



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 4th December 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Third (Gaudette) Sunday in
Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Gospel Reflection

Brood of vipers; who warned you to flee from the retribution that is to come? One thing one can say about St John the Baptist is that nobody could accuse him of being shy or diffident! There are at least two themes in today's Gospel, both of which need addressing. The first concerns John's strange comment that God could 'raise children of Abraham from these stones'. What he is criticizing is the complacent attitude of many Jews that, because they were the physical descendants of Abraham, God would take them to heaven when they died. In other words, they thought retribution was for the Gentiles, not for the Jews; it was merely enough to be a member of the club and everything else would be fine. This is an attitude that is sometimes to be found also among Catholics; some believe that it is merely enough to have the label 'Catholic' to be saved, or even the simple label 'Christian'. When asked whether he went to Mass on Sunday, the Italian taxi driver famously remarked 'sono Cattolico, non fanatico'; I am a Catholic, not a fanatic. Well, says St John, that simply is not enough, which brings us on to the next point.

John's baptism was about repentance but, he observes, it is not enough simply to make the gesture of repentance, without the internal and external actual turning away from sin that the gesture implies. John thinks that the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to receive his baptism of repentance have no real intention of turning away from their sins, but will simply carry on as before, though with the added kudos of having publically beaten their breasts and had people think them to be holy. No, says St John, it is not enough to make empty gestures; the repentance has to be real and to bear fruit in good works or, he warns, the coming Messiah will cut down those barren fruit trees and cast them into the fire.

The message of today's Gospel, then, is a stern one. Our faith, our repentance, has to be real, active and fruitful if we intend that our Lord will recognize us as true children of Abraham, our father in faith, when he comes to take us home.

Magnificat - There are copies of Magnificat available for sale in the shop. This booklet contains all the mass readings and devotional readings for a month. It is pocket size and is very popular.

First Holy Communions



Don't forget to see your catechists to collect your badge at the start of Mass and return it afterwards. If you are late for Mass and miss the badges being handed out, please see a catechist at the end of Mass.

Parents don't forget to guide your child through the Mass to increase their understanding and preparation.

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

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Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT). This is NOT eligible for Parish Gift Aid, however COAT will provide their own envelopes for you to use in the porch.

Do you or does someone you know have a talent for managing people and a desire to help young people in your community?

5th Caterham Scout Group is a thriving, dynamic and very well-structured organisation of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, based at Sacred Heart Church in Caterham. The success of our group is thanks in no small part to the work of our late Group Scout Leader (GSL), Paul Lovell, whose passing has left a need for someone to help co-ordinate the volunteers who run the group's three sections. The voluntary role is highly flexible and requires someone, male or female, who can liaise with: the Scout Association at District level, the group's executive committee, the section leaders and with the church, which sponsors the group. The successful candidate would not need to attend the weekly Beaver, Cub and Scout meetings and would receive comprehensive support and training from the District. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Peter Lovat on 01883 345749 peter_lovat@yahoo.com or Tim Evans on tim201@icloud.com

Parish Christmas Market - Grand Raffle winner

Please could Nuria Foxant or anyone that knows her please contact the office as soon as possible as the Large Hamper is still to be collected.

Saturday 31st December New Years Eve Party 8.00pm - 1.30am

Bring your friends and family to celebrate the New Year Professional DJ and finger buffet

£10.00 per adult, £5.00 per child (up to 14 years)

£25.00 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)

£40.00 group ticket (5 adults)

Tickets available after 10.45am Sunday Mass

or contact sue.fanthome@gmail.com

Church Cleaners

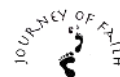
Would you be willing to join the Church Cleaning rota only a couple of hours every few weeks would make a difference to our longstanding rota members.

If you could get a few friends to join, it makes a nice social occasion while doing something helpful. Perhaps you could make it a family activity and work together for your Church.

Parish Womens Group

Friday 9th December Business Meeting and Social 7.30pm - 10 pm Old Hall. All welcome.

Every Wednesday morning at 8.30am we will be joining together with our brothers and sisters from the other Christian communions in Caterham to pray for the town. The location will circulate through the participating churches, using their usual form of morning prayer; until the new year, we will meet at St Luke's Whyteleafe. Everyone is very welcome (in fact warmly encouraged) to come along.



Mary, Mother of God. Who was she and why do we venerate her?

No Mary – no Jesus!

Join us for this and Advent thoughts with the readings for next

Sunday **All welcome!**

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 7th December,
in the Old Hall**

SVP Request

Would anyone be free to drive four senior members of the Parish to a Christmas afternoon tea at St Bede's School, Redhill, on Tuesday 13th December, 12.30-2.30pm? This task could easily be combined with a hour or so of shopping in Redhill. If you are able to offer to do this, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible, and leave your name and telephone number. Thank you.

St Lawrences Ecumenical carols

Service at 8pm on Tuesday 13th December at 8pm. Refreshments and Salvation Army band. All welcome.

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 7th December at 1pm. Menu this month is Steak Casserole with herb dumplings, New Potatoes and Vegetables. We are having a cheese-cake donated by Peggy Wheeldon for pudding. All followed by Tea or Coffee and a raffle.



