

Sunday 9th October 2016
28th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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Psalter Week 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

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Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Luke 18:1-8

Gospel Reflection:

It is one of the well-known facts about the Gospel that Jews and Samaritans did not get on. The reason is that the Jews considered the Samaritans heterodox—heretical, one might say—and their blood not a little mixed with Gentile blood. But their main offence was that they would not recognize the authority of the Jerusalem hierarchy and the worship at the temple there, but got on with things at their own holy site on Mount Gerizim. Galilee, on the other hand, though even further off than Samaria, and where the people were even more of mixed blood (known as 'Galilee of the Nations', or 'of the Gentiles') was considered preferable because however mixed up was the blood of the Galileans, they were more orthodox in their Jewish beliefs—as we see from the example of our Lord's Apostles, all Galileans. And their location meant that whenever they wanted to go to Jerusalem to worship, they had to pass through Samaria.

Several times in the Gospels, we see our Lord shaming the 'authentic' Jews who prided themselves on their zeal and fidelity by comparing them to Non-Jews, such as full Gentiles—the centurion whose servant was healed, for instance—and Samaritans, such as the famous 'Good Samaritan'. The point was not that our Lord was suggesting that the Samaritan or the gentile religions were as good as the authentic Jewish religion; indeed he states quite clearly the reverse in his dialogue with the woman at the well in St John's Gospel, but rather that when we see genuine goodness practised by those who must do so without the encouragement and consolation of the true faith, then those who are true, orthodox, believers ought to take note and pull their socks up!

Today's Gospel is about gratitude and about faith. The element of gratitude is obvious, but we must not miss those last words: 'your faith has saved you'. Our Lord once more drives home the message that the physical healing is not the real matter in hand here, but the question of salvation. The other nine lepers who were healed were simply healed of leprosy. Splendid, no doubt, but they failed to draw the correct consequence of the healing which was to elicit faith in them, the faith that would save their souls and bring them to heaven. They missed the point.

Let us all daily remember to give thanks to God for all the good things which he has given us, but in response to his goodness not fail to practise and renew our faith as fervently as we can.

St Bede's prayer meeting-

We will be praying on the second Tuesday of each month. Dates for the remainder of the year will be:

Tuesday 11 October, Tuesday 8 November, Tuesday 13 December, Tuesday 10 January, Tuesday 7 February, Tuesday 14 March, Tuesday 9 May, Tuesday 13 June and Tuesday 11 July. Please make a note in your diary!

We would love to invite anyone with a heart for prayer for our community here at Saint Bede's and a passion for developing the Christian Ethos to join us from 18:00 to 19:00. Refreshments available from 17.30.

Thank you and we look forward to you joining us in prayer.

Hebrews 10: 24-25: "Let us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting togetherbut let us encourage one another...."

Mass for Healing - A number of people have now been invited to the Mass for Healing on 15th October @ 10am. Can you help? We need transport, help to set up the Old Hall and clear after, help with refreshments and most of all your support on the day. If you know any parishioner who is seriously ill and would like to either attend or be remembered at Mass please tell Fr Séan or the office.

First Holy Communions

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme for those in academic year 3 will be available shortly please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. In preparation for this please can we ask that those interested in registering for the programme ensure that their family details are up to date on the Parish Register. If you are unsure if your details are on the register the registration form can be downloaded from the parish website and once completed returned to the Parish Office.

Full information on the programme will be given at the first parents meeting (date tbc) however for your planning purposes and in considering whether to register for the programme please be aware that classes are likely to be held on Saturdays from 11am for 1 hour. All children undertaking the programme will be expected to attend all classes as well as weekly mass.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 22nd October 2016 11.00am -4.00pm

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Year of Mercy*. **Please note change of venue:** at St. Andrews Hall, Medstead. GU34 5LX. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* by Fr Nicholas Broadbridge "Closure – Healing of Memories"; 3.30 Reconciliation and *Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to reserve places, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Following meeting – Saturday 26th November. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker: David Beresford.



St Francis' Catholic Primary School

We would like to invite prospective parents of children starting primary school in September 2017 to one of the following events: **OPEN MORNINGS** - Tuesday 18th October and Tuesday 22nd November 2016

The Headteacher will speak at 9.30am, Tours will begin at 9.45am and finish at 10.30 am. Please telephone the School Office on 01883-342005 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you.

Today there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Please use the envelopes provided by CAFOD in the porch.

Well done to the winners of the October draw of the Double C Club

£70 Mrs E Gilbody

£50 Mrs D Hall

£30 Mrs A Charlier

There is still time to join and maybe have your name as a winner in the next newsletter, membership is only £24.00 per year - less than a cup of coffee per month in Costa or Marks.

If you would like details please give me (Sue) a ring on 01883346399 and maybe your name will appear as a winner.

It would seem a good idea from time to time to draw your attention to some books you might find interesting, and which you can order via our shop.

This week, I'd like to introduce you to *Galileo goes to Jail*, edited by Ronald L. Numbers. It is a common accusation that religion (especially Catholicism) is, and always has been, opposed to science. On the contrary, it is precisely the Church which enabled science to develop and in the past created the necessary conditions for most of the scientific discoveries of the modern age to be made. This book examines many of the myths perpetrated by those who would discredit our faith's contribution to science, and discovers that they are themselves based on incomplete or erroneous arguments—or complete falsehoods.

