

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th October 2015



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Psalter week 3

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-eight Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11

Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Heb 4:12-13

Matt 5:3

Mark 10:17-30 or Mark 10:17-27

### Reflection

I think that there can scarcely be a priest who has not regretted at some time or other (usually when confronted with a particularly hard or sad case) that the Lord has said what is found in today's Gospel. The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too. Often in these cases, people will speak of the 'teaching of the Church' being against remarriage, and so of course it is, but there is no getting away from the fact that it is not the Church that said it first, but it is the explicit teaching of Jesus Christ himself, true God and true man.

And it is also true that the Catholic Church is, I think (though I wouldn't swear to it), the only Christian communion that keeps to this teaching in all its rigour. The Orthodox will remarry divorced people in church (though subsequent marriages are not regarded as sacramental, and the ceremony has a penitential character) and so will the Anglicans and, I think, most Protestant groups. Why? Well simply, I suppose, that they regard the teaching as too difficult for people to bear. And sometimes I am bound to agree that it can be horribly difficult for some.

There are, though, some things that one should observe. The first is that, as the saying goes, the Lord will not burden us beyond our strength (though even Blessed Mother Teresa said that she wished the Lord did not trust us so much!). The second is to understand that Christian moral teaching is designed for an ideal situation—one size fits all—and people simply are not all the same; they come in different shapes and sizes, and inevitably one must sometimes come up with different answers in the practical sphere. The third is that things like this which look like God simply trying to make life difficult for us are not like that at all. Marriage is intended to be a lifelong and lifegiving community of love which is for the blessing and salvation of man and wife; used properly, that is exactly what it is in even the most unpropitious situations. God always wants the best for us, and sometimes the best solution is not going to be easiest; every parent surely would say the same about their children.

But in the end, none of us can be smug or condemnatory about others. If people are trying to do the best they can in difficult circumstances, whatever difficult decisions have been made, and however, and with whom-ever they live, they need and deserve our prayers, support and friendship. 'Let whoever who is without sin cast the first stone.'

### Liturgy day with Catherine Christmas

10th Oct 10.00am - 5.00pm at St Ambrose, Warlingham.  
The day is aimed at readers in the morning and musicians in the afternoon. There will be a poster in the porch with further details. If you are interested in taking this opportunity which is so close to home contact Eliz Wood at [elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com). Catherine Christmas is the Liturgy Advisor for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.



**LUNCH CLUB:** Wednesday 7th October in the Centenary Hall at 1pm all welcome to enjoy good food and company. Menu this month is chicken casserole, vegetables and potatoes. The sweet is apple pie and custard, followed by tea or coffee and a raffle.

**Pontifical Mass for Feast of St Philip Howard:** Bishop Richard will celebrate Pontifical Mass for the Feast of St Philip Howard, Co-Patron of the Diocese on Sunday 18th October at 3pm. For more information contact Arundel Cathedral.

**Reflection Day for Year of Mercy - 'Christ looks at us with Mercy and calls us to Discipleship':** Saturday 14 November from 10am-4pm at St Theresa's School, Effingham, Surrey RH5 6ST. Tickets £10. To book contact David Wills on 01293 651157 or email [david.wills@dabnet.org](mailto:david.wills@dabnet.org).

Room at the inn? Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 020 7739 6292.

PNL will be offering a group for bereaved people to enable them to talk about their loss and how it is affecting them. The sessions will be facilitated by members of the Bereavement Team but areas of discussion will be put forward by members of the group. This group will run on the second Tuesday of every month commencing on 10th November. We will meet after 10am Mass, 10.30am - 12.00pm in the meeting room at St. Joseph's. For further information please contact Maureen on 07759 795319 or Nicki on 07753 661791



Next Sunday 11th October, Bishop Richard will be coming to our parish to celebrate the 5.15pm Mass, remembering Fr John Gwynn, on the centenary of his death in the First World War.

If you would like to contribute to the celebrations, we would welcome donations of: 'Slab Cakes' - Chocolate / Fruit / Madera (please advise if using nuts etc) Multi-packs of crisps. Or if you are able to help with some table decorations, please call Jo Waiton on 020 8660 9129.

Called by Name - Exploring the call of Christ: Young Adults Retreat (18-35s) @Worth Abbey 23rd -25th October. For more info, contact A&B Vocations via: [admin@ewellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:admin@ewellspringbrighton.org.uk) or call 07595761483

### School forms

Fr Seán will sign school forms after all Sunday Masses. Please bring the appropriate documentation with you.

### The Life of William Cobbett

Friday 9th October.

A Talk by Katherine Stearn on The Life of William Cobbett 1763-1836. How a Surrey ploughboy defied social constraints to become the most feared journalist of his day. To be held in the Old Hall at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

If you have a bike/scooter/buggy that you've been meaning to sell but still not got around to it, let us sell it for you and all sales will go to the diocesan refugee appeal. Items will be collected on Sunday 11th October after each of the masses. Please bring them to the church car park. If you're looking for a bike/buggy or scooter, please come and grab a bargain, all the money is going to a very good cause.



### St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 6th October 2015 from 6pm to 8pm.

### THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL - vacancy

SITE ASSISTANT required as soon as possible  
Salary Scale 3/4 - Salary range £18,045 - £21,552 full time equivalent

The school is currently looking to employ a permanent Site Assistant to work with the Site Supervisor to ensure that the school grounds and premises are a clean, tidy, safe and well maintained environment. The hours are 20 per week, all year round. These hours are to be worked 7am - 11am but flexibility is required. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Janet Rigby, Office Manager on [jrigby3@suttonmail.org](mailto:jrigby3@suttonmail.org) by 12 noon on the closing date Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.



World Youth Day: The next World Youth Day will be celebrated in Krakow, in July 2016. Young people 15-30 can go in a group; 18-30 as individuals. The cost will be £450, all-inclusive. Would there be interest among our young people to making up a group? Please let the office know. You can find out more on [www.WYD.org.uk](http://www.WYD.org.uk)

On a similar theme, our parish seems not to have a tradition (recently anyway) of getting involved in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Would there be interest for this coming year? The A&B pilgrimage is generally acknowledged to be one of the best available; there are places for able pilgrims as well as the sick. There are places for those who want to work with the sick (one of the best ways to make the pilgrimage), doctors and nurses (of whom we have plenty in our parish) being particularly welcome. There is a children's group, to enable parents to participate without having to constantly manage their childcare. There is a particular role for the 16-18 age group, the 'redshirts', for which there is fierce competition for places. The cost tends to be in the £600-700 range, but there is plenty of time now to start raising money. Sick people and the young should not let cost be a reason not to go: the parish will help if necessary.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
Engaged and Active  
Turning Concern into Action

The next SVP is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm in the Old Hall. All are welcome to attend.



### Baptisms

Adam Thompson will be Baptised next week. Please keep him in your prayers.

### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory: £796 (Gift Aid £277.85)  
Second collection : £138 (Gift Aid £981.60)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 4th: Children's liturgy at 9am only  
10:45am Youth Mass  
Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Mon: Teas & Coffees after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.

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

Thurs: 8pm SVP Meeting (Old Hall)

Fri: Deadline for First Holy Communion forms  
7:30pm The Life of William Cobbett Talk (Old Hall)  
7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open

Sun 4th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses  
Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

## Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Feast Day. This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid, CAFOD have provided their own envelopes for your use.

## Thomas More Roman Catholic School 11-19

Open evening for Year 7 2016 entry  
Thursday 8th October 2015, 6pm - 9:30pm



## School vacancies

Midday Supervisors 12:15-1:45pm term time only.  
Exam Invigilators - Ad hoc  
Closing date for both 9th October.

Application forms and further details are on the website:  
[www.tmore.org.uk](http://www.tmore.org.uk)

## A & B News

Should any Parish organisations wish to have their events mentioned in the A & B News would they please contact Peter Patterson on 01883 348380 as he is short of feed back!

St Francis' School will be holding two Open Mornings for prospective parents on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 12th November 2015. The Headteacher will address parents at 9.15am, followed at 9.30am by a tour of the school. Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office.



## Confirmation 2015

Confirmation Certificates for all the candidates who were confirmed this year are ready for collection at the back of the church. Can you please collect between this week and next week.

Any envelopes that have not been collected after the 5:15 pm. mass next week will be put into the office for you collect when you can. Please check the website for the days and hours that the office will be opened.



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, Sheila French & Val Williams.



You say the Creed every Sunday. Have you ever considered it? Do you know what it means? Incarnation? Consubstantiation? (Part two) **Join us** for an elucidation of this and more – and of the readings for next Sunday

**All welcome!**

**8.00pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October,  
in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



Registration forms will be available after all Masses today. The deadline for submission is **9th October 2015**. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. Forms will only be available after Mass - they will not be on the website. Your children will need to be baptised and your family must be registered with the Parish.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 15th October 2015, 8pm - First parents' meeting**  
**Sunday 18th October 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child Session 1A.**  
**Saturday 24th October 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 1B.**  
**Saturday 7th November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 2A.**  
**Sunday 8th November 2015, 10:45am - Enrolment Mass**  
**Sunday 8th November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 2B.**  
**Saturday 21st November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 3A.**  
**Sunday 22nd November 2015, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 3B.**  
**Saturday 28th November, 4pm - First Reconciliation (all children)**

All sessions will be in the Old Hall. As you will note each session is run twice. Candidates will need to commit to either session A or B.  
If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com).



The Cedars School is holding an Open Morning on Saturday 10th October 2015 between 10am and 1pm. The Cedars is a new all-boys independent secondary school with a Catholic ethos

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**Chair of Parish Finance:**

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

**Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:**

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**Parish Youth Clubs:**

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)  
 Mel Flaherty  
 youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

**5th Caterham Scouts**

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591  
 paul\_lovell@rocketmail.com

**Chill Club**

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)  
 Veronique Wood

**St. Francis Primary School:**

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler  
 01883 342005

**THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (Peggy)
10:45am Mass	John Ryan RIP (S & M Flanagan)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 5th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Theresa Adegbesan Ints
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Raymond Walker Ints (G Walker)
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (P Lucus)
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Fr Stewart Platt Ints (C Lunn)
<b>Friday 9th</b>	
7pm Mass	Nigel Dempster RIP
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Souls in Purgatory (D'Souza family)
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<i>Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Fred Hudson RIP (J & T Cutler)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Fr Gwynn SJ



**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30 – 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