



Sacred Heart Parish
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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent

Isa 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

Gospel Reflection

The parable of the prodigal, or wasteful, son is one of the most familiar of the parables of our Lord. It has been observed, however, that perhaps it might be better to call it the parable of the forgiving Father, because that is really what all this is about.

The young man himself, like Joseph in the Old Testament, is the archetypal spoilt brat of a lad, who demands his inheritance in advance—effectively wishing that his father was dead. His father, far from denying this outrageous demand, is over-indulgent to a fault and simply gives the boy what he asks for. And as we know, that is simply squandered.

It is really what happens next that is interesting. The son repents. Now, we should note that this is not what we could call 'perfect contrition'; he does not seek his father's forgiveness because out of love for his father or out of any real remorse for his outrageous behaviour, but simply because he is suffering the consequences of his actions; starving to death. We would, I think, call this 'attrition' or imperfect contrition; a repentance that is, essentially, selfishly motivated.

We note, however that the father, God, is prepared to accept this rather inadequate gift, though we may take it for granted that he would have preferred the other, more genuine sort of repentance. Perhaps it is because the son genuinely humbles himself before his father, and humility would have been a really new departure for such a young man.

There are a few lessons for us here; if we cannot have perfect contrition for our sins, then attrition, imperfect contrition, will do, but it must be expressed by returning to our Father and humbling ourselves before him, explicitly in the sacrament of Penance. We know that we cannot shrug off our sins all at once, and that attrition is the most that we can reasonably expect of ourselves in some areas of our lives; well it is all the more important that we do seek God's forgiveness in confession. Had the prodigal son never returned to his father, there could have been no reconciliation.



Which model of church is yours? –top down or bottom up? They may sound the same but they're not! - Join the important debate!

- **Join us** for this and more – as well as our in-depth look at the readings for next Sunday

All welcome! 8.00p.m. Wednesday 9th March, in the Old Sacristy (next to the Old Hall)

You are warmly invited to the next Chilworth Abbey Study Day, Evangelisation: unleashing the power of apologetics, given by Fr John Seddon OSB, on Sat, 12th of March 2016. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am. Two talks will divide the Day, with refreshments and lunch, concluding at 4.00 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch and a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Lenten Small Group Programme: The format for this year's Lent prayer and reflection programme is inspired by the Year of Mercy which began on the 8th of December 2015 and runs until Christ the King, 20th November 2016. Each week we will reflect on a different aspect of Mercy, using a mixture of Scripture, Church teaching and prayer. Contact the Diocesan Bookshop to order booklets on 01293 651165 or email bookshop@dabnet.org.

CAFOD International Evening – Saturday 9th April, 6-9pm



Many thanks to all those who have already offered to provide finger food and display items for this event. If you haven't yet promised to promote your heritage country or region, please see a member of the CAFOD group in the porch after Mass this weekend. Alternatively telephone Mary (349760) or Biddy (345749) or email lov-at@tiscali.co.uk. So far, the following countries/regions will be represented: Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Ireland, Scotland, England (Lancashire, Newcastle), USA, Argentina, Argentina, Jamaica, Bahamas, Guyana, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Goa, India, Mauritius. There are so many more dots on that map, so please keep the offers coming!

Lent Groups - 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. If you feel you'll miss the healthy option, choose a venue near you and walk – then instead of the normal two, you'll get three benefits: enjoyment, spiritual uplifting and exercise! Sign up **today!**

Parish Retreat

Sign up today! Sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

Today will make you think, whether you are 18 or 80 (or in-between!). What are you doing with your faith – and what is it doing with you?

The theme of the day will be the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We guarantee you will be surprised and stimulated! It's a chance, at the end of Lent for a day of quiet prayer and thoughtful meditation. Come for a 10am start, and a 3.30 finish, with a shared lunch. This is an ideal opportunity to finish Lent well, or, if somehow all the good intentions are still just good intentions, to make up for lost time. Do not let this golden opportunity slip past!

This year our Passion Week 'Day' is on the Saturday before Palm Sunday (19th March). Reserve the date Sign-up NOW!

St Patrick's Day

Mass will be at 7pm on 17th March 2016 (no 10am Mass). Drinks and cakes will be served after Mass to celebrate St Patrick's Day. All welcome.



We are pleased to inform you that the applications for this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes are open. This year, for the first time, we are offering an online application form to all helpers and pilgrims, with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims. The **Online Application Form Link** is available on our website <http://www.ablourdes.org> For those of you who find anything to do with computers challenging, please call the Pilgrimage Office to chat through your concerns, and we will make sure that you get the help you need. **Assisted Pilgrims** please contact the Pilgrimage Office in the usual way, by phone on 01403 740110 to request a paper application form. To avoid disappointment, please get your form in early and no later than the 30th April 2016.



