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Next Sunday we will collect your contributions for CAFOD (Lent Fast day and other donations to CAFOD). CAFOD have provided their own Gift Aid envelopes. Thank you

** PARISH GIFT AID** If you are signed up for Parish Gift Aid, your envelopes will be available for collection from next Sunday. If you would like to join please speak to Peter Kelly.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 18th: No Children's liturgy (Half term)

Coffee & Teas after morning Masses

Mon 19th: Coffee & Tea after 10AM Mass

Tues 20th: 9:15AM-11:15AM Toddler Group (St T's Hall)

7:30PM Choir (Old Hall)

Wed 21st: 8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer

(Caterham United Reformed Church)

8PM Journey of Faith (Old Hall)

Thurs 22nd: 7:30PM SVP (Old Hall)

Fri 23rd: No Stations of the Cross today

Sat 24th: 11:30am FHC session 6A (Old Hall)

Sun 25th: Children's liturgy after morning Masses

Coffee & Teas after morning Masses
4PM Confirmation session 7 (Old Hall)

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40AM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every
Tuesday and Saturday 9AM to 10AM
Rosary every Thursday 9:40AM
Confessions every Saturday 10:45AM – 11:15AM
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour after Saturday Mass
Benediction every Sunday 4:45PM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Collection: £ 880.53 (Gift Aid £445.14) Second Collection (Lourdes Pilgrimage): £164.50 Gift Aid £164.50).

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th

9:00AM - Ruby Jones RIP (L Leake)

10:45AM - Martin Dubois RIP (Flaherty family)

5:15PM - People of the Parish

Monday 19th 10:00AM -

John Lehane RIP (SVP)

Tuesday 20th

10:00AM -

John Laker (foundation)

Wednesday 21st

St Robert Southwell

10:00AM Latin Mass Private Intentions

Thursday 22nd

Chair of St Peter

10:00AM - Mary Berman RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)

Friday 23rd

12 Noon - Funeral -Don Hancock RIP 7:00PM -

Intentions of Mary Churchill (Celebrant)

Saturday 24th 10:00AM -

Thanksgiving (D Jose)

Sunday 25th

Second Sunday in Lent

9:00AM -

Giuseppe Nelli (Anna)

10:45AM -

Bert & James Glynn RIP (M Flanagan)

5:15PM -

People of the Parish

Two topics this week! Sacrament of the Sick, Holy Orders and Marriage Or Baptism – DVD + discussion.

Join us – and also for our consideration of the readings for next Sunday.

All welcome!

8.00PM Wednesday 21st February, in the Old Hall

MADABA PARISH LINK

Please sign an Easter Card for a family of Mosul refugees currently living in Madaba.

A brief goodwill message and your signature are all that is needed. The cards are on the table in the church porch.

They will be taken to Jordan by Parishes for Peace in mid March.

These cards are greatly valued by the Iraqi families as an indication that they are not forgotten.

LENT - IT'S HERE!

Do something positive! It's hard to be positive about giving something up, so instead, join a Lent group! This year there is a selection of times and topics to suit everyone. Take your pick and go for it! Sign-up sheets at the back of the church!

PARISH SHOP

There are a selection of new books and activities for all the family in the shop. If you have a celebration coming, an anniversary, Holy Communion, Confirmation or a special birthday why not remember your special day with a commemorative plate signed by your guests. Ask in the shop for details.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018

The women of SURINAME, South
America welcome you to local services for 2018 to be held at;
Douglas Brunton Centre, Caterham
CR3 5TA - 10:45AM
Whyteleafe Free Church 157A Godstone Road CR3 0EH - 7:30PM
All are welcome, women, men & young people.

CAFOD - LENT FAST DAY

Next Friday 23rd February is Lent Fast Day, when we are asked to eat more simply and cheaply than we normally would, to help some of the poorest people in the world. CAFOD's work depends on our generosity, and this Lent, our donations will make double the difference, since for every pound donated, the UK Government will also donate a pound. Envelopes will be available in the church next Sunday, 25th February, to receive your donations.

WAYS IN WHICH TO OBSERVE LENT

Fridays in Lent – not 23rd
Feb

11.15AM Stations of the
Cross
12.00PM soup, bread and
cheese lunch. In the Old
Hall
Proceeds to CAFOD. Would
you like to help set up,

cook or serve the lunch?
Eliz Wood: elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com
Lent Discussion Groups
Sunday @ 7.30PM
Monday @ 11.00AM
Wednesday @ 7.30PM,
8.00PM
Thursday @ 7.30PM

See the lists in the porch for venues and further details.

Books and activities for all the family are available in the shop.

Lent Extra has daily recollection, articles and children's activities - £1.25

SVP FILM CLUB - MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AT 2PM IN THE OLD HALL

A special film for the Season of Lent — 'Babette's Feast'. Babette's Feast is set on the coast of Denmark in the late 19th century in a virtuous but strict Protestant community. Two sisters, members of this community, take in a distressed Frenchwoman as their servant, who then repays their kindness by cooking an extraordinary meal for the community, and in so doing, brings joy and kindness where there had been dissension and quarrelling. The film is in Danish with English subtitles, but is easy to watch and very moving.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH

A couple of years ago, when we were talking about the sad closure of St Thomas' church, we discussed getting a statue of St Thomas to go into the Sacred Heart as a permanent memorial. I have approached a high-quality woodcarver in

Northern Italy, and am told that a new statue, about 1 metre high, hand-carved and painted would cost us in the region of €5000. Would anyone like to make a contribution towards this, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply in memory of St Thom-

as' church? We could find a way to commemorate the names of significant donors if wished.

The woodcarvers' site is here:

www.giuseppestuflesser.it

Would those who attended the course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please be prepared to receive their commissioning on Sunday 11th March at whichever Sunday Mass they choose. Please advise the office as soon as convenient which Mass you will attend. If you can't make that day, another commissioning can be arranged privately with Fr Seán.

CATECHESIS

I am looking into a different approach to catechesis for our young, pre-first communion, children which may suit us quite well.

There is a new (to us) catechetical method called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which is based on the Montessori system, helping children grow in their faith up to about the time of first Holy Commun-

ion. It is also said to be very beneficial for the catechists themselves, with a thorough training being part of the process. It is said to help children greatly in developing their faith and understanding of the Mass. You can read an article on it here: http://www.ncregister.com/b

http://www.ncregister.com/b log/simcha-fisher/a-littleabout-catechesis-of-thegood-shepherd. This would suit very well parents doing catechesis already, or those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. This could, I suspect, be a very good model to adopt for Children's Liturgy, if people like what they see. Please have a look, have a think, and let me know if you're interested in this project.

THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN

Bishop Richard invites you to join him for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin with the Holy Father, Pope Francis: 21-26 August 2018 sees the arrival of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. The Diocese is making

the most of this wonderful opportunity by organising a pilgrimage for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandparents. We will be staying together in Dublin

City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A three day congress will be followed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis. If you would like more information about the event visit

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/
If you would like to join us on
pilgrimage, please speak to your
parish priest about how he can
support you financially, and for a
booking form. Alternatively you
can contact Lizzie or Katherine of
the Diocesan Pastoral team
wmof2018@dabnet.org

Saltmine Theatre Company present 'Darkness Falls'- a re-telling of John's Gospel on Friday 16th March at 7.30 pm, hosted by Caterham Community Church and Caterham Baptist Church at Oasis Academy, Coulsdon, CR5 1ES. Suitable for 12 years and over. Tickets £6.50 Free interval refreshments. Box office 01883 330162; email: caterhamcommunitychurch@gmail.com For more information please phone 01883 623017; email: bowderys@aol.com

ADOREMUS - NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND CONGRESS

Adoremus - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - Liverpool 2018: Adoremus ("let us adore") is the title being given to an initiative of all the bishops of England and Wales to create a special opportunity for us to reflect on

the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives.

From 7th to 9th September 2018 there be will a National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool called Adoremus.
Through this event, and all the preparation taking place

before it, we seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society. You can read more about the Eucharistic Congress here.

A&B Diocesan contact is Canon Tom Treherne whom you can contact via his assistant for the event Liz Fitch on 01424 420815 or by email office.admin@parishofgoodshep herd.co.uk.

LECTIO DIVINA

Led by Bishop Richard Moth 24 February. This day introduces the practice of Lectio Divina — Praying with the Scriptures. Bishop Richard will speak about the background to this way of prayer that has been a part of the Church's life since the earliest times and its suitability for our own times. Starts at 10am and ends at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. ©Cost: £20 - Advanced booking essential. BISHOP RICHARD was born in Chingola, Zambia, and brought up in Kent. He was appointed Bishop of Arundel & Brighton by Pope Francis, taking up this office in May 2015.

EASTER RETREAT FOR 18-35S AT WORTH ABBEY

Worth Abbey and The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum (29th March-1st April) with a retreat at Worth Abbey. Over the Easter Triduum young adults from across the UK will be gathering to celebrate the
Death and Resurrection of
Our Lord Jesus Christ. The
retreat will be centred
around participation in the
Triduum liturgy from Maundy
Thursday to Easter Sunday,
with a programme of talks by
the monks, discussion, prayer

& reflection and fellowship.
Leading up to the retreat, you are welcome to be part of a 'Cross Walk'- a group of young adults and monks who will walk to Worth from Arundel, across the beautiful South Downs, carrying the cross. We will begin the walk on Palm

Sunday (25th March) and arrive at Worth on Maundy Thursday (29th March). Booking forms are now available. Please contact TOC@worthabbey.net or fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.u k. You can also find more information via Facebook.

NATURAL FERTILITY: AN INTRODUCTION.

Friday 23rd February, 7.30pm, at St John the Baptist Church Hall, Purley. 48 Dale Road Purley, CR8 2EF. A free evening for anyone interested in finding out more about what natural fertility awareness is, how it fits into everyday life, and its potential to change an individual, a marriage, and a community. The parish grounds have ample parking, and the church is a short walk from Purley train station. Contact learnbillings@gmail.com for more information.

Welcome to Dr Anna Marie Parr, who will speak briefly at all Masses today about exploring Natural Fertility.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION WITH BISHOP RICHARD, 2018

In 2016 and 2017, Bishop Richard invited Confirmation candidates to join him at Evenings of Reflection held around the Diocese. Bishop Richard will be

doing the same thing in 2018. The dates and locations are now available so that parishes and Confirmation coordinators can factor them

into their planning. Thursday February 22nd - St Michael's Church, Worthing Saturday March 3rd - St John's Seminary, Wonersh Saturday March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill. All evenings run from 7PM to 9PM. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

Your Prayers are requested for the following people who are ill or housebound:

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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, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Richard Sowa, Val Williams, Patrick Eade, Peter Sore, Emma Newton, Charley Lunn, Ursula Koh & Riche Ahearne.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Don Hancock RIP. Don's funeral will take place on Friday 23rd February at 12 noon here at the Sacred Heart.

May he rest in peace.

BAPTISMS



Adrian Joseph will be baptised here next weekend. Please keep him in your prayers.

Psalter week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's terse reading from the short Gospel of St Mark seems not to give us much to bite on, but a little examination will reveal quite a lot to nourish our observance of Lent.

The first thing to observe is that our Lord was tempted. From this we can draw the conclusion that temptation is not sin, because our Lord never sinned. But in order to have been tempted, he must have felt the desire to go along with what Satan proposed. In our own lives, when we feel a powerful attraction to some wrongful action, it is important to remember that this in itself is not sin, but is, on the other hand, a great opportunity for grace and the exercise of virtue. In Lent, we make a greater effort to meet our temptations head on, taking our Lord as our model. Our desert is not a literal desert, with rocks and sand, but a figurative one, with small penances to achieve something of the same effect. And it is in this time of great grace that little victories can be won which, taken together over a lifetime, may win us the war, which is to say, lead us to heaven.

Secondly we should notice the assistance of the angels. We know of our own guardian angels, and we should take comfort that the angels are interested in our struggle for virtue and will help if we ask.

Thirdly, we notice what follows from our Lord's temptation and fast: the purpose behind it was to prepare himself for the mission of announcing God's kingdom. This applies to us, too, because, as someone has said, to be a Christian is to be a missionary, which is to say that we are called to be apostles among our family, our workplace, our friends, even if all we do is pray. It is a big theme in Bishop Richard's vision for the future of this diocese, too.

YOUTH & SCHOOLS

OAKWOOD SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN DAY

Independent Education with a Catholic Ethos for Girls and Boys aged 3 to 11 -

Saturday 3 March 2018 AM -**1**PM

59 Godstone Road, Purley CR8 2AN Telephone: 020 8668 8080 www.oakwoodschool.org.uk enquir-

ies@oakwoodschool.org.uk

I am looking for homes for Italian Students, aged 11-14, in Caterham (4-27 July), based at the Sacred Heart church, and Old Coulsdon (5-28 July). We give £18.25 per student per day and the students have a fully organised programme from Monday to Saturday. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you. Thank you. Rosslyn Hill 01883 381082. rosslynhill@hotmail.com

SCHOOL VACANCIES



🗽 St Philomena's Catholic School for Girls

The Governors are seeking to appoint the following for an immediate start:

PA to the Head teacher

Examination Invigilator

Please see noticeboard for further details.



The John Fisher School

The School would like to appoint:

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EXAMS OFFICER

Required as soon as possi-

Please see the noticeboard for further details.

