

# OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish  
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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## Third Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 3

### NEXT WEEKS READING

4th Sunday of Lent

Readings:

1st Reading : second book of  
Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

2nd Reading: Letter of St Paul  
to the Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:16

## Gospel Reflection

I suppose that, like me, most of you learnt as children the prayer Little Jesus, meek and mild, look on me a little child &c. The passage from the Gospel that we read today might make us reflect a little on just how meek and mild Jesus really is. Over the last couple of centuries, the 'meek and mild' interpretation of our Lord has steadily gained ground until God has come to resemble a sort of indulgent grandparent who lets us do anything we want and never complains. From passages such as we read today, we must conclude that, on the contrary, our Lord cares very passionately about some things, and it may not always be the things that we think he should. No doubt the traders in the temple saw themselves as providing a useful service to those who came to worship, but our Lord saw an insult to his heavenly Father in their actions, and reacted not just with anger, but also, shockingly, with violence.

Jesus often criticized those who stuck to the letter of the law while ignoring the spirit, but as today's Gospel shows, he is no laxist either, and we would do well to remember this, for there are many things commonly done even by those who regard themselves as devout Christians which directly violate even the ten commandments. Keeping the Sabbath holy, for example; by some this is more honoured in the breach these days, who consider that Sunday Mass attendance is not for them, if something more appealing is on offer.

No doubt today's passage is assigned to the third Sunday of Lent because of the prophecy of our Lord's resurrection. However, we would be wise to consider carefully as part of our Lenten reflection our own attitude to God's commands, and whether in some areas we even bother to keep the spirit, let alone the letter, of God's law.





### 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 29 March. 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.

**Sunday 15 March.** The Surrey Hills Newman Circle is hosting a talk by Pat Gaffney (National Co-ordinator of Pax Christi) entitled: "**Learning from the Peacemakers of the First World War**". It will take place at **4 pm** in the Parish Rooms, All Saints Church, Chichele Road, Oxted, RH8 0AG. All are very welcome.



There will be **Stations of the Cross** weekly at 6.30pm on Fridays led by Fr Seán and on Tuesday at 10.30am led by the Women's Group.

### Parish shop

*Lent extra. £1, Children's Lent Activity sheet 50p, Games for lent, Daily Lent reading, Stations of the Cross & Easter Cards. These and many more items are available in the Parish Shop.*

### Palm Sunday

#### Children's Activity Day



Sign –up NOW for the Children's Activity Day on 29th March (Palm Sunday)! We have booked a tour guide to take us from Jerusalem to Emmaus. He will point out famous land

marks such as the Emperor's stele and maybe the view from the fort. Of course other important events of that time will be covered too! Puppets, stained 'glass' windows and much more are on what promises to be a very lively day's agenda. Parents: having passed your children to the Activity-Day team, come to the Adult Retreat for a quieter end-of-Lent experience!

#### Parish Retreat

An End-of-Lent quiet day of meditation and prayer based on the story of the disciples' journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. This day is open to everyone and all ages. Starting after the 10.45 Palm Sunday Mass



(about 11.45), we stop for a shared lunch, and finish at about 4.15. If you have children in school years 1 to 8, why not let them go to the activity day and come along to the retreat! Reserve your place NOW for the 29th March!



**COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL-**  
**www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk**

**Full-Time Teacher of Geography for September 2015 or earlier**

The Governors are seeking to appoint a dynamic and well qualified teacher of Geography to work in a very successful and committed department. The post is open to experienced Geography teachers as well as NQTs. Candidates must be able to teach across the age and ability range to A-level and have an empathy with the Catholic ethos of the school. Closing Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015. An application form and further details are available to download from the school website or contact Mrs. S. Dawson on 020 8654 6228 ext: 229

Well done to the winners of the February draw of the Double C Club by now all winners will have received their cheques

£70 Marcia Glaister

£50 Tree Dodington

£30 John Watts

There are still memberships available if anyone would like to join this wonderful way of raising funds for the Parish with a extra bonus of the prize draws each month.

These are made after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the month during coffee which is a great way to get together.

Please call me and I can give you details (Sue 01883346399)

### Gift Aid

Peter Kelly will be at the back of Church TODAY after all of the Sunday Masses to provide you with your new gift aid envelopes. Please don't forget to pick yours up.

