

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Gaudete Sunday
Isa 35:1-6a, 10
Jas 5:7-10
Matt 11:2-11

Scripture Reflection

The figure of St John the Baptist is always an intriguing one. He is sometimes accounted as the last of the prophets; indeed his appearance reminds one of Elijah—and our Lord said that he was indeed the personification of Elijah, who had been prophesied as reappearing to foretell the coming of the Messiah.


The main message of John the Baptist is that of repentance. If we are to receive the Lord, it must be with the intention of being pure, even if we are aware that we are unlikely to manage it consistently. Human life is always led in the anticipation of the Lord; either the Jews waiting the coming of the Messiah, or us waiting his return. We have, however, the additional comfort of the pledge and anticipation of his eternal presence in Holy Communion. Yet always there is the requirement of repentance in order to receive him. It cannot be got away from.

Christian theology stresses this necessity of repentance also. This is not being negative, any more than any realistic recognition of any situation is negative. If one wants to improve one's knowledge of a language, it is important first to assess just how little one already knows, in order to fill in the gaps. If one wishes to lose weight, one must begin by getting on the scales. One then resolutely makes the effort to turn one's back on the old life and make a serious effort to live in a changed way. If this is true of so many human situations, it is even more true of matters of sin. However we may try to shrug off 'guilt' as being something negative, it remains true that it can also be our best friend. It is the moral equivalent of feeling unfit, or overweight, or whatever. It is the thing that urges us to make necessary changes in our lifestyles to live lives that are more 'together'.

And, of course, the sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession is key in all this. Believe me, going to Confession regularly is much more important than flossing or checking your tyre pressure, and so I do recommend you do it as often as you can, and especially during the holy seasons of Advent and Lent. It is only when lived fully that our wonderful faith will be a real support and comfort to us throughout life.



Coffee, Catch-up and Christmas Shopping - Friday 11th December, 9am onwards, Centenary Hall
Come along for a coffee, mince pie and a catch-up with friends while browsing among stalls selling various goodies including clothes, bags, jewellery and cosmetics. If you are interested in having a stall please contact Mel at melflaherty@hotmail.com or Lisa at lisadonohue@live.com

 Mary, mother of Jesus, mother of God!
A very special person!
Join us for this topic and more – and our consideration of the readings for next Sunday
All welcome!
8.00p.m. Wednesday 9th December, in the Old Sacristy
(next to the Old Hall)


9am Leaven Group
The Group will meet following 9am Mass on 13 December. If there is any item you would like discussed or you have any suggestions concerning 9am Sunday Mass then please speak to one of the group Members. If not to the Welcomer who will let one of the group know.

We're fundraising for
 
The Cafod Group will be selling a range of different 'World Gifts' after all Masses on the next two Sundays, providing the opportunity for you to buy 'alternative' gifts for family and friends. These gifts make a huge difference to people in developing countries, because they do something no pair of socks can ever do – they help people break free from poverty. A tag will be placed on our Parish Giving Tree each time a gift is bought, as a visible sign of the Parish's solidarity with the poor of the world. Please see the poster in the Church porch for further details.

Health & Safety
Please remember to park with consideration around the drive, paying attention to the yellow lines. The entrance and exit of the drive needs to be kept clear for emergency vehicle access.


Dates for your diaries:
16th Dec - Reconciliation service @ 7.00pm
22nd Dec - Carol Service @ 7.00pm
23rd Dec - Christingle @ 3.00 pm

Red Boxes
£1385.24 was collected in our red boxes this year and equals last year. Would all box holders who have not collected their boxes please do so, so we can continue to support the very important work of the missions. Moyra Brohier, Local Secretary, APF Red Box Scheme




A SIMPLE ACT:
This advent the Justice and Peace Group invites you to support the work of Action for Christians Against Torture. You can write a card or letter to individuals or to organisations and details are on line (below) or see notices in the porch http://www.acatuk.org.uk/Christmas_Greetings_Card_List_2015.pdf
"Whoever tortures a human being, Whoever abuses a human being, Whoever outrages a human being, Abuses God's image, And the church takes as its own, That cross, that martyrdom."
(Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, murdered in 1980 because of his support for the poor and suffering people of his country)

Pilgrimage to Poland
We have an opportunity to join pilgrims from the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord on a pilgrimage to Poland from Monday the 30th of May to Friday the 3rd of June, 2016.
Fr. Chris Spain will be the Spiritual Director. Fr. Chris has a great love of Poland and has visited Krakow 4 times in recent years. The itinerary and costs are being finalised at the moment. Current estimates of costs are ~£600 per person for Monday to Friday and there will be an option to extend your stay in Krakow to include the weekend of June 4th-5th for £36 per person per night B&B, sharing. Those interested are invited to attend an information evening at 20.00 on November 26th in St Joseph's Centre, 122 Ladbroke Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1LF at which a representative of Pax Travel will take us through the planned itinerary and costs. Alternatively to receive an information pack please contact Sean McGettrick, who is co-ordinating the pilgrimage on behalf of PNL, on 01737 767352 or via email at sean.mcgettrick@btinternet.com.

 Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mary Edwards RIP, who passed away recently. Her funeral will be held here on Thursday 17th December at 10am.

Carol Service in St. Lawrence's Church, Tuesday 8th December at 8 pm. with the Croydon Citadel Salvation Army Band, followed by wine and mince pies.
All Welcome.

 Caterham and District Churches Together invite you to join us for

Christmas Lunch


the over 60's at
The Douglas Brunton Centre
Caterham
On Christmas Day 2005
From 12 noon until 4pm
If you would like to attend please complete a form.
For general queries contact St Marys Church Office 01883 347230
Invitations are available from the SVP, from the church porch, or from the office. Offers to help from volunteers would be gratefully received.

We can arrange transport for you to attend and drop you home afterwards – just let us know.

Transport Queries Hilary Clark
07795 573180
Hil.clark221@btinternet.com

A space for you to record your drivers details when you are told

Christmas Day Contact Details
The Douglas Brunton Centre Park Rd,
Caterham, Surrey County CR3 5TA
01883 347 260



Offertory Collection
Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £1,032.72 (Gift Aid £500.93)
Second collection: £306.88 (Gift Aid £104.85)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



- Sun 6th: Children's Older liturgy only at 9am & 10:45am Mass
No Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
12pm St Francis School Fayre
- Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
- Tues: 9:15am to 11:15am Toddler Group.
- Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith
- Fri: 7:30pm to 11pm Parish club open
9am Shopping event (Cent Hall)
- Sun 13th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only
Leaven group meeting after 9am Mass
10:45am Youth Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass



Bereavement Support Group

The next meeting of the Bereavement Support Group will be on Tuesday 8th December at 10.30 am in the meeting room at St. Joseph's. The aim of the group is to enable bereaved people to talk about their loss and how it is affecting them. For further information please contact Maureen on 07759795319 or Nicki on 07753661791



Have you ever longed to make a difference to society? Do you believe healthy relationships can lead to a better society? Would you like to gain skills and experience whilst helping others build better relationships? Then Marriage Care has the opportunities you are looking for! Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide marriage preparation courses and relationship counselling for couples across England and Wales. Our centre in the Croydon area is currently looking for:

- Qualified counsellors to provide relationship counselling to those in need (BACP-endorsed training in Relationship Counselling is offered to counsellors not trained as relationship counsellors)- Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to present and facilitate Marriage Preparation days for couples marrying the Catholic Church (training is provided)
- Remote Secretaries to take last minute cancellation calls on Monday and Thursday evenings. This role is based from home and calls would be routed to your phone/mobile.

For more information, without any commitment, or to apply visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.



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, Mary Wallace, Maria Saunders, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton & Joe Kelly.

Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for COAT. This collection is NOT eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



As our children have now completed the first part of the programme we take a break for the Christmas season. We thank Anne Marie and her team of catechists who have given their time freely to support our candidates. We kindly ask our families to continue to support our catechists. If you are able to get involved, please let Anne Marie know. It is equally important for families to let the team know if they cannot attend sessions as this might mean wasted resources. If there are any issues please also let Anne Marie or a team member know in an appropriate manner.

As always, please remember that all candidates 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 30th January 2016, 3:45pm - Parent & Child session 4A
- 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

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com.

New Year's Eve Party

We hope to have a New Year's Party in the Centenary Hall. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Mark on 07736750085. Tickets will be on sale soon.

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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 kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

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

Sunday 6th	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Agnes Ralph RIP (G Barker)
5:15pm Mass	Glyn Jones RIP (P Jones & Family)
Monday 7th	<i>St Ambrose</i>
10:00am Mass	Jenny Searle RIP (B & T Searle)
Tuesday 8th	<i>Immaculate Conception of our Lady</i>
10:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (T & P Patterson)
7:00pm Mass	Emmanuel Edward Ints (AR Edward)
Wednesday 9th	
10:00am Latin Mass	Sheehy family (foundation)
Thursday 10th	
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Friday 11th	<i>Commemoration of St Damasus</i>
7pm Mass	Tammy McPhee (Moyra & Rienzie)
Saturday 12th	<i>Comm. BVM of Guadalupe</i>
10:00am Mass	Secular Priests' Common Fund
Sunday 13th	<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Wladyslawa Mazur RIP
5:15pm Mass	Nowel Edward (AR Edward)



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament