

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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following Sunday Psalter
Week 2

Reflection

“Brood of vipers; who warned you to flee from the retribution that is to come?”

One thing you can say about St John the Baptist is that nobody could accuse him of being shy or diffident! There are at least two themes in today's Gospel, both of which need addressing. The first concerns John's strange comment that God could 'raise children of Abraham from these stones'. What he is criticizing is the complacent attitude of many Jews that, because they were the physical descendants of Abraham, God would take them to heaven when they died. In other words, they thought retribution was for the Gentiles, not for the Jews; it was merely enough to be a member of the club and everything else would be fine. This is an attitude that is sometimes to be found also among Catholics; some believe that it is merely enough to have the label 'Catholic' to be saved, or even the simple label 'Christian'. When asked whether he went to Mass on Sunday, the Italian taxi driver famously remarked 'sono Cattolico, non fanatico'; I am a Catholic, not a fanatic. Well, says St John, that simply is not enough, which brings us on to the next point.

John's baptism was about repentance but, he observes, it is not enough simply to make the gesture of repentance, without the internal and external actual turning away from sin that the gesture implies. John thinks that the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to receive his baptism of repentance have no real intention of turning away from their sins, but will simply carry on as before, though with the added kudos of having publically beaten their breasts and had people think them to be holy. No, says St John, it is not enough to make empty gestures; the repentance has to be real and to bear fruit in good works or, he warns, the coming Messiah will cut down those barren fruit trees and cast them into the fire.

The message of today's Gospel, then, is a stern one. Our faith, our repentance, has to be real, active and fruitful if we intend that our Lord will recognize us as true children of Abraham, our father in faith, when he comes to take us home.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

I thought perhaps I ought to clear up what seems to be causing a bit of confusion (sorry!).

Having distributed the Precious Blood to the last communicant, would ministers please immediately consume whatever remains of the Precious Blood. Then, please would they face the sanctuary, and wait in respect until the ciborium has been taken to the high altar and the tabernacle door has been closed. Once the door has been closed, there is no need to wait any longer even if the priest is still at the high altar. Please then take the chalices directly to the credence table to purify them—it would be useful to collect any vessels from the altar on the way.

On another matter: having distributed the Precious Blood myself this week, I found that I was left with a lot still in the chalice at the end of Communion, which then I had to consume. Would ministers please let me or Elizabeth know if regularly there is too much wine provided? It struck me this week that we could cut the quantity by half. Am I right?

Thank you for all you do.

Fr Seán

Peace!

The Peace Light will be brought into our church at the 9.00a.m. Mass in two weeks time on Sunday the 21st December. The flame starts its journey at the Grotto of Christ's birth where a Muslim Scout passes the flame to a Jewish Scout and then onto a Christian Scout for distribution around the world so that people can burn the flame in their homes and churches over Christmas as a symbol of peace.

We need clean, washed jam-jars to give to people who would like to take the Peace Light home, but who do not have a jar of their own.

Anyone who wants, can light their own light from it to take back home to burn over Christmas as a focus for prayer and a reminder of the need for peace, generosity and tolerance in our homes, in our country and throughout the world.

If you have a spare jar, please bring it and put it in the box at the back of the church – but don't forget to keep one for yourself to bring on the 21st!

Calling out for....

for adult helpers, ks2 upwards readers, infant Mary, Joseph & soloists.



We will have a rehearsal for the Nativity at 11.45am Sunday 21st December.

Please contact Tash on tashpalmer@hotmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

Carol Service

Please save the date!

Sunday 21st December 6:30 pm we will be having a Carol Service and will include a Christingle for the children. All are welcome!



Baptisms - This week will Lara Maria Taylor be baptised.

Religious Christmas Stamps

Please remember that Religious postage stamps are available on request at most post offices.

Jewellery Stall - Christmas Fayre

Please contact Maureen Miller on 01883 345994 if you would like any jewellery collected.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory - £831 (Gift Aid - £355.92)
Second Collection - Parish Charity Fund - £234

There will be teas and Coffee after the 9am Mass and the Double C Club prize draw will be called.

Father John Olliver RIP

Father John's funeral is at 11.00am on Wednesday 10th December at St Joseph's, Redhill followed by refreshments in the new hall there. St Joseph's has limited parking and the parish has arranged a coach to take any parishioner (or those from other churches) who would like to attend at no charge. The coach will leave at around 10.00 am and come back by around 2.00 pm.

The family has asked that there should be no flowers but if anyone would like to make a donation, it should be made out to "St Francis Catholic Primary School" c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill RH1 6AZ. As a former governor, and as maths was Fr John's favourite subject when he was at school, donations will be used towards the development of maths at the school.

