

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2014

Psalter Week 1



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Bubonic Plaque

I read last week that a strain of bubonic plague as deadly as the one that caused the Black Death could strike again without warning, scientists have warned. Researchers studied the Plague of Justinian, which killed half the world's population in the 6th century and found it was caused by a different strain to the Black Death in the 14th century. The Justinian strain vanished from the Earth, but the Black Death gave rise to another pandemic in the late 1800s. The Plague of Justinian is thought to have killed between 30 million and 50 million people as it swept through Asia, North Africa, the Middle East and Europe - virtually half the world's population at the time. Some 800 years later, the Black Death wiped out 50 million Europeans between 1347 and 1351. Many people believe that it was because the flesh of the victims blackened in the final hours before death, that gave rise to its name. But that was not usually the case. In just one form of the plaque, small black or purple blotches formed on the bodies of the sick - and that would have made a great impression on those who witnessed it. The title "Black Death" does not seem to have appeared until the 18th century. The name seems to have stemmed from the Latin "atra mors", meaning "dreadful", "terrible" as well as "black". The disease would first manifest itself by the emergence of certain tumours or buboes - hence the name bubonic plaque. To most victims the bubo meant certain death. Almost every 14th century doctor took it for granted that the disease was caused by corruption of the atmosphere - bad air - which moved from place to place. Certain types of rodents and fleas are now believed to have been the carriers. Even the years before the Black Death were disastrous for Italy. Earthquakes had done severe damage to Naples, Rome, Pisa, Bologna, Padua & Venice. From July 1345 there were six months of continuous rain resulting in crop failures and famine. Banks and merchants were bankrupt, made worse by internal feuds and outside attack. The papacy had left Rome in 1314 for Avignon and did not return until 1378. The people were physically in no state to resist a sudden and severe epidemic. The plague raged in Florence with exceptional intensity, killing over fifty thousand inhabitants. About half of the population of Avignon succumbed. Pope Clement VI organised sanitary services and medical aid there. The Jews were blamed for this epidemic, accused of poisoning the streams and wells. The Pope intervened denouncing this calumny and threw open the papal States to Jewish refugees. By the winter of 1348 - about a year after its first appearance in Sicily - the Black Death began to dissipate. But it was to be much longer before people began to feel entirely safe. There was a slight eruption of the disease in 1360 but the period of acute crisis was over. The total number of monks, nuns and friars in England before the Black Death was in the region of seventeen thousand, five hundred. Half of those perished in the two years of the epidemic. Numbers were never to rise again to this level. The Mendicant Orders were one of the worst afflicted and went into serious decline. Discipline became slack and faith weakened, both because of the loss of their most eminent members and the relaxation of the Rules which followed. But it seems that they emerged from the plague years, with increased credit. They were certainly much more highly regarded than the Parish clergy. Their way of life, with little display of materialism, was often in sharp contrast to the others. In 1351, a petition signed by many of the Parish clergy was sent to Pope Clement asking that the Mendicants be forbidden to preach. The Pope replied: "And if their preaching be stopped, about what can you preach to the people? If you preach on humility, you yourselves are the proudest people in the world, arrogant and given over to pomp. If you preach on poverty, you are the most grasping and most covetous". Clement VI himself not noted for personal austerity or for rebuking human weakness in others - was apparently tried to breaking point".

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun: Children's Liturgy for all ages at 9 am & 10.30 am.
9:15am - 10:15am First Holy Communion Session
(Cent Hall) Teas/Coffee after 9 am & 10.30 am
(Ofelia Turner & Maribel Chambers)



Mon: Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass in Old Hall.
7 pm: Cubs in Old Hall

Tue: 9.30 am: Mother & Toddler Group in Old Hall
6.15 pm: Beavers in Old Hall
7.30 pm: Scouts in Old Hall

Wed: 8pm RCIA

Fri: Parish Social Club open from 7.30 - 10.30 pm.
(may close at 9 pm depending on clientele)

Sun: Children's Liturgy for all ages at 9 am & 10.30 am
Teas/Coffee: after 10.30: (Priscy Risely & Luella Scott).

Altar Servers

We are planning to attend the National Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral (Victoria) on Saturday 15th March at 2.30pm. (change of date). We will go up as group by train to Victoria. To get an idea of numbers can you let

Chris O'Connor know: sacredheart.servers@hotmail.co.uk
0208 660 4304 if your child can attend and also is you can help as a parent on the day. This Mass is open to anyone who may wish to come along.

Requiem

The Requiem Mass for Etna Houltsworth will be on Monday 17th February at 10.00 am.

Duty

Fr Kieran returns to duty on Thursday following his short post Christmas break. If you need a Priest urgently please ring Fr John Oliver: 01883-714290 or Fr Anthony Hale 01737 643399

Marriage

If you booked the church for a wedding some time past, you have the duty to contact Fr Kieran 6 months prior to the date of your wedding to commence preparations. Failure to do this may result in the cancellation of your wedding on the chosen date.

Palm Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday falls on the **second** Sunday of the month this year.

The children's choir are invited to be involved with the celebration.

Please let me know if you will be around on 13th April 2014.

If you are interested in helping out with the celebration please let me know so that we can begin to put together a group of **musicians**, **readers** for the Gospel, **children** for the drama and adult helpers. Please contact Natasha Palmer.