Calling all children of the Parish



We would like to invite all the children of the parish to make an Easter Garden to bring into Church on Easter Sunday and to be on display throughout Easter week . An Easter Garden

usually includes Jesus' tomb and the three crosses but you can add the garden of Gethsemane, an angel, people, grow real grass and flowers in it! They can be made in seed trays, lined cardboard boxes, wide flower pots – it's completely up to you as long as the container is no bigger than A3 size (but can be smaller). For lots of ideas log onto Google images and type in 'Easter Gardens' then let your creativity run wild. Entries can come from individuals, family groups or club groups. All entrants will receive a small chocolate egg & certificate. Parents – it can be a lovely, creative, active way to bring Easter to life and the children could add something to their gardens each week during Lent!

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £965.61 (Gift Aid £441.63)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 6th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group. (Old Hall)
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)
Thurs: 8pm Baptism Preparation (Old Hall)
7:30pm SVP (Committee room)
Sun 13th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch
Fairtrade refreshments after each Mass

St Francis' School Bibles for Children

If you would like to make a donation to the School for Bibles or if you would like to dedicate a Bible, please look out for the St Francis School children who will be in the porch after Sunday Masses.

Open Caterham 25 –26 June During the Caterham Festival the Church of the Sacred Heart will be one of the many Caterham buildings that will be opened for visitors. There are a number of events planned including guided tours, talks, flowers, a cafe and music. This will require a lot of peoplepower. If you are able to help for a while or have any ideas to make this an interesting and welcoming weekend there will be a meeting on Tuesday 15th March in the Old Hall or contact the office or Eliz Wood 01883 348081.

Second Collections

Today there will be a Second Collection for The White Fathers Appeal. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

The safeguarding reps have recommended doing DBS (safeguarding checks). The diocese is now up and running with doing electronic applications, however the first stage of application still requires form filling and paperwork checks with your safeguarding reps, so for anyone requiring a check please email safeguardingreps@gmail.com to arrange an appointment to start the process.

Gift Aid

Please could all Gift Aid members collect their envelopes for 2016/2017. Our Gift Aid organiser Peter Kelly will be in the porch next Sunday (13th) March with your envelopes.

If you would like to join our Gift Aid scheme please speak to Peter.

Stations of the Cross for Children

Stations of the Cross will be led by the First Holy Communion Group.

It will be suitable for all School Children in Y2 - Y7

Date: **Friday 11th March 2016**

Time: **5:15pm** - meet at the back of the church

If you have younger children, you are welcome to wait in the Old Hall and have a cup of tea or coffee, please ensure you leave your older child with a responsible adult.



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 & Clare Schofield (née Stewart)

Fairtrade Fortnight: 29 February- 13 March 'sit down for breakfast stand up for farmers'.

Many of the people who provide items for our breakfast table don't earn enough to feed themselves or their families all year round. Seasonal hunger, lean periods and poor pay are all real issues facing the people who produce the food we often take for granted. **You can help change this, by simply switching your breakfast to Fairtrade.** Please look out for the display in the church porch next weekend; if you can, buy fair trade goods—we have items in the shop; join us for Fairtrade refreshments after 9am and 10.45 Mass on 13th March. To learn more see www.fairtrade.org.uk or contact the Justice & Peace Group via the Parish office.

Day of Reflection at Minter Abbey, Ramsgate. There will be a day of recollection at the very beautiful Minister Abbey on 30th April with Fr Seán. We will leave at 9.30. If we car share the day will cost £15 pp including lunch and refreshments. Please keep the date. More details to follow.

Baptisms - Ruby Barkwill will be Baptised next week. Please keep her in your prayers.



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

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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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Nora & Jeremiah Moynihan RIP (M Liversage)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 7th	<i>Saints Perpetua & Felicity</i>
10am Mass	Fr Jim Maguire RIP (Peggy)
Tuesday 8th	<i>Saint John of God</i>
10am Mass	Lizzie Kelly Ints (E & E Kelly)
Wednesday 9th	<i>Saint Francis of Rome</i>
10am Latin Mass	Nigel Dempster RIP
Thursday 10th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Edward Caffrey RIP (J Watts)
Friday 11th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
7:00pm Mass	Intentions of James Grundy
Saturday 12th	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10:00am Mass	Ben Webber Ints (Mary Anne Kelly)
Sunday 13th	<i>Fifth '1st Passion' Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	P Howlett Ints (L Leake)
10:45am Mass	Rita & Eddie Croke RIP (Young family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

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

**** **Stations of the Cross** Friday 6:20pm ****