

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Psalter week 3

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isa 50:4-9a

Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Jas 2:14-18

Gal 6:14

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel needs to be read in conjunction with the first reading, from Isaiah. In recent weeks, we have looked a bit at prophecy, in connection with the 'prophetic sign' of our Lord feeding the five thousand as a 'sit up and listen' action.

Another function of prophecy is to point to the Kingdom of God. We read a lot of this in Isaiah, and today's first reading is a good example. When we read it today, we can see that it speaks of our Lord, and this is right, and undoubtedly why this particular bit of Isaiah was chosen to match today's Gospel about the healing of a deaf-mute man. But I suspect that Isaiah himself was not directly thinking about the Messiah, but actually about the Kingdom of God. He is describing not the actions of our Lord in time, but the way creation should be, and indeed the way creation will be when the Kingdom of God comes in its fullness.

We understand that creation participated in the fall, to the extent that because of original sin not just mankind, but the cosmos too was adversely affected. Isaiah is drawing attention to this by writing of how things should always have been. One thinks of his famous passage (usually read at Advent) The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6). This is what God's kingdom is like. Our Lord's miracles are tokens, foretastes, sacraments, even, of this kingdom, which is the putting right of the cosmos.

It is why Catholics have a notion of what we call natural law, also; we derive our moral theology not so much from the way things are as from the way they ought to have been, insofar as we can gather information about this by studying the works of God in nature, and also the scriptures. Christians are expected, as far as they can, to live according to this standard rather than according to the standards of this passing world (cf 1Cor 7:31), and this can be very difficult, because we have to battle with our fallen natures. But in all this, we are aided by God's grace, for which we should pray often.

Organ and piano

Recital

Carl Bahoshy plays
Boellmann, Chopin,
Debussy, Rachmaninoff,
Schubert, Vienne



in aid of
**Iraqi Christians
in Need**

7.30 pm Saturday 12 September

**United Reformed Church
21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, RH8 0AA**

Admission free

wine, refreshments, retiring collection

Health & Safety

Please exercise care if using the front steps to exit the Church. Please remember we have an alternative exit with a ramp and hand rails at the side of the Church.

Can you help?

We could do with some muscle, please! We would like to bring up the altar and font from St Thomas' (both stone!) on Monday. We have a van, but some strong men (or indeed strong women) would be very welcome. If you can help, please let me (Fr Seán) know asap. We plan to meet at St Thomas' at midday, and, God willing, the job should be done in an hour or so.

Also...

The parish has several projects in mind for the coming months, such as the squash court conversion into St Thomas' Hall, refurbishment of the Old Hall, restoration of paintings in the sanctuary, and improvements to parking and access. These will be discussed in open forum soon. In the meantime, we wonder if anyone in the parish has experience of seeking relevant grants that might help the parish fund these projects, and who would be prepared to help us prepare and submit grant applications?

School forms

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



St Vincent De Paul (SVP)
A new SVP Group has now been established in the Parish and it is hoped that many will wish to join with us to support those in need in our local community. If you would like more information about the work of the SVP please go to: svp.org.uk (or speak to Fr Seán).

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm in the Committee Room (above the Bar in the Centenary Hall). Please do come along, even if you would just like to find out more. You will be most welcome. The SVP summarises the work of the Society with the phrase 'Turning Concern into Action'.



The Guild Of Friends of St Lawrence's Church - Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th September 10am to 12pm in the Ancient Church

Bring and Buy Cakes* Raffle*

Entry £1 to include refreshments

Last Guided Tour of the summer 20th September.

This is always a good opportunity for the members to make an annual subscription. Many thanks



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.

Application forms (support staff) are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org where further information on the school may also be found. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, the Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by 12 noon on the closing date Friday, 18th September 2015. Interviews will be held on Thursday, 24th September 2015.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £837.25 (Gift Aid £290)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 6th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Teas & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Mon: Teas & Coffees after Mass (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15-11:15 Toddler Group (Old Hall)

Thurs: 7:30pm SVP meeting (Committee Room)
8pm Baptism Preparation Course (Old Hall)

Sun 13th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Leaven Group meeting after 9am Mass
Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

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 September. 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.

Movements in the Soul Towards Union - Wisdom of Mourning and Desire

Led by Julienne McLean, Viv Stacey and Judy Barber
Saturday, 26 September: 11.00 am - 4.00 pm
House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB

A day of teaching, creative reading and silence with writings from the Spanish Mystical tradition. Cost: £20. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail: houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.

Poetry Workshop: The Stillness of Well Waters

Led by Helen Overell
Saturday, 10 October: 10.30 am - 4.30 pm at House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB
This creative space provides a touchstone for ideas and gives an opportunity to put words on the page. The writing exercises are both individual and collaborative with opportunities for sharing. Cost: £20. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail: houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.

9am Leaven Group

The Group will meet following 9am Mass on Sunday 13th September. 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 (Pat Magnus, Joy Cutler, Moyra Brohier, Mark Ryland, Tree Dodington, Cheryl Daly, Rosemary Kinman, Richard and Val Williams, Frances Roberts or Michele Anderson). If not to the Welcomer who will let one of the group know.



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.



Weddings

Congratulations to Jennie Lomas & Dean Eaton who will be married this week.

Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for The Seminary Fund - this collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid so please use for Parish envelopes.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Justice & peace in the World - this collection is **not** eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Parish Women's Group

The Parish Women's Group will hold a business meeting on Friday 18th September 2015 at 7:30pm in the Old Hall. All are welcome.



Baptisms

Francesca Langan will be Baptised next week. Please keep her in your prayers.

Thank you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016



Dear Parents / Carers,
Please note that all Catholic children who will be in Year 3 or above in September 2015 will be eligible to make their First Holy Communion in 2016. We will have registration forms and details of the programme in September. Your children will need to be baptised and your family must be registered with the Parish.

Have you registered with the Parish yet? Forms can be downloaded from the website www.sacred-heart.co.uk, (under Our Parish). There are also some hard copies at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact **Anne Marie Young** via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com.

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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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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	
9:00am Mass	Olive Wood RIP (Ruby)
10:45am Mass	Danny & Margaret Ryan RIP (Ryan family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 7th	
10:00am Mass	Fred Hudson RIP (Parish Women's Group)
Tuesday 8th	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10:00am Mass	Meg McLawin (Lovat family)
Wednesday 9th	
10:00am Latin Mass	Benny Tobin RIP (Tom)
Thursday 10th	
10:00am Mass	J Hennigan RIP (Ruby)
Friday 11th	
7pm Mass	Michael Finnegan
Saturday 12th	
10:00am Mass	Bob Tomlin RIP (M Tomlin)
Sunday 13th	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (J & T Cutler)
10:45am Mass	Eileen Kearns Ints (S & M Flanagan)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



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