Price £4 All welcome for good food and company.

APF Red Boxes

You may have seen requests for the return of the red APF boxes. Have you every wondered what this is? It is simply a money box that you keep at home for your odd small change you may have in your pocket or in the bottom of your bag. Once full you bring it back to Church for collection by our APF representative Moyra. The monies collected will then be sent to help support the Overseas Missions. It's easy to fill these boxes without realising it and it's not too intrusive. Please contact the office if you would like to have a box at home. Thank you.



Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £857.02 (Gift Aid: £310.50)

Second collection (Cathedral Fund): £295.98

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 4th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass
after both Masses Christmas Fairtrade stall

Mon: Teas & coffee after Mass
7:45pm Justice & Peace Meeting (Old hall)

Tues: 9:15-11:15am toddler group (St T's Hall)

Wed: 8:30am Christian Community prayer group
(St Luke's Church)
1pm Lunch Club
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)

Thurs: 7:30pm SVP meeting (Old Hall)

Fri: 7pm Parish Women Group meeting (Old hall)

Sat: 11:30am FHC session 2 group A

Sun 11th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only
10:45am Youth Mass
Coffee and Tea after the 10:45am Mass

Parish Shop



Please don't forget to come and have a look in our Parish Shop. We have a beautiful selection of Christmas Cards (as well as occasion cards) and lovely presents to purchase.

Kimilili Christmas Card

Allison Pullin has kindly created a beautiful Christmas Card to send to the priests and parishioners of St Leo the Great parish, Kimilili, Kenya. It features one of the angels from the paintings behind the altar in the Sacred Heart. It is displayed in the porch. Insert sheets for the card are also available. All are invited to sign/send a message to our fellow Catholics in Kenya. Before Dec 9th please.

Spiritual Gifts of Ageing from Friday 6th January 2017 to Sunday 8th January 2017

The actress Bette Davis famously said - ageing is not for sissies! But what is it for?

It's so easy to see growing older as simply a succession of losses: of the looks and strength of your youth; of the careers, roles, status that have defined our adult identities; of fitness, health, memory...a period of decay and decline. But this is a mistake! In fact, what we lose as we age are only the material things that so easily dominate busy lives. Psychological research identifies these losses as necessary, if we are to move from a focus on the material to the spiritual: things we must let go of if we are to complete the human development journey into the peace and joy, the serenity that is spiritual fulfilment.

This retreat explores the way in which ageing invites us to re-align from the material to the spiritual, and the ways in which human psychology can support that journey. And in the process, ageing is revealed as one of God's most wonderful gifts - if only we embrace it! £185.00 Residential / £98.00 Non Residential

For more information please contact St Cuthman's Retreat & Meeting Centre enquiries@stcuthmans.org



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 & Breda Sharpe.

Carol service 21st December

A number of readers are needed for the service. If you would like to read please leave your details on the sheet in the porch. It is always good to have different ages represented. This is for everyone - you do not need to be a regular reader just willing and able. contact Eliz - elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com /01883 348081

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

If you are a reader or Minister of Communion please sign the sheet in the porch if you are coming to one of the Christmas Services. With 5 Masses and a number of visitors your services are in demand.

TODAY the Justice and Peace Group will be holding a special Christmas Fairtrade stall in the Old Hall after the 9am and 10.45am Masses, selling food and gifts please do come along. Thank you

Listening with the Ear of the Heart Retreat led by Bishop Richard Moth from 2pm on Monday 16th January 2017 to 2pm on Tuesday 17th January 2017

The retreat will focus on teaching and practical experience of Lectio Divina.
£110.00 Residential

Justice & Peace - The next meeting will be on Monday 5th December at 7:45pm in the Old Hall.

Christmas is coming!

SIGN-UP NOW!!

A great way of preparing spiritually for the great feast of Christmas is to use the diocesan Advent booklet - either alone, or better still with other members of the parish. Booklets can be bought from the repository at the back of the church, and there are a number of venues and times which can be found on the sheets at the back of the church. Find a friend and sign up today!

The John Fisher School - Vacancy

Clerk to the Governing Body - Required as soon as possible closing date Thursday, 15th December 2016. Interviews will be held week commencing 9th January 2017.



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St. Francis Primary School:
Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Madge Burke RIP (Jones & Crispin family)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Palma Ferri Hilton RIP
Monday 5th	
10am Mass	Thomas Davitte RIP
Tuesday 6th	St Nicholas
10am Mass	Agnes Ralph RIP (G Barker)
Wednesday 7th	<i>St Ambrose</i>
10am Mass	George & Kathleen Watts RIP (J Watts)
Thursday 8th	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>
10am Mass	A Britton Ints (N Handover)
7pm Mass	People of the Parish
Friday 9th	<i>St Juan Diego</i>
7pm Mass	Sheehy Family (Foundation)
Saturday 10th	
10am Mass	Agnes Mendonca Ints (D'Souza family)
Sunday 11th	<i>3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Jenny Searle RIP (B&T Searle)
10:45am Mass	Glyn Jones RIP (P Jones)
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