



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sacred Heart Parish of Caterham, Whyteleafe and Godstone

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Weekday 38 Year II
1st Vespers of the
following Sunday
Psalter Week 4

I would like at this holy season to send my greetings to every one of you in the parish, with my especial gratitude for welcoming me so warmly among you. I feel very privileged to be your parish priest. I pray that this Christmas may be a time of great grace for you; that the power of this season may touch your hearts and renew flagging faith and love of God. May the message of peace reign in your hearts and bring you and those you love every blessing.

Reflection

WE must not underestimate the importance of what is known as Mary's fiat; 'Let it be done to me according to your will'. It parallels the important prayer of our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane 'may this cup pass from me, nevertheless, let your will be done' (Luke 22:42). As both Adam and Eve had their role in the fall, so both the new Adam, Jesus, and the new Eve, Mary, have their role in the redemption, and the most important element in this is obedience. For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's [Jesus'] obedience many will be made righteous (Romans 5:19).

The parallels between Adam and Jesus also Mary and Eve suggests that it might be fruitful to look for other parallels, also. Just as Adam and Eve were created sinless, and our Lord likewise, it is natural that we should look to our Lady and expect to find her sinless too. And the Church has found a suggestion of this in today's Gospel; the angel salutes her as 'full of grace' (though the Jerusalem Bible on your missalettes disregards the Church Fathers and translates this as 'highly favoured' not, in my opinion, really bringing out the strength of the original), which seems to suggest the doctrine we now know as the Immaculate Conception.

We might thus conclude that in the incarnation, the becoming human, of our Lord the fall of man was being given a sort of re-run; mankind was being given another chance to get it right. Adam and Eve exercised their freedom to opt out of the Kingdom of God; we, however, have to opt in. The obedience of Christ and, subordinately, the obedience of our Lady, made this possible. The way to opt in is by, first, faith proceeding to Baptism, which makes us part of Christ's mystical body. But this implies also a moral dimension; if we are part of Christ, we must also strive to be like Christ. If we would seek to distance ourselves from Lucifer's 'I will not serve', and from our first parents' disobedience, we must seek to imitate the obedience of our Lord and his Mother.

Christian children, all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.
— Not just children, but everyone.



Office closed

The office will be closed from December 24th to Monday 5th January 2015.

Please email the office with any queries and they will be picked up when the office opens. Thank you.



Christmas Fayre

Thank you for all who joined in the fun at fayre last week and special thanks to Karen for organising another Parish event. Thank you to everyone behind the scenes as well.

We raised £751.83

Well done also to our winners of the raffle! Numbers 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 126, 127, 128, 129 and 130. If you have not collected your prize please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Collection

As you probably know, priests in our diocese do not receive any kind of salary. The parish provides only for our keep (food, bills, expenses), the money for which comes out of the weekly collection; anything beyond that (for the purchase of a car, for holidays, for clothing &c) is entirely according to your generosity. This comes from what we call 'stole fees'—offerings made at baptisms, weddings &c—and Mass offerings, and the collections taken at Christmas and Easter which are not, therefore, a 'gift', but form the largest part of our income for the year, and which must be declared to the Inland Revenue. On the other hand, anything that comes in a card I do treat as 'gift' and do not feel obliged to declare.

I wanted to tell you all this in case you did not know where your money was going. Thank you very much in



Christmas Cards

Don't forget there are lovely Christmas cards and gifts available in the shop.

Festival 50 Stalls

There is an opportunity for any body who wishes to run a suitable stall at the Festival Day at the Amex to book a space. The focus is of course on the Catholic community, but we would welcome stalls from ecumenical participants as well. If you are interested or know someone who who is interested then email festival50@dabnet.org or see the Information Form on the Diocesan website

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory - £926.39 (Gift Aid - £374.14)

Second Collection - Christmas Flowers £366.22

Older Liturgy Group- A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!!



After well over 8 years of carrying out the older children's Liturgy and running and organising the rota and being super organised Mirella O' Donoghue is stepping down. She is handing over the reins to Michele Anderson. We want to say a great big thank you to Mirella for her dedication & organisation to the children's liturgy. You will be missed, however you leave it in very capable hands with Michele and the older liturgy team. Many Thanks Mirella from ALL the children of the parish x



Christmas Masses

Some thought had been given as to whether we needed a 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve. A priest is not permitted to say more than two Masses on a weekday or three Masses on a Sunday or major Feast-day. Given that even without the 9pm Mass there would be four Christmas Masses, I was not at all keen to do a fifth. I was advised at first that it was not necessary; now I have been given to understand that, on the contrary, it is necessary. Fortunately, Fr Terry Martin, the Diocesan Vocations Director, has very kindly agreed to say a Mass at 9pm on Christmas Eve, so the complete schedule of Masses will be as in previous years. *Fr Seán*




Please pray for Fr John Oliver whose funeral took place on 10 December and for Fr Geoffrey de Putron whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 23 December at Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne at 12 noon. There will be a Vigil Mass for him on Monday 22 December at 7pm also in Our Lady of Ransom. Please pray for the repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

Diocesan Festival 50 Volunteers Required

The Diocese is looking for volunteers to help with Festival 50 in 2015. Volunteers are needed on the day and in the preparation of the Festival. Do you have any skills from Event Promotion to Music, from Face Painting to Flower Arranging that you would be happy to offer? Would you like to be a Welcomer and Host on the day? There are many jobs and all offers gratefully received. To offer email festival50@dabnet.org or write to Festival 50, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. More information on the [Diocesan website](#)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 21st: NO CHILDREN'S liturgy
Teas & Coffee after Mass 
(S&M Fanthome)
4pm Christingle service

TUE 18th No Toddler group until 6th Jan 2015
SUN 28th NO CHILDRENS LITURGY
NO TEAS & COFFEES AFTER MASS



New Years's Lunch

Parish elders are invited to attend a New Year's Celebration Lunch on Saturday 17th January at 1pm in the Centenary Hall. For enquiries please contact Karen Rattigan on 07775 996012

Redshirts 2015

Calling all students in school years 10 or 11 (or equivalent age). Would you like to spend 10 days next summer in the south of France? Would you like to meet other young people from around the diocese? Would you like to deepen your faith and understanding of God in your life? Would you like to make a difference in other peoples lives? Would you like to have a pilgrimage experience of Faith, Fun, Friendship....and Food? If you have said yes to any of the above then being a Redshirt in 2015 could be just the thing for YOU! Dates are Wednesday 29th July to Friday 7th August.

For successful applicants there will be two gatherings before the pilgrimage to get to know each other and to find out more about The Redshirts on Pilgrimage. If you are interested please email ray mooney (Redshirt Coordinator) abredshirts@gmail.com. Further information can be found on www.ablourdes.org



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

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & 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.

Christmas Friends of the Holy Land Appeal

Archbishop Peter Smith has endorsed a request from FHL that parishes donate their crib box collections to help our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, specifically in and around Bethlehem and the Holy Family Parish in Gaza. Every penny collected is distributed by FHL to named families in the greatest need to help them with their day to day living, to supply medicines and fund operations (there is no social service in this area), to repair houses of Christian families damaged in Gaza from the recent war and to support Christian children at the parish school with a special programme to overcome the trauma of the recent conflict. For more information on the work of FHL, please visit our web-

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to Fr Stephen Dingly who will be hearing confession s during Mass today.



Weddings

Congratulations to Douglas Gilbert and Laura Clarke who will be married this week.

Mass for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday January 3rd at 1pm (**New Time**) in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: casamariapita@aol.com. Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

Toddler Group

Toddler Group restarts on Tuesday 6th January from 9.15am - 11.15am in the Old Hall. All welcome. Contact Kelly 07921 030991

Festival 50 Pilgrimage

This is being planned as a one off massive pilgrimage starting at Arundel Cathedral to arrive at the Amex for the 50th celebrations of the Diocese on Sunday 5th of July 2015. We would welcome every parish, school and organisation possible to make and bring a banner that represents them, for a pilgrim commissioning service. The banners will be blessed and then brought on pilgrimage to the Amex stadium for the 50th celebrations.

For more information and booking form go to www.dabnet.org/Festival50

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.co

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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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**Sunday 21th**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am Mass

People of the Parish

10:30am Mass

Sean Joseph Mullin (P Voorbach)

5:15pm Mass

Pat Moore RIP (B McCarthy)

Monday 22nd

10:00am Mass

For all who suffer as a result of abortion (A Pullin)

Tuesday 23rd

10:00am Mass

Constance Kind RIP (P & B Lovat)

CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00am Latin Mass
6:00pm Mass
9:00pm Mass
12 Midnight: Mass

Celebrant's Intentions
People of the Parish
Margaret Fahy RIP (PJ Ryan)
Irene Rolston Ints

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

9:00am Mass

10:30am Mass

Derek Kidward RIP (Ruby)
Mr & Mrs Gino Nicolotti (A Nicolotti)

Friday 26th

St Stephen

7pm Mass

June Kay RIP (J Jeacock)

Saturday 27th

St John

10:00am Mass

Hilda & Rodney Peck (E Wood)

Sunday 28th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00am Mass

Martina & Ken (Peggy)

10:30am Mass

Margaret Sore RIP (Peter & Family)

5:15pm Mass

People of the Parish

*Father Seán & the Office would
like to wish you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year!*



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