### St Patrick's Celebrations

#### St Patrick's Night Party

Saturday 14th March 2015

*There will be a fun gathering on Saturday night in the Centenary Hall with folk music. Come and join the fun! Please see the notice boards or listen out for announcements for full details.*



#### St Patrick's Parish Breakfast

Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 10:30am - Centenary Hall  
*Please join us as we celebrate St Patrick's Day, we will be providing a lovely cooked breakfast for Parishioners. Please sign the form at the back of Church if you are able to attend - this will give us an idea of numbers to cater for. For information please contact Karen on 07775 996012.*

### Offertory Collection


Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £1,015.36 (Gift Aid £380.76)

Second Collection CAFOD: £1,091.54 (plus £75 in cheques

Direct to CAFOD)

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 8th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am only  
9:30am- 10:30am FHC Children's session  
10:45am Youth Mass  
Coffee after 10:45am Mass 

Mon: After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am -11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)  
10:30am Stations of the Cross (Church)

Fri: 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat: 11.30am FHC Reconciliation Service (Church)  
Time TBC St Patrick's party (Cent Hall)

Sun 15th: No CHILDREN'S liturgy (as it's Mother's Day)  
Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass



**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 & Bridie Mullen; 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, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook & Baby Tabitha Harrison



### Thomas More Catholic School - Vacancies

F/T Deputy Catering Manager (Term Time only  
Mon - Fri 7am - 2:45pm) - NJC Scale 4, pt 18-21  
inc. OLA £17,299-£19,096 per annum.

Exam Invigilators (Ad Hoc) - NJC Scale 1, pt 9-11, £8.83-  
£9.06ph

The closing date is Friday 13th March 2015. Please contact the School for further information. Tel: 0208 668 6251, Web: [tmore.org.uk](http://tmore.org.uk) or email: [schooloffice@tmore.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@tmore.org.uk)



### Calling all children of the Parish

Don't forget to make an Easter Garden to bring into Church on Easter Sunday. 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). All entrants will receive a small chocolate egg

### Second Collection

Next Sunday we will have a second collection for the Comboni Missionaries. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid, please do not use your Parish envelopes

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Next Children's Session: TODAY: 9.30am - 10.30am, Cent Hall – Chp 9 of Book.**

#### Dates for your Diary:

Sat 14/03/15: 11.30am – Reconciliation Service in Church (Every child must be accompanied by at least one parent to this service).

Sat 21/03/15: 2pm - Tour of the Church

If you have any queries, please contact **Anne Marie Young** either via email on [fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com)



### 'ENCOUNTER' EVENING FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS (15-30)

ENCOUNTER evenings are proving really popular. We have live music, adoration and some brilliant talks, and we usually get a lot of people. Everyone is welcome, especially new people. It's totally free, and you don't need to book. Just turn up. It's a great way to explore your faith and make new friends. The next one is on Friday March 20th at 7pm at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley (RH11 8PG). Our guest speaker this month will be Aidan Cantwell, Diocesan Adviser for Justice & Peace and Social Action. He will be talking about Pope Francis words: 'An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to change the world.' Search 'Two:42 Young Adults' on Facebook for more information.



**THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL  
HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
TLR responsibility 1c £9193 required from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

The Governors wish to appoint, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 a full time Head of Religious Education to make this outstanding department (Ofsted Section 48 2013) even better. The Head of Department will need to be enthusiastic and willing to assist an established chaplaincy team in the spiritual and liturgical life of the school This is an exciting opportunity to lead a department consistently rated as 'outstanding' by the diocese. The John Fisher School has a national reputation for the quality of its provision for religious education and numbers many priests within its old boy alumni. 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. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby by the closing date: Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. Interviews will be held Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**Rediscover Your Marriage** - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. For confidential information about or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 20th -22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015, email; [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk); call or text 0788 7296983 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)



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thecenthall@gmail.com

**Baptism Preparation:**

John Baron 0208 763 2144

**Marriage Preparation:**

(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

**Journey of Faith (RCIA):**

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**Gift Aid:**

Peter Kelly 01883 330684  
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**Chair of Parish Finance:**

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.co

**Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:**

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991  
kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

**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**

<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Tabitha Harrison Ints (A Harrison)
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Agustine Mendonsa RIP (D'Souza family)
<b>Monday 9th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Mr & Mrs Gabriel Jules (D Michel)
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Intentions of James Grundy
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	
10:00am Latin Mass	Tope Obebe RIP (C Abisogun)
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Tabitha Harrison Ints (A Harrison)
<b>Friday 13th</b>	
7:00pm Mass	Beryl Dickenson RIP
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	
10:00am Mass	Bridget Crook Ints (Parish Womens Group)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	Andrew Koh (Ursula)
10:45am Mass	Bill Jones (Cutler family)
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

**Stations of the Cross** - Friday 6:30pm