

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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Second Sunday of Advent Year A



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## 8 Misconceptions about our Church.

The first is that as Catholics we are discouraged to read the bible. The very first Christian Bible was written by the Catholic Church. At every Mass across the world, the Bible is read aloud. On Sundays, there is an Old Testament Reading followed by a New testament Reading followed by a passage from one of the four Evangelists. Every Catholic home has a Bible and the Bible is taught in all our Catholic Schools. The second misconception is that we Catholics worship Mary and so commit idolatry. In Catholic theology there are three types of worship - one of which is condemned in the Bible if offered to anyone but God: 1) Latria - this is adoration which is given to God alone - giving this type of worship to anyone else is considered to be a mortal sin and it is the idolatry condemned in the Bible. 2) Hyperdulia - this is a special type of worship given to Mary the Mother of Jesus - it is only given to her and it is not considered to be idolatry as it is not adoration, merely reverence. 3) Dulia - this is the special type of worship given only to the saints and angels - it is also not idolatrous as it, too, is a form of reverence. The third misconception is that Catholics aren't Christians. In fact, Catholics are the first Christians. The majority of historians accept that the Catholic Church was the first Christian Church as it is verifiable from ancient texts. The fourth misconception is that the Pope is infallible in all things. Roman Catholics believe that only under certain circumstances is the pope infallible (that is, he can not make a mistake). The Catholic Church defines three conditions under which the Pope is infallible: I. The Pope must be making a decree on matters of faith or morals II. The declaration must be binding on the whole Church III. The Pope must be speaking with the full authority of the Papacy, and not in a personal capacity. The fifth misconception about the Church is that she is against science and rejects evolution. Many great scientific advances have come about through Catholic scholarship and education. Catholic Schools all around the world teach scientific evolution as part of their science curriculum. The sixth misconception is that we believe indulgences allow us to pay to have our sins forgiven. True indulgences existed from the beginning of Christianity and the Church continues to grant special indulgences today. Wikipedia has an excellent and honest article on the abuse of indulgences from the Middle Ages. The seventh misconception is that the Emperor Constantine invented the Catholic Church in 325. In 313 AD, Emperor Constantine announced toleration of Christianity in the Edict of Milan, which removed penalties for professing Christianity. At the age of 40 he converted to Christianity and in 325 he convened the first ecumenical Council of Nicaea. Before that Council, baptism of infants was practiced (as were all 7 sacraments), and the structure of priests and Bishops was already 300 years old. The eighth misconception is that Catholic Priests can't get married. Within the universal Church there are sections (also called churches but not in the sense that they are separate) - the most common one is, of course, the Roman (or Latin) Catholic Church. Then there is the Eastern Catholic Church (not to be confused with the Orthodox which is a different religion). Both of these churches fall under the jurisdiction of the Pope and all believe the same doctrines. There are a lot of differences between the two groups but these are all in matters of style of worship and certain rules. In the Eastern Church, priests are allowed to be married - but a married priest can't become a Bishop. It also happens that occasionally in the Latin Church, vicars who convert from other religions such as the Church of England are allowed to become priests even though they are married, so married priests can be found in all parts of the Roman Catholic Church.

### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: 1-5 yrs Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:30am Mass  
Over 5 yrs Children's liturgy at 9 am Mass only  
Tea & Coffee after 10:30am (Cent Hall)  
(Helen Steptoe & Claire Bentley)  
2 pm ALADDIN PANTO please arrive for 1:45pm  
6.00 pm Male Voice Choir Rehearsal in Church



Mon: Tea/Coffee after the 10 am Mass in Old Hall

Tue: 9.30 am Mother & Toddler Group  
7.00 pm Scouts/Beavers/Cubs Carol Service  
8.00 pm St Lawrence - Carol Service  
8.00 pm Advent Group in Presbytery

Thu: 1.30 pm: Advent Group meeting in Annabel's

Fri: 2 pm - Requiem for Mary Matthews

Sun: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:30am Mass  
Tea & Coffee after 10:30am (Cent Hall)  
(Isabel & Elisa Labonte)  
6.00 pm Male Voice Choir Rehearsals in Church

### Community Reconciliation Service

The Parish Community Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday 22nd December at 3.30 pm. Fr Rory Kelly will also be assisting.

### Ecumenical Carol Service

The annual Ecumenical Carol Service will be in St Lawrence's Church on Tuesday 10th December at 8pm.  
The event will be followed by wine and mince pies! All welcome.

### Omega watch

Would the person who donated a gentleman's Omega watch towards the Christmas Fayre, with the engraved letters WJT on the back please contact the Parish Office.

### 200-Club

Well done to the winners of the December Draw of the Double C Club : £70 John and Olive Woods: £50 Ollie Neary : £30 Joy Ralphs. The next draw will take place on the 1st Sunday in January after the 9am Mass. Anyone can join. It's a great way to raise funds for the church with the added bonus of three prize draw every month for only 50p a week (£24 per year) This can be paid monthly, half yearly or annually. Please contact Sue on 01883 346399 for more information., and maybe your name will appear as a winner on next years newsletters



### 6pm Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Mass

Calling All Angels, Shepherds and Farm Animals!

