



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 7th February 2016  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 1

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Sunday of Lent

Deut 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

## Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel, of the miraculous draught of fishes, has since time immemorial been associated with the necessity in the Church of vocations to priesthood and religious life. In later years, perhaps we have seen it as an invitation to vocation in general. In either event, it is necessary, I think, to focus this a little bit on what, precisely, our Lord is talking about.

This isn't St John's Gospel, so we mustn't look too closely for symbols in every word—if it had been, no doubt the word 'fish' would have referred to Christ—but in the general import of our Lord's meaning. The fish are not a 'type' of the sort of person to be caught by the apostles, (as the passover lamb is a 'type', which is to say a sort of foreshadowing of Christ) but rather the act of the fishermen in bringing in a large catch is an analogy referring to the work of the Church in 'catching men'. Our Lord, then, is specifically referring to the mission of the Church to bring the good news to all humanity. So whether our vocation is priesthood, religious life, teaching, parenting or whatever, its purpose—whether direct or indirect—is to bring more people to our Lord. That has to be a most important focus, and in some cases, the principal or only focus of our vocations.

Elsewhere, our Lord encourages us to pray for vocations. Now while the lay vocation is to be encouraged in all its manifestations, I think that this does apply in a particular way to priestly and religious vocations. Sometimes you will hear that the present shortage of priests is God speaking to the Church saying that we need fewer priests. Frankly, I am less than convinced. I think that priests are few because our fervour is low. Our parishes in the modern West are not really the sorts of places where young people find their feet in their faith, where the faith carries conviction and excitement, and are not presented as the sort of place that someone might find a challenge for life that is really meaningful. It is like the merchant's pearl; if we really believed that our faith was the greatest treasure we own, and not regard it as an inconvenience, really, something that has to move out of the way if there are more important things happening, then perhaps we might see more young people willing to give their lives to it. Obviously, many reading this will be genuinely doing their best and can say that the faith is crucial to them, but perhaps we might take the coming Lent to see how we measure up.

### **CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

*This Lent the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal (from 10 Feb – 9 May) up to the value of £3.5M. Your donations can be used to bring water to more villages of the world's poorest families, meaning girls don't have to walk hours every day to collect it. Don't forget to fill in the gift aid form and put it in the envelope with your donation. Many thanks for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them.*

### **Double C Club**

Ever wondered who and when the draw for the Double "C" Club is made, well come to coffee after the 9am Mass TO-DAY and watch Father Seán draw the numbers, making 3 peoples month as he signs the cheques for the winners.

There will also be a surprise for Father from the Double C Club, so come and have a coffee and anyone who would like to join this marvellous fund raising club application forms will be available.

Memberships are available, to replace members who have moved out of the parish so for only £24 per year which can be paid monthly, yearly, bankers order or cash this is a easy way of supporting your parish please come and see me, if you attend the other Masses on Sunday, membership is available to all and if you are interested in joining please give me a ring on 01883 346399.  
See you on Sunday!



If you come for the ashes, how about joining us to consider the Eucharist? – or we could recap on Reconciliation – a Lent topic!

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

**All welcome! 8.00p.m. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, in the Old Sacristy** (next to the Old Hall)



Coloma Convent Girls' School  
Upper Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 5AS  
[www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk)

### **EXAM INVIGILATORS**

**Part time - periodically throughout the year for Coloma, The Quest Academy - Coloma Trust and The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy - Coloma Trust** An application form is available from Miss Sallie Trembath either by email [strembath@coloma.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:strembath@coloma.croydon.sch.uk) or by telephone 020 8654 6228 ext. 222. Closing Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Please return forms to Mrs. M. Martin, Headteacher at the above address.

### **St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls**

Vacancy - Examination Invigilator

Immediate Start. Further details and an application form are available by contacting the school, or can be downloaded from the school website. Visits are warmly welcomed and highly recommended - please contact Ms Adams, Personnel Officer / Staff Cover Coordinator on [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk).

Closing date: 12 noon, 26th February 2016 Interviews: Week beginning 7th March 2016



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Joseph Allen RIP a former parishioner who passed away recently. The funeral will be held here on Thursday 25th February at noon

**Evenings of Reflection for Young People with Bishop Richard:** As part of the Diocesan celebrations for the Year of Mercy, Bishop Richard is inviting young people to join him for an evening of reflection. There will be two evenings - one for groups from Sussex and another for those from Surrey. The Sussex evening will be on Saturday February 27th at St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill, 6pm to 9pm. The Surrey evening will be on Sunday April 24th at Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge, again 6pm to 9pm.

The evenings will include an experience of Lectio Divina led by Bishop Richard and further reflections on what it means to live out our call as baptised Catholics in the modern world. There will be live music as well as stalls and interactive activities. We expect that young people coming will be coming as part of an organised group with a responsible adult, however young people who want to come along by themselves are invited to get in touch with [Jack Regan](mailto:Jack.Regan@DABCEC) at DABCEC.

Full details (including a Risk Assessment and programme) will be available shortly at [yaab.co.uk](http://yaab.co.uk)

### **The 9am Leaven Group**

The 9am Leaven group will be meeting after the 9am Mass on Sunday 7th February. If there is anything you would like us to discuss please mention it to one of the group, Pat Magnus, Mark Ryland, Joy Cutler, Moyra Brohier, Cheryl Daly, Rosemary Kinman, Frances Roberts, Richard Williams, Val Williams, Rosemary Kinman. Tree Dodington or Michele Anderson. Alternatively speak to the Welcomer who will then speak to one of the group.

**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!** Lent is less than a week away!

**CAFOD DIARY DATE:** International Evening -

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 6 – 9pm - more details to follow.

**Married Singles Lifestyle** –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016. email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) ; call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £804.65 (Gift Aid £322.73)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 7th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45 Masses  
Tea & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass  
3:45pm First Holy Communion session 4B

Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)

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

Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Sacristy)

Sun 14th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only  
10:45am Youth Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

St Francis' School is needing to top up its bibles, as the wear and tear of years, and also the hugely increasing numbers of children have made things too difficult. Would some parishioners like to contribute towards buying some bibles for St Francis'? They can be dedicated to the memory of somebody, and the children can be encouraged to pray for the person whose name is written in the front.

This week we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. Though it isn't a Holy Day of Obligation, it nonetheless is a day when it is good to come to Mass, to make a good start to our redoubled efforts to live a Christian life. During Lent we need to make a resolution to

- 1) Make a good contribution to charity (time, or money) in some way
- 2) Identify some failing in ourselves which we will make a sincere effort to overcome
- 3) Perform some penance in order to strengthen our wills for the fight against evil, and to show our sorrow for our sins.

There will be three Masses; at 10 (English), 12 (Latin), and 7pm (English), and ashes will be distributed at each. Fr Simon Hall from Oxted and Warlingham will be giving the ashes to the children in St Francis' School.

The ashes we will use have been specially prepared from our parish's palms left over from last year's Palm Sunday.



## 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 & Terry Crook.

## Second Collections

TODAY there will be a Second Collection for The Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

## Dialogue and Unity Adviser:

The Pastoral Team is currently advertising to fill a vacancy (.5FTE) for a Dialogue and Unity adviser. The post is based at Dabcec, Crawley, but will require ability to travel across the diocese. Applications and further details of the post may be obtained from Deacon Andrew Bayes at Dabcec [andrew.bayes@dabnet.org](mailto:andrew.bayes@dabnet.org) or from Mgr Tony Barry [tony.barry@dabnet.org](mailto:tony.barry@dabnet.org) The closing date for applications is **Monday 22nd of February 2016.**

**Baptisms** - Luca Carillo-Clark will be Baptised this week. Please keep him in your prayers.



Please note that there will **not** be Mass here at 10am on Tuesday 9th February.

## 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](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com) with your preferred dates.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 (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](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com).



## John Fisher Job vacancies - HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY HEAD OF SCIENCE - TEACHER OF BIOLOGY

Further details are on the notice board.

Application forms and job details are available by downloading via the website on [www.johnfisherschool.org](http://www.johnfisherschool.org) where further information on the school and department may be found.

## Illuminate @ Worth Abbey: 19-21<sup>st</sup> February

A weekend retreat for young people in years 9-13. Over the weekend we will be exploring Psalm 26 and unpacking what it means for us today. The weekend will include inspiring talks, time for discussion, participation in the Monk's prayer, time for space and prayer, lots of yummy food, praise and worship, silly games and time to chill out and get to know each other. It is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith through making friends and having a whole lot of fun in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey. Please email [francescacarbone@btinternet.com](mailto:francescacarbone@btinternet.com) for further information and to book email [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net).

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**Parish Youth Clubs:**

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)

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**5th Caterham Scouts**

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**St. Francis Primary School:**

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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**THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Jimmy Mullen Ints (F Roberts)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Kay Cleary (A Walker)
<b>Monday 8th</b>	<i>St Cuthman of Steyning</i>
10am Mass	Ruby Gornall Ints (Peggy)
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	<i>Feria</i>
NO MASS	-----
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>
10am Mass	Barbara Sores RIP (C&R Sowa)
12 noon Latin Mass	Geraldine Windsor & Family Ints
7pm Mass	Olive Wood RIP (P Howlett)
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10am Mass	Jimmy Mullen Ints (B&G Gilford)
<b>Friday 12th</b>	<i>Lent Feria</i>
7:00pm Mass	Secular Priests' Common Fund
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10:00am Mass	Thanksgiving (Ruby)
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Bridie Mullen RIP (F Roberts)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Richard Flaherty RIP (Flaherty Family)

**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