You can see a copy of this book in our shop, and we can order it for you at a cost of (at present) £15.95, though according to Amazon there are only a couple of copies left—there is a Kindle edition available at £15.15 from Amazon. You might be best to order a copy directly yourself from Amazon to avoid disappointment.

Parish Film Club (SVP)

Our next film 'The Lady in the Van' will be shown on Monday 31st October at 2pm in the Old Hall. This film was released last year and stars Maggie Smith in the leading role. About 25 parishioners enjoyed last month's film, as well as tea and cakes at the interval. All are welcome.

Coloma Convent Girls' School - Open morning Saturday 15th October 10am - 12noon



Laleham Lea School - Vacancy

P/T Reception Teacher - See notice board for details



Justice and Peace Group

Our next meeting is on Monday 10th October 7.45pm in the Old Hall. **ALL WELCOME**

Are you concerned about injustice?

Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard? Would you like support and encouragement?

'Pray, Study and Act Together To Bring About A More Just And Peaceful World'

Further details via Parish Office

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £921.16 (Gift Aid: £326.09)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 9th: Children's liturgy at 9am only
10:45am Youth Mass
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Mon: Tea & Coffee after Mass (Old Hall)
7:45pm Justice & Peace meeting (Old hall)
Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (St T. Hall)
Wed: 8pm Journey of Faith
Fri: 6pm Chill Club (St T's Hall)
Sat: 10am Mass for the Sick
Sun 16th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Tea & Coffee after 10:45am Mass

Kimilili Link.

At the parish meeting earlier in the year it was proposed that we develop a link with St Leo the Great parish in Kimilili, Kenya. This suggestion has been received enthusiastically by the 2 priests in the Kenyan parish:

'Our parish has 104 small Christian communities and 8 out stations; this enables us to facilitate proper Evangelisation to our people. The population of our parish is about 6000 Christians. Our small Christian communities are made of about 20 homes/families.

Christians meet in their homes to share the word of God, pray together and occasionally celebrate the Eucharist together.

Our out stations are made of the small Christian communities of that area. Mass is celebrated in these stations on Sundays. Priests cannot manage to celebrate Mass every Sunday in these out stations therefore there is a rotational mass program every Sunday.

On special occasions (Good Friday, confirmations, ordinations, professions of the Religious) all the Christians of the parish come together in the parish centre.'

Fr. John Sulumeti and Fr. Willis Wafula (*Copies of the full reply are in the porch*)

A small group from the Sacred Heart Parish has met to begin developing this link. Our next meeting will be after the evening Mass on the feast of All Saints (Nov 1st) Anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome.

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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; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, 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, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise & Brenda Sharpe.

Parish Christmas Market – Sunday 20th November

Many thanks for all the donations received last weekend. This week we are asking for **jewellery, anything suitable for a Tombo-la and Art & Craft items.** (Unwanted necklaces, brooches, earrings, rings, bracelets, cuff links, watches, tie pins, small mirrors and makeup bags would all be most welcome)

Can you spare an hour or two to help with a stall? If so, please hand in your name and contact details to the Parish Office. More help is still needed!



What is the New Testament?

Who were the Gospel writers – and why is St John's different? - and what is Revelation?

Join us for an elucidation of these and more – and of the readings for next Sunday **All welcome!**

**8.00p.m. Wednesday, 12th October,
in the Old Hall**

Schools forms after Sunday Masses. Applications for St Bedes & Coloma, who don't use a form, must also see Fr Seán.

Sign up now for the Parish retreat! Come to Woldingham on the 23rd October. Only £20, and a light lunch and Mass provided! Posters and sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Catch it while there are still places! *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.*

Health & Safety

Parking - please can we again remind all Parishioners of the importance of only parking in marked bays, and not parking on the yellow lines at the entrance to the Church driveway. Cars should also not be parked alongside the private access road to the office/presbytery or outside the Old Hall.

Buggies - it has been asked whether buggies can be brought into Church during mass. As long as they do not obstruct the aisles, buggies may be brought into the Church, however if there is nowhere suitable for them, please can they be left in the porch to the right of the sacristy door.

SVP - Cash4Coins: Here is a great opportunity to make a little money for the SVP out of those old coins and banknotes and leftover holiday

currency which is not worth exchanging for pounds. Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, the SVP can collect all foreign coins and banknotes, any old British and Irish money and even obsolete currency! 50% of the funds realised will go to our Caterham Conference and 50% to national SVP funds.

There will be a clearly labelled large plastic bottle in the Church porch for you to deposit your donations. Thank you.



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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 9th	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Sr Margaret Mary Petterson RIP (T Dodington)
10:45am Mass	Danny & Margaret Ryan RIP (E Barton & Ryan family)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 10th	<i>St Paulinus of York</i>
10am Mass	Michael Lynch RIP (Betty & Dave)
Tuesday 11th	
10am Mass	Jimmy & Sue Ints (Jimmy)
Wednesday 12th	<i>St Wilfrid</i>
10am Latin Mass	Frank Hanley (E Hanley)
Thursday 13th	<i>St Edward the Confessor</i>
10am Mass	Brigid Lakhani RIP (Jimmy)
Friday 14th	<i>St Callistus</i>
7pm Mass	New Secular Priests' Common Fund
Saturday 15th	<i>St Teresa of Avila</i>
10am Mass	Mass for the Sick
Sunday 16th	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Campbell Clark RIP (M Clark)
5:15pm Mass	Agnes Mendonca Ints (D'Souza family)

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday 9am to 10am
Rosary every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturdays: 9am – 10am
Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour after Saturday Mass
Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm