## **OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER**



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ART & FAITH

CATERHAM PARISH

Death threatens life in the story of Resuscitation of Lazarus invites us ing collision of styles: the figures re-

icons, while the background, colern, vivid quality. This is the here and now, much like the our present day.

Vaszary isn't as much telling the heart of it. Instead of a narrative, bolized by these figures. On the ploring are Martha and Mary the raising of Lazarus, and János Vaszary's into the scene. This 1912 painting is a strikcall the standardized style of Byzantine

> our, and expression have a modrevered tradition unfolding in Gospel message seeks to imbue

> story as inviting us into the he offers three key realities symleft, the women crying and imfolding us into the sorrow of

fear and loss as their brother is consumed by illness. In the middle, Lazarus hangs naked and limp in the arms of an imposing figure in red – Death. Lazarus's body brings to mind the body of Christ off the cross, an anti-Pietà with a body that is held here not by a sorrowful mother but a triumphant and defiant Death. On the right, Jesus and the disciples enter to stop him.

Jesus, hand held up in blessing, stops Death in his tracks. As his disciples look to him in wonder, Jesus looks out at us, with a steady confidence that humbles Death's assumed triumph. Christ addresses us, the viewers, with eternal truth: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

A notable expression of the modern style of this icon is the background. Instead of solid gold, we see a dawning sky, another sign of the awakening that is taking place. In the Gospel passage, Jesus teaches the disciples about walking by day versus stumbling at night. With the dawning sky, we can anticipate a steady road ahead, a sure way that leads to salvation and fullness of life. There is powerful symbolism here as Christ's own path will soon lead him to Jerusalem, Golgotha, and the cross. Knowing the way ahead, Jesus' act of faith is profound encouragement to dare to look further down the road and trust in God as the Author of Life.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we may be at different points along the way: wailing with the women in our sorrow, in the grip of death like Lazarus, wondering at the possibility of faith like the disciples, or facing a hard road ahead. Christ engages us from the painting directly: I am the Way; follow me to the fullness of life.



#### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun: Children's Liturgy 9am & 10:30am Masses Teas/Coffee: after 9 am & 10.30 Mass (Isabel & Elisa Labonte)
- Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall. Final Chapter of Verbum Dei at 10.30 am



- Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 10.30
- Sun: Palm Sunday Teas/Coffee after 10.30 am (Sue & Mark Fanthome)



Next Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed and distributed at every Mass. The 10.30 am Mass will start in the Centenary Hall and will have a Procession of sorts back to the Church. At this Mass the children will play a prominent role. In order to facilitate the procession, car park restrictions may apply.

#### **Parish Community Reconciliation Service**

The annual Easter Preparation Parish Reconciliation Service, which has grown to be immensely popular in the manner in which we do it here, takes place next Sunday at 3.30 pm. Fr Rory Kelly will be in assistance and will also hear private Confessions in the box when the Service is over for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament in the more traditional form. The Church asks each Baptised Catholic to go to Confession and Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Please encourage your children of all ages who are eligible to come and celebrate this Sacrament with us also. A soul purified from sin is the greatest gift we can give to the Lord this Easter.

#### **Parish Retreat**

Why not avail of this opportunity to set aside some quiet time and join the Parish Retreat next Sunday from 11.30 am - 3.30 pm to prepare spiritually for Holy Week and Easter . Collect in the Bar after the 10.30 am Mass. Bring a packed lunch. Soft drinks provided. Queries to Gemma 342508. Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment for another year during the Holy Thursday Mass at 8 pm.

#### Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross

There will be a dedicated children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday - 18th April at 11am to approx. 12 noon in the Centenary Hall. Parents are welcome to stay. However if you would like to attend the Adult Stations of the Cross in the main church you collect your children at the end. If the children would like to dress up, please come dressed disciple. as а If you have any questions please contact Mirella on mdm99@tesco.net or Charlotte on charlottetorre@yahoo.com

#### **APF Red Boxes**

Would all promoters please collect the contents of the red boxes from their members and either leave it in the presbytery clearly marked with your name and a phone number or hand it to me by 27 April. Would any one in the parish who has a red box but does not have a promoter to collect their money please contact me. Moyra Brohier 342928, Local Secretary, APF Red Boxes.

#### "Come on down"

The Centenary Hall was filled to capacity last Saturday evening when many of us came together in a spirit of fun and friendship to raise money for those in financial need in our parish. Special word of thanks to Mel and Owen Flaherty for inspiring and organising the event and to the comperes for the evening , the enigmatic Mike Lilley, Martin Kemp and Tash Palmer. Thanks also to those who helped with the , balloon blowing, childcaring, shopping assistance, potato baking, tuna mixing, chilli cooking, kitchen serving, cake baking, jelly setting, sweetie bag filling, raffle prize blagging and salad tossing . This event raised the staggering sum of £1,600.



Flowers: Second collection today at all Masses towards the cost of Flowers for the Church at Easter. If you contribute by standing order please use your new Gift Aid envelope for this contribution

#### **Pre-Confirmation**

This evening the 29 Students of Pre-Confirmation will sit their test on the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary; The 10 Commandments; The 7 Sacraments; The 14 Stations of the Cross and a general knowledge section on the Church and Morality. They did express how much they enjoyed coming together on Sunday evening for an hour to explore these topics and they were a pleasure and joy to work with. We wish them every blessing. My thanks to Haneefa Persaud who was the other catechist for the Programme.

#### Rehearsal for Palm Sunday

Children involved with the Palm Sunday Liturgy are asked to attend the rehearsal on Saturday (12th) from 3-5

#### Please Note

The time for the Good Friday evening Liturgy has changed to 7.30 pm start (not 8 as originally advertised).



#### Church Cleaning

I would like to invite our younger parishioners between the ages of 12-16 to come and give the church a good clean for Easter, next Sunday following the

5.15 pm Mass. Buckets, Mobs, Hoovers, Dusters will be provided. All we need is your youthful zest. It should only take 30 minutes or so. Parents are asked to stay and supervise.



5th Caterham (Sacred Heart Scout Group) Race Night is on 25th April at 7 pm in the Centenary Hall. £5 per adult; £2.50 for children.

#### Wedding

Kieran Stratton & Laura Thornthon celebrate their Marriage here this Friday at 11 am.

#### **New Eucharistic Ministers**

The 10.30 am Mass on Sunday is getting short of Eucharistic Ministers. I may be putting my hand on your shoulder after Mass today requesting your participation in this Ministry. None of us, Priests nor Lay Ministers ever feel worthy but the Catholic Church <u>of today</u> in her generosity, authorises lay people to function as Extra-Ordinary Ministers ,so that all who wish to partake of Christ's Body and Blood at the Eucharist may do so.



# r Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Leon Kozlowski; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen;

Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Ken Archer; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Ian Lester; Christopher Miles & Pat McCoy; Olive & John Wood; Fabia Tallantire.

Jubilee meetings (Dei Verbum) – as advertised! – after the 5.15 Mass, (about 6.00 pm) in the Centenary Hall. This Sunday, 6th April. Finish by 7.15! Also tomorrow after the 10 am Mass.

#### EASTER CARD/ Envelope

Today in the porch is my Easter Card to you all outlining the times of the various Services for Holy Week & Easter. I have also placed a few Easter Offering Envelopes for those planning an early get away so that you won't be deprived of the pleasure of supporting your Priest. This will be my final appeal to your generosity as your Parish Priest.



#### **Altar Server Practice**

Practice for Holy Thursday and Good Friday - tomorrow evening at 7 pm

Practice for Holy Saturday is on Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

I would like to appeal especially to older Altar Servers who are now in their early teens to help with this one. Maybe some of the Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Group might consider helping out ? The Holy Saturday Service is busy and while it's nice to encourage the young ones to come and watch, they do get daunted as there is too much for them to remember. Not being like an ordinary Sunday Mass also makes them

nervous. Both rehearsal in the church.

Offertory Collection Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory £703.79 (Gift Aid £370.72)

### <u>CONTACTS</u>

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Chair of Parish Finance: Rayon Brown - raybrown2006@aol.com

**St. Francis Primary School:** Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday 6th	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Barbara McNulty RIP (Peter & Family)
5:15pm Mass	Frank Pullin RIP (Family)
Monday 7th	St John Baptist de la Salle
10:00am Mass	Holy Souls (P Walker family)
Tuesday 8th	
10:00am Mass	Albert Lardeur RIP (J Joakin)
Wednesday 9th	
10:00am Mass	Johnny Lawless RIP (P&T Henley)
Thursday 10th	
	No Mass
Friday 11th	St Stanislaus
10.00 am Mass Stations of the Cross	Michael Taylor RIP (B Sharp)
Saturday 12th	
10:00am Mass	Gina White RIP (Family)
Sunday 13th	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:00am Mass	John Joe McNulty RIP (M Hinchy)
10:30am Mass	Kevin Belford (Nessi)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am Lauds Mondays at 9.45am Rosary Thursday & Friday at 9:40am Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; (1pm -2pm returns after Easter ); Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

HEALING MASS with Benediction every first Friday at 10:00am