita@aol.com. Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

Rediscover Your Marriage -

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 11th - 13th March 2016. email; info@retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £979.41 (Gift Aid £441.45)
Second collection: £194.57

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 31st: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45 Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
3:45pm First Holy Communion session 4B

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

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

Wed: 1pm Lunch Club (Old Hall)
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Thurs: 7pm SVP meeting (Old Hall)

Fri: 7pm Youth Club (Old Hall)

Sun 7th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45 Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Youth Club Friday 5th February - 7pm-8.30pm, Centenary Hall



This month we will be having a board games night, so bring along your favourite game (nothing with a screen) and challenge your friends. We'll also be having a 'Twister' championship. Youth Club is open to children in school years 3 to 6 inclusive (juniors). Entry is £1. All children **must be signed in and out.** To register, or for further details, please contact Mel Flaherty at youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com



HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TLR responsibility 1c £9,285 required from 1st September 2016

The Governors wish to appoint from 1st September 2016 a full time Head of Religious Education to make this outstanding department (Ofsted Section 48 2013) even better. The Head of Department will need to be a practicing Catholic and enthusiastic and willing to assist an established chaplaincy team in the spiritual and liturgical life of the school. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a department consistently rated as 'outstanding' by the diocese. Please contact Janet Rigby, Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org to arrange a visit or an informal discussion with the Headteacher, Mr Philip McCullagh. Salary payable is on the Teachers Main Scale, including Outer London Weighting. Application forms and job details are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfishersschool.org where further information on the school and department may be found. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby by the closing date: Monday, 8th February 2016. Interviews will be held Friday, 12th February 2016. *The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.*

Dialogue and Unity Adviser:

The Pastoral Team is currently advertising to fill a vacancy (.5FTE) for a Dialogue and Unity adviser. The post is based at Dabcec, Crawley, but will require ability to travel across the diocese. Applications and further details of the post may be obtained from Deacon Andrew Bayes at Dabcec andrew.bayes@dabnet.org or from Mgr Tony Barry tony.barry@dabnet.org The closing date for applications is **Monday 22nd of February 2016.**

Illuminate @ Worth Abbey: 19-21st February

A weekend retreat for young people in years 9-13. Over the weekend we will be exploring Psalm 26 and unpacking what it means for us today. The weekend will include inspiring talks, time for discussion, participation in the Monk's prayer, time for space and prayer, lots of yummy food, praise and worship, silly games and time to chill out and get to know each other. It is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith through making friends and having a whole lot of fun in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey. Please email francescacarbone@btinternet.com for further information and to book email toc@worthabbey.net.



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; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman, Maureen Kelly, Val Williams, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Second Collections

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for The Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Newsletter hardcopies

If you have internet access please sign up to receive the weekly newsletter via email. We will be reducing the number of hardcopy's in the porch, to help bring down the cost of printing. If you cannot sign up via the website please email the office. Please continue to take a newsletter if you do not have internet access.

Emergency access :- Following recent emergencies during Mass we ask all parishioners to park only in marked bays to allow access to emergency vehicles. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



We will be meeting again at the end of the month but in the meantime, please remember that all candidates should be attending Mass at The Sacred Heart Church and need to collect a badge from a catechist **before** Mass and **return** it after Mass. **If you are late for Mass** and are unable to get a badge please find a catechist at the end of Mass.

Could we also remind parents that all children should be guided through Mass and supervised at all times. If you have younger children please ensure that the FHC candidate is left with a responsible adult.

If you haven't already signed up for your sessions please email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com with your preferred dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31st January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4B
Saturday 27th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5A
Sunday 28th February 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 5B
Saturday 19th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6A
Sunday 20th March 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 6B
Thursday 14th April 2016, 8pm - 9pm - Parent Session (Old Hall)
Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7A
Sunday 24th April 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 7B (Scouts, Cubs & Beavers please be aware that there will be a St George's Day parade on 24th April so you will need to attend the 23rd April session)
If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com.

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(First Friday during school term. 7pm)

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Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st	<i>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Finbar Collins RIP
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Eileen & Michael Tully (A Walker)
Monday 1st	<i>Feria</i>
10am Mass	Walter Masservy (Foundation)
Tuesday 2nd	<i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>
10am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Mullen Family)
Wednesday 3rd	<i>St Blaise</i>
10am Mass	Anne Lanario Ints (M Livermore)
Thursday 4th	<i>Feria</i>
10am Mass	Ruby Gornall Ints (P Harris)
Friday 5th	<i>St Agatha</i>
7:00pm Mass	Michel LaBonte (Family)
Saturday 6th	<i>Sts Paul Miki & Companions</i>
10:00am Mass	Ruby Gornall Thanksgiving (Kit & family)
Sunday 7th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Jimmy Mullen Ints (F Roberts)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Kay Cleary (A Walker)



Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 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