

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sacred Heart Parish
Caterham Whyteleafe Godstone

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All Saints

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Weekday 31 Year II
Solemnity Proper Psalms

Reflection

The paired feasts of All Saints and All Souls begin the month of November during which the Church encourages us to meditate on the fact that here on earth we have no abiding city. Which is a posh way of saying that our life here on earth is rather like a railway waiting room: sufficient, I suppose, for a while, but growing increasingly uncomfortable as the time goes on, what with old age, arthritis &c. This is for the very good reason that a waiting room is for waiting in, not for living in. And if we set about making ourselves too much at home here (to stretch the analogy still further), we might well find that when the train comes, we will be so hampered by the baggage we have accumulated that we end up missing the train.

The point I want to make is that this world is not our home, and it is a good idea to keep our bags packed and not make ourselves too comfortable. We keep before our minds the fact that we are only here in order to catch the train—if we get the train, we have achieved the point of being here. If not, then not.

Saints and Holy Souls are there to remind us of those who have gone before us. Saints represent those who have already reached the final destination, of whom we may have known many who have never been formally canonized, and Holy Souls represent those who are firmly on the train, assured of their arrival, but have not yet got there, having too much of the waiting-room still around them.

Now clearly Purgatory is, somewhat like the train, only an analogy. There is no 'place' as such, but it is what we call a 'state'. What we mean is that we retain all our individuality and personality after death, and that individuality and personality carries an awful lot of baggage, as every one of us knows. There must be few who die as saints; our excess weight is going to have to be exercised off (changing analogy again) before we can be reckoned as saints. Which is why I find the analogy of a gym quite useful: going to a gym is a good and fruitful exercise which we can entirely see the point of since it makes us better and happier, even if people say 'no pain, no gain'. I think Purgatory must be like that: Newman wrote of the purification of Purgatory as a pain that the Holy Souls 'joy to undergo'. And if we are prepared to undergo the unpleasantness of Ryanair to get to our holiday destination, we might possibly begin to see something of the point of Purgatory.

First Holy Communion 2015



REMINDER

Please note that the next parents session is this **Thursday, 06/11/14 at 8.00pm in the Old Hall.**

This is the second of the three compulsory parents' evenings. This session will be on **The Importance of the Mass**. These sessions are to help you in your role as teachers of the faith, a condition of Baptism that you agreed to when your child was Christened. A register of attendance will be taken. It is very important that you attend all sessions, as failure to do so could affect whether your child is able to make their First Holy Communion next June.

Dates for your diary:

8/1/15 - 3rd Parents Evening

11/1/15 - Children's 1st Session and Enrolment Mass

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Marie Young either via email fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com or by phone 07949 938984.

Governors required for St Francis School:

Due to the Government's National Reconstitution requirements for 2015, St Francis will be undertaking their own Governing body reconstitution. There will be opportunities for one Parent Governor and three Foundation Governors to join the Governing Body team. If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a Governor and using your skills to benefit the school, the current members are happy to talk about their roles. Please phone or email the office with your details and someone will contact you - 01883 342005 office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk. Further details are also available on the school website.

*Next Sunday, 9th November, 3pm:
Blessing of graves in the Cemetery.*

Safeguarding

Please note that the safeguarding reps will be in the parish office after the 9am, 10:30am and 5:15pm Masses TODAY.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28th November

Tickets are now available at £10 each (to include supper). Please telephone Chris (01883 343404) or Biddy (01883 345749) to book tickets.

Why not get a group of 8 together to make a table? The proceeds will help CAFOD to reach out on our behalf, to the poor of the developing world.

HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

One plenary indulgence is available on behalf of the holy souls to all those who, under the usual conditions (confession, communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions), visit a church or cemetery on All Souls' Day, or visit a cemetery any day during the week following All Souls' Day, and pray for the repose of the souls of the dead.

Musicians and Singers!



Calling all musicians and singers! There will be a meeting in the bar after the 10.30 mass on Sunday, 9th November.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather ideas for how the Youth Choir and the Folk Choir should progress and also to plan the music for the Advent and Christmas period.

If you would like to join the choir, either as a singer or as a musician please feel free to come along.

