# Sacred Heart Parish



# THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass -Maura Collard RIP (L Leake) 10:45am Mass -Gerry O'Connor RIP (Lovat family) 5:15pm Mass -People of the Parish

> Monday 9th St Denis 10am Mass -Cathy Linsell RIP

Tuesday 10th St Paulinus of York 10am Mass -Barry Evans RIP (T Roche)

Wednesday 11th 10am Latin Mass -Neil & Karen McKay (Linton family)

<u>Thursday 12th</u> St Wilfrid 10am Mass -Frank Hanley RIP (E Hanley)

Friday 13th St Edward the Confessor 7pm Mass-Cathy Linsell RIP (Stritch family)

Saturday 14th St Callistus 10am Mass -Wellbeing of Ben Webber (Kelly family)

#### Sunday 15th

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass - Jimmy & Sue Mullen Ints (Jean) 10:45am Mass - Bridget Carroll RIP (Teresa) 5:15pm Mass -People of the Parish

Twenty seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time SACRED HEART CHURCH ESSENDENE ROAD, CATERHAM, CR3 5PA PARISH PRIEST: FR SEÁN FINNEGAN 37 WHYTELEAFE RD, CATERHAM, SURREY CR3 5EG TEL: 01883 343241 priest@sacred-heart.co.uk

Baptisms -Harrison <u>s</u> King & Micah Mootatamby will be baptised here. Please keep them in your prayers.

This week: Readings for next Sunday, and an overview of the New Wednesday, Testament. 11th October, 8pm in the Old Hall

Parish Christmas Market -Sunday 26th November We need your help!

This Sunday, 8th October -Please look out any unwanted jewellery, watches, cufflinks, tie pins etc. We are hoping to have a really well-stocked jewellery stall this year.

Next Sunday, 15th October - Could you spare any cuddly toys for a 'cuddlies tombola'? This stall is very popular with the chil-

dren....you might even win them back!

If you can spare a couple of hours to help on the day. please leave your name and telephone number with the Parish Office. Many thanks to those who have already offered their support with this Parish event.

There is a box in the church porch for your donations.

Friday 20th October: there will be an illustrated talk by the renowned Church Historian Fr Norman Tanner SJ about the history of the Eucharist. This will take place in the Old Hall after Mass, which is to say at 7.45pm.

HOPE 2017 - FESTIVAL DAY FOR 11-14s, WITH RISE THEATRE Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org



Last Chance!! (Note the correction!) Parish Retreat Take a day off! Treat yourself!

Come to the Parish Retreat (Day of Recollection) Saturday 14th October 10 am to 4.00pm John Fisher School, Led by Sr. Margaret Eason. Following our very successful day last year, we have asked Sr. Margaret to lead us this year.

We are lucky to have been able to book Sr. Margaret, who is renowned for her retreats, and is therefore in great demand. Sign up now! (List at the back of the church, or ring 01883 345749).

We have been asked about payment: if you have already signed up, please put your money in an envelope marked 'Retreat' and your name and put it through the office door - or give it to one of the Journey of Faith team.

Today there will be a second collection for CAFOD Fast Day (CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes are available). Next week there will be a second collection for PACT (not eligible for Parish Gift Aid).

Sacred Heart Toddler Group Please feel free to pop into the Sacred Heart Toddler Group - Tuesday mornings from 9:15am - 11:15am in St Thomas' Hall (term time only) for friendly chat and refreshments whilst your little ones play! Lots of fun activities planned over the next few months! For any questions, please email

sacredhearttoddlers@gmail.com.

Romero - of El Salvador NATIONAL CHURCH TOUR Comes to Caterham 21st October 2017 - The true story of Blessed Oscar Romero and the people of El Salvador is brought

to life with explosive energy and passion from the RISE theatre team, accompanied by an origi-

nal sound track from James Joshua Otto and inspiring graffiti set design by Gage Graphics. For Tickets contact Marion on 07983 or on line at 384385 www.ticketsource.co.uk/ risetheatre and scroll down to Caterham 21st October 2017.