Please join us at the children's 6pm Nativity Mass this year. If your child is of Primary School age and would like to take part in the Mass on the Sanctuary then they will need to attend the rehearsal from 11.30 – 1pm on Dec 22nd. If however they are unable to attend the rehearsal (or are too young) they can still come to the Mass dressed as an Angel, Shepherd or Farm Animal and join in singing from their seats. There will be some seating allocated for pre-school and non rehearsed children (accompanied by one adult on a first come first served basis.

We look forward to seeing you there!



### Second Collection

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection towards the cost of all the Christmas decorations, trees, flowers and candles that go to adorn our church for the twelve days of Christmas.

### New Year's Eve Party

Tickets are selling fast for this years event taking place on the 31st December starting at 7,30 through until 100 am. £10 per adult £5 Primary School Children. Tickets from Office.



### Children's Carol Service

The Junior section of St Francis school would like to invite you all to come and participate in their Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols here in the church on Monday 16 December 2013 at 2:30pm.

### Brunton Centre - Christmas Day

If anyone is available to drive guests to or from the Douglas Brunton Centre on Christmas Day could you please call Mary Richards on 01883 343081 or e-mail mary@randmrichards.co.uk Guests are usually collected from their homes between 11a.m. and 11.30a.m and collected from the Centre at around 4p.m. They are organising a Christmas Day Lunch for The elderly and lonely again this year, and are asking people to donate gifts and mince pies. Gifts should be approximately £5 in value, gift- wrapped and labelled clearly as for man or woman. Sue Hooper has kindly agreed to be the collection point again. Her address is 76 Campbell Rd Caterham 01883 342650.

### Caterham Food Bank

Almost 3 tons of food has now been collected by the Caterham Food bank, so no further donations of food is required until further notice. Sincere thanks also to Waitrose . The green disc earned the FB an extra £600

### Detainees

The Gatwick detainee's welfare group is a registered charity that provides emotional and practical support to male asylum seekers and immigrant detainees. Many of them are young and vulnerable, away from families, homeland and familiar culture. Many have suffered poverty, persecution and in some cases torture.

(Google "Gatiwck Detainees").

Each year we appeal here for items of clothing for these young men aged between 18-30. It comes on top of many appeals we have and still are making here. But on e expects this at this time of year. These men are in need of jumpers, jackets, trousers, shoes and underwear. For obvious reasons the underwear donated must be brand new and sealed. The other items can be new or nearly new. So could I appeal to the teenagers and older men in the parish to make a donation of at least one item in good condition (or new) and leave them in the porch next Sunday , Sincere thanks in advance for this.

### Rome & Assisi

If anyone would care to lead a parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in June 2014, please let the Parish Office know.



### Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:  
Offertory £943.55(Gift Aid £425.49;

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

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Michael Labonte; Leon & Sophie Kozlowski; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Tess Gully; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Ken Archer; Jenny Trumper; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Diane Bailey; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Ian Lester; John Gilford. & Christopher Miles.



The Carol Concert will be on Saturday 21st December starting at 6 pm in the Church led by the Medway Brass Ensemble plus a variety of highly talented guest musicians from the parish and our own parish Male Voice Choir. This is a

free Concert - not a Service - run on similar lines as last year which was thoroughly enjoyed by all ,with a retiring collection to cover the cost of the hire of the Band. Some of the Carols played or sung may be of a secular nature and for that reason, the Blessed Sacrament will be removed from the Tabernacle for the duration of the Concert. Refreshments in the Centenary Hall afterwards includes free Mulled Wine and Mince Pies .Bar facilities will also be available.

### Mary Matthews - Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Mary will be on Friday 13th December at 2 pm. Please note there will NOT be a 10 am Mass on this day.

### TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES 2013

#### Christmas Eve:

6.00pm  
9.000 pm  
12.00 pm Midnight

#### Christmas Day

9.00 am  
10.30 am  
No evening Mass

## CONTACTS

### **Parish Office:**

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### **Parish Youth Club:**

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### **Chair of Parish Finance:**

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### **St. Francis Primary School:**

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

<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent Year A</i>
9:00am Mass	Joe Moggan RIP (M Flanagan)
10:30am Mass	Rita Azzopardi (Giuseppe)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 9th</b>	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10:00am Mass	Glyn Jones RIP
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	<i>Tuesday in the Second Week of Advent</i>
10.00 am Mass	Sheehy Family (Foundation)
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	<i>Wednesday in the Second Week of Advent</i>
10.00 am Mass	No Mass
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	<i>Thursday in the Second Week of Advent</i>
10:00am Mass	Holy Souls (D Hall)
<b>Friday 13th</b>	<i>St Lucy</i>
10:00am Mass	No Mass
2:00 pm	Requiem Mass for Mary Matthews
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	<i>St John of the Corss</i>
10:00am Mass	Rita Azzopardi (Giuseppe)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent Year A</i>
9:00am Mass	Gilford Family Ints (Brenda)
10:30am Mass	August & Martha Reynard RIP (Ursula)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

**Lauds** Mondays at 9.45am

**Rosary** Thursday & Friday at 9:40am

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; 1pm -2pm ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

**HEALING MASS with Benediction** every first Friday at 10:00am