Father John will be received into the church on Tuesday 9th December and the funeral will be preceded by a Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm at All Saints, Oxted with watching overnight. Please let Michael White-Howles know if you can take part in the watching rota.

There will also be a celebration of Fr John's life on 7th February with music and a shared meal.



Don't forget the Christmas Fayre next **Sunday 14th December 2014** after the 10:30am Mass.

We would be grateful for all of your donations (Bottles, cakes (on the day), jewellery, soft toys, unwanted gifts etc). If you can make any donations please bring them to the Church Porch as soon as possible.

There will be a meeting after 10:30am Mass on **Sunday 7th December** for all those who can help.

Thank you

Midnight Mass Choir Rehearsals



Rehearsals will be every Mondays and Thursdays at 7pm in the church. Please contact Julian Gavin, squillissimo@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 7th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9 & 10.30am Mass
Coffee & Teas after 9am & 10:30am Mass
(C & E O'Conner) 
Double C club draw after 9am Mass
Christmas Fayre meeting after 10:30am Mass
(Bar area)
12:15 Latin Mass
1:45pm Christmas Panto - **SOLD OUT!**
After 5:15pm Mass - Seasonal Drinks
- Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)
7pm Sung Latin Mass
- Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: 10:30am Advent Group meeting
- Thurs: 7:30-9pm Advent Group meeting
- Fri: 7:30pm - 11pm Sacred Heart Club open
Youth Club - Panto Redhill
- Sun 14th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am Mass ONLY
Parish Christmas Fayre after 10:30am Mass

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Did you miss 'Black Friday'? Never mind! CAFOD World Gifts will be on sale again this Sunday but please purchase (or reserve) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. £500 has been raised by the parish for CAFOD so far through this worthwhile Christmas scheme. Thirteen different gifts are available, ranging in price from £4 to £28. Each purchase is really a 'double' – a gift for a family member or friend, as well as one for those in need.



Mass times

Having taken the various opinions of those attending the 10.30 Mass, it seems that the majority (about 75% of those who advanced an opinion) are in favour of a change to 10.45am. I suggest therefore that in the new year we try the new time for an experimental period and then review it again.



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.


Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen & John Gilford.

Second collection

THIS Sunday there will be a collection COAT (this is not a Parish Gift Aid collection).
Next week the second will be for the Church Flowers (Gift Aid envelopes can be used).
Thank you.

Today, Sunday 7th, there will be a Latin Mass at 12.15 in addition to our usual Masses. Also there will be a Sung Latin Mass tomorrow evening, the feast of our Lady's Immaculate Conception, at 7pm, in addition to the usual English morning Mass at 10.00.

A warm welcome today to Fr Gerard Bradley, who is hearing confessions during our three Sunday Masses. Fr Gerard is the Director of Spirituality at St John's Seminary where our priests are trained.


As we reach the season for potential snow, please could we have some volunteers to come to Church to help clear and grit the paths if we do get snow or ice? If you can help please contact the Parish Office on info@sacred-heart.co.uk. Thank you 

Mass Intentions


When submitting Mass Offerings we would be grateful if you could add your Gift Aid number to the information provided. Many thanks.

Carol Service

The Guild of Friends of St Lawrence's Church are pleased to welcome back again members of the Salvation Army's Croydon Citadel Band to play the carols at our Carol Service. The service is on **Tuesday 9th December at 8pm** in St Lawrence's Church, Church Hill, Caterham and will be led by Father Seán Finnegan from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Caterham. Wine and mince pies will be served after the service. All welcome.



Please join us for our
Christmas Carol Service
Central Hall Westminster,
London SW1H 9NH
Monday 8 December 200pm
Family and friends are very welcome



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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
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5th Caterham Scouts

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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 7th	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Jenny Searle (T & B Searle)
10:30am Mass	Oliver Farrell RIP
12:15pm Latin Mass	Celebrants Intentions
5:15pm Mass	People of The Parish
Monday 8th	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10:00am Mass	Glyn Jones RIP (P Jones)
7:00pm Sung Latin Mass	Anne Hamblin RIP
Tuesday 9th	<i>Tuesday in the Second Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Sheehy Family (Foundation)
Wednesday 10th	<i>Wednesday in the Second Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Latin Mass	Sister Ursula Innocent 90th Birthday
Thursday 11th	<i>Thursday in the Second Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Jill & David Crowley (S Ellis)
Friday 12th	<i>Friday in the Second Week of Advent</i>
7:00 pm Mass	Noel & Bernadette Kinsella RIP (J Watts)
Saturday 13th	<i>St Lucy</i>
10:00 am Mass	For all who suffer as a result of abortion (A Pullin)
Sunday 14th	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
9:00am Mass	Dianne Bailey RIP (J Joakim)
10:30am Mass	Ellen Finnegan RIP
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 & Friday at 6:40pm

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am – 11am