MINISTERS - There will be a Saturday mass on 9th December at 10.00am for all Ministers of Communion. Readers and Welcomers followed by refreshments in the Old Hall and possibly a croissant!

**Offertory Collection** Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory: £907.95 (Gift Aid: £360.18)

### Madaba News

The 50kg of books which we sent to St John the Baptist primary school in Madaba have arrived safely. They were delayed several days in Jordan but the holdup was sorted out successfully.

Della Shenton, founder of Parishes for Peace, took another £1,000 to Madaba on our behalf last week. This is from the funds collected earlier in the year and will be passed directly to refugee families.

On Sunday November 12th there will be another parish **lunch** to raise funds to send to Jordan. Please put this date in your diary. More details shortly. Mike Wood 01883 348081

# <u>CONTACTS</u>

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• LIVE @: www.churchservices.tv/caterham

Psalter Week 3 <u>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</u> Isaiah 25:6-10a Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

#### Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday 9am to 10am Rosary every Thursday 9:40am Confessions every Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - after Saturday Mass Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm Your Prayers are requested for the following people 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; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Richard Sowa & Pat Power.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 8th:	Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only
	10:45am Scout Mass
	Coffee & Teas after 10:45am Mass
	Christmas Market collection - Jewellery & Arts and Craft items
Mon 9th:	Coffee & Tea after 10am Mass
Tues 10th:	9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (St Thomas' Hall)
	8pm Choir practice (Old Hall)
Wed 11th:	8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer
	8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
Sat 14th:	1:30pm FHC Session 1b (Old Hall)
Sun 15th:	Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
	Coffee & Teas after 9am & 10:45am Mass
	Christmas Market collection - Cuddly toys for a 'cuddlies tombola'

## **Gospel Reflection**

The key to today's parable is quite obvious; the house of Israel has often been likened to a vineyard—we can see two examples; in the first reading and in the psalm of today's Mass The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. God is the owner of the Vineyard, and the tenants are the Jews, perhaps specifically the Pharisees. The servants whom the owner sends to the tenants are the prophets, who were treated so badly simply for doing their Masters bidding. The Son whom the owner sends and who is killed is, of course, our Lord himself; one might, then, view this parable as a prophecy of his own death.

The parables, however, always have a moral point, and it comes at the end of the parable; what would you expect a landowner to do who had been treated so abominably by his tenants? At the very least he would give the vineyard to other tenants. By this our Lord intends his hearers to understand that the Jews had finally forfeited their right to be the exclusive people of God, and that the Gentiles would now get their chance.

Let us be quite clear; it would be hypocritical to give this parable an antisemitic reading today. Let us never fall into the trap of seeing these moral parables as applying to others, lest we be guilty of trying to take the speck out of our brother's eye without removing the log that is in our own (c.f. Matthew 7:3). Let us be very careful to give God what is his due—prayer, sacrifice, sinlessness—lest the vineyard be taken from us, too, and we become first lukewarm in our faith and then lose it altogether.

**Diary date** - Sunday 22nd October. Fair Trade Stall after all Masses. A chance to taste and buy some unique handmade products. More details to follow

At the recent Parish AGM it was agreed that we would try to reinstate the Parish Taxi Drivers Rota that was previously organised by the Knights of St Columba to bring people with mobility problems to Sunday Mass. The Catenians are trying to take this forward and as a first step they need to identify a sufficient number of volunteer drivers. Would anyone able to commit themselves to this service, on say a monthly basis, please contact John Baron on 0208 763 2144 or johndavidbaron@gmail.com.

#### **Double C Club**

Well done to the winners of the Double C Draw for October £70 Kathleen Saunders £50 Chris Frith £30 Ros Walker

The John Fisher School Christmas Bonanza. Friday 1st December 7pm the School Hall



The John Fisher Music Department presents a variety of Christmas music from instrumental ensembles and choirs. Wear your Christmas jumper and Santa hat and join us for festive fun! £3/£1 concessions.