Email. tashpalmer@hotmail.com Tel: 07766547529

The Journey of Faith group will meet this Wednesday in the Sacristy next to the Old Hall at 8pm. Topic: "Does God Exist?" Everybody welcome.

Masses for Young Adults and Teenagers

The Sunday 5.30pm Mass at the Friary Church in Crawley has a special welcome and ministry towards younger Catholics (15-30, or thereabouts). After Mass, we all go to a Cafe together for some food and a chance to get to know each other. There is also a great music group every other Sunday which anyone is welcome to join. New people are always made very welcome. See [Facebook.com/CrawleyCatholicYouth](https://www.facebook.com/CrawleyCatholicYouth) for more details.

The Double C Club

Well done to the February winners of the Double C Club Draw

£70.00 Kit Monk

£50.00 Stephen Blunden

£30.00 Christopher Walsh

It is with great thanks to all members of the Double C Club that a cheque for £1,000.00 was given to Father without each and every one of its members this donation would not have been possible. Anyone wishing to join please contact Sue on 01883 346399

Valentine's Day Family Lunch Carvery



A "St Valentines Lunch" regardless of whether your are single or not will be held in the Cent Hall next **Sunday 16th Feb.** £10 per adult; £5 Primary School.

There will be a **FREE DRINK** for every ticket.

Book through the Parish Office.

HOLY COMMUNION

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

The children's sessions have now begun with last week being an introduction to the HC programme. This week, 26/01/14, we will be covering chapters 1 – 3 of the book. All sessions will be held in the Centenary Hall on Sunday mornings 9.15 – 10.15am. The doors will not be opened before 9.15am.

Further sessions are as follows:

Sun 26/01/14 - Children's Session 2 – (Chapters 1-3 of book)

Sun 09/02/14 – Children's Session 3 - (Chapters 4-6 of book)

See website for full list of dates

We would also like to remind you that weekly participation in Mass in the parish is a vital part of your child's preparation for Holy Communion. As well as being part of the natural rhythm of Catholic life, this weekly celebration of Mass will inform and reinforce the learning that the Holy Communion programme provides to you and your child.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young either via email on

fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com or by mobile on 07949 938 984.

Family Gameshow Night, Saturday 29th March

If you would like tickets for this fun event for all the family, please see Mel Flaherty in the porch after the 10.30 am Mass this Sunday (or contact her on 07736 070455, melflaherty@hotmail.com).

Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and include a jacket potato meal. Bring your own pudding. All proceeds from the night will go to those in need within our parish.



The Bar will also be open.

Can you donate a raffle prize to help us raise extra money on the night, eg food and drink items for a hamper, gift sets, new games/toys, vouchers, etc? - All gratefully received. Please contact Mel Flaherty (contact details above).



Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory £928.30 (Gift Aid £462.37)



Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or enfeebled.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;
Daisy Hill; Connie Cronin; Christopher Browne;
Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale;
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, Pat McCoy & Johnny Lawless.

Second Collection

Second Collection next weekend towards the Catholic Education Service.

**ITEMS FOR THIS WEEKS NEWSLETTER TO REACH THE OFFICE
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MIDDAY PLEASE.**

CAFOD

Both Syria and South Sudan are currently areas of great need where Cafod is working to relieve the immediate suffering of thousands of people. In addition to this the longer-term development of many communities is dependent on on-going support from Cafod. Please join us for the Irish night on Sat. 15th March for an evening of music and dance with a 2-course supper, to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick and help Cafod in its work. Tickets (£10 adults, £5 children) available after Masses next Sunday or from Biddy 01883 345749.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection today towards the cost of funding the sick, frail and elderly who have limited financial means, to be part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Last year it cost the Trust £38,000 to fund this.

Confirmation 2015 Application Forms

For all students in Year 9 who are wishing to go forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015, please pick up one of the application forms from the porch or download from parish website and get it to the Parish Office **before the end of February**. Your Pre-Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday 9th March at 6.00 pm in the Centenary Hall and will continue for all the Sundays of Lent.

CONTACTS

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(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
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Chair of Parish Finance:

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St. Francis Primary School:

Interim Headteachers: - Mrs Dorothy
Rollason & Ms Gillian Keaney
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 9th	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times (Year A)</i>
9:00am Mass Fr Anthony Hale	Amy Fernando RIP (Moyra & Rienze)
10:30am Mass Fr Anthony Hale	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass Fr Anthony Hale	The Keane Family Ints
Monday 10th	<i>St. Scholastica</i>
10:00am Mass Fr Anthony Hale	Holy Souls (Bloom Family)
Tuesday 11th	<i>The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
10:00am Mass Fr Anthony Hale	Bob Tomlin RIP (E Wood)
Wednesday 12th	
10:00am Mass	NO MASS
Thursday 13th	
10:00am Mass	Eileen Crilly RIP (Mullen family)
Friday 14th	<i>Sts Cyril and Methdius</i>
10:00am Mass	John Gunning RIP (D Murray)
Saturday 15th	
10:00am Mass	Paschal & Mary Lee Ints
Sunday 16th	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times (Year A)</i>
9:00am Mass	Patricia Howlett's Ints (Peggy)
10:30am Mass	Enda Linnane Ints
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 returns after Easter) ;

Saturdays: 9am – 11am;

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