Advent Courses

Details of Advent courses and Sign up sheets will be advertised next week.



Please remember in your prayers the soul and family of June Kay who died this week.

Her Requiem Mass will take place this Wednesday at 11am.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory - £1086 (Gift Aid £574)

2nd Collection - Missionary Sisters

Last weeks 2nd collection raised a wonderful amount of £920 for the Missionary Sisters.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 2nd: Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass
(C Agca & C Anderton)
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- Safeguarding reps will be in the Parish Office after 9.00am & 10.30am Sunday Masses and in the Old Hall after the 5.15pm Mass
- Mon: Coffee & Tea after Mass (Old Hall)
- Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)
- Wed: * Lunch Club 1pm
* 8pm RCIA
- Thurs: 2nd Parents Evening 8pm Holy Comm (Old Hall)
- Fri: * Youth Club - Splash Disco
* 7:30pm - 11pm Sacred Heart Club open
- Sun 9th: 10.30am Scouting Mass - Remembrance Day Parade
CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9 & 10.30am Mass
Coffee & Teas after 10:30am Mass
(J Wadworth & C Bentley)

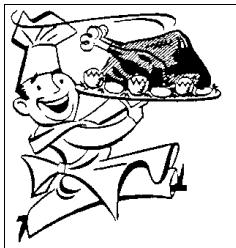
Fr John Oliver - Oxted & Warlingham Parish Priest

Father John is still under intensive nursing care- reflecting his continued poor health. He is in good spirits and is sustained by our prayer and good wishes. He will still not be able to receive visitors for some time yet but please do keep him in your prayers.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club is this Wednesday.

The menu for this month is Fish Cobbler, potatoes and vegetables followed by Eve's pudding and custard.



School application form signing

Fr Seán will sign your School application forms after Sunday Masses. Please complete as much of the form as possible and if you have a reference letter from Fr Kieran please bring this along with you.



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.

Second collection

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Retired Priest Fund. If you make donations to the Church via direct debit please use your purple gift aid envelopes to make your donation to this second collection. Thank you.

St Francis RC Primary - Open Morning

We will be holding two Open Mornings for prospective parents on Tuesday 7th October & Tuesday 11th November 2014.

The Headteacher will address parents at 9.15am, followed by tours of the school until 10.15am.

Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office.

Baptisms

Next Saturday Pippa Kay and Thomas Connelly will be baptised.



Human Resources / Personnel

The Finance Committee is seeking advice from someone who is experienced in Human Resources / Personnel. If you can help, please let the Parish Office know.

Next Sunday there will be a Centenary Blessing

CONTACTS

Parish Office:

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9.30 am - 12.30 pm)
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Baptism Preparation:

John Baron 0208 763 2144

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

Journey of Faith (RCIA):

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Chair of Liturgy Group:

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First Holy Communion

Anne Marie Young
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Safeguarding:

Dee Hall and Jacqui Voorbach
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Gift Aid:

Peter Kelly 01883 330684
peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk

Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991
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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

Chill Club

Veronique Wood

Chair of Parish Finance:

Rayon Brown - raybrown2006@aol.com

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd

All Saints

9:00am Mass

People of the Parish

10:30am Mass

Ebenezer Moses RIP (A Aranha)

5:15pm Mass

Tony & Nina Russell RIP (E Hubbard-Brown)

Monday 3rd

All Souls

10:00am Mass

All the faithful departed

7:00pm Latin Mass

Rev Michael Gibbons RIP

Tuesday 4th

St Charles Borromeo

10:00am Mass

Helen Rimmer Ints (D Waddington)

Wednesday 5th

11:00am Requiem

Funeral for June Vera Kay

Thursday 6th

10:00 am Mass

Gavin Hammergrew-Smith RIP

Friday 7th

St Willibrord

7:00 pm Mass

Catenian's Ints

Saturday 8th

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am Mass

Bridget Quinn RIP

Sunday 9th

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00am Mass

Mary Searle (T & B Searle)

10:30am Mass

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass

Rev Peter Rolph RIP



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday at 9:40am & Friday at 6:40pm

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament