# Parish of the Sacred Heart,



# Caterham

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Today there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Thank you.

### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 8th:	Children's liturgy at 9AM only
	10:45AM Scouts Mass
	Coffee & Teas after 10:45AM Mass
Mon 9th:	Coffee & Tea after 10AM Mass
Tues 10th:	Toddler Group Trip to Godstone Farm
Wed 11th:	8:30AM Ecumenical morning prayer
	(St. Luke Church, Whyteleafe)
Thurs 13th:	7:30pm SVP (Old Hall)
Sun 15th:	Children's liturgy at morning Masses
	Coffee & Teas after morning Masses

We warmly welcome Fr Stephen Dingly to the Parish. Fr Dingly will celebrate all Masses with us for the next 2 weeks while Fr Seán takes a well earned break.

> Psalter Week 2 <u>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:</u> Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 ( shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10) Mark 6:7-13

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: £ 701.62 (Gift Aid £299.70)

# SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2018

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

### **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

<u>Sunday 8th</u>

**9:00AM** -Connie Appleby RIP (P & B Lovat)

> 10:45AM -Ann Gill (P Murphy) 5:15PM -People of the Parish

Monday 9th St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions 10:00AM -Minnie Howlett (P Howlett)

## Tuesday 10th

10:00AM Mass -Welfare of Astrid, Austin & Andrew (T&A D'Souza)

#### Wednesday 11th St Benedict

**10:00AM Latin Mass** -Stephen Harris RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)

# Thursday 12th

Sts Louis & Zélie Martin 10:00AM -Members of the B.S. Guild (Foundation)

Friday 13th

St Henry 7:00PM Mass -Michael McCathy (Foundation)

## Saturday 14th

St Camillus of Lellis **10:00AM -**John Henry RIP (J Perera)

<u>Sunday 15th</u> 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM -Hilda Henderson (Foundation)

**10:45AM** -David Byerley RIP (J Thomas) **5:15PM -**People of the Parish

#### Your Prayers are requested for the following people 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; 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, Mary Wallace, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe, Richard Sowa, Val Williams, Emma Newton, Charley Lunn, Ursula Koh, Riche Ahearne, Enny Martin & Tony McCoy.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

West Grinstead on 8th August this will be a family day beginning with Mass followed by a picnic and activities for the children. This is a lovely place with a garden and important Catholic history. To keep the cost down we would like to travel by car. If you have any ideas or can offer to help with the children's activities please contact Eliz Wood on

elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com. Please save the date.

#### THE LEGION OF MARY

As you will know we will be visited by members of the Legion of Mary in August. We are calling on our Parishioners to host a visitor for a few nights with bed and breakfast. There is a sign up sheet in the porch and we would be grateful if you could commit to hosting a guest. Many thanks

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2019

Parents of children currently in academic year 2 or older are invited to register their interest for the reception of First Holy Communion in 2019 by Friday 20th July. Please email FHC@sacred-heart.co.uk

Full information about the programme will be emailed out to those who have registered an interest towards the end of July.

You have probably heard that we will be trialling changes to the Communion programme in 2019. What this means is that candidates will be expected to attend Mass weekly from September 2018, and they should remain in church throughout the Mass, no longer going to children's liturgy.

The Communion preparation sessions for the candidates will begin later than in previous years to give the children a chance to mature that little bit more; so we will begin shortly after Easter 2019; there will be fewer but longer (2 hour) classes for all candidates together on a Saturday – all dates will be confirmed when firmly decided, and they will be spaced out so that the children need not give up regular Saturday activities entirely.

The First Communion celebrations themselves will take place towards the end of September when the children start year 4. We will announce the dates before long, but allocation of places in ceremonies will not be made until after the course itself has started.

We would like to involve parents also in taking turns registering Mass attendance and potentially also helping with the children during preparation sessions.

Before registering your interest please do consider whether you can fully commit to the programme for the year – Sunday Mass attendance is a vital part of our faith, and the extent to which it is committed to from September may impact on whether or not children can progress on to the preparation sessions.

Further discussion will be held shortly but if you have concerns or question please contact Fr Seán or the FHC team.

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The question of our Lord's brothers and sisters is one frequently raised and, indeed, sometimes thrown at Catholics by those who wish to deny the perpetual virginity of our Lady. There are occasional references to these brothers in the Gospels, and today we have even a list of names. On the surface of things, one might think that our Lady could not possibly be perpetually virginal if she had so many children.

There are two possible answers to this; the first certainly true and the second possibly true. It is certainly true that our English use of the words 'brother' and 'sister' is not universal. We use the words in a very precise sense to mean siblings sharing both parents. Even if only one parent is held in common, we change the term and talk of half-brothers and sisters. This is not the case in other cultures, and among the Semitic peoples of our Lord's day certainly not the case. For instance, in the book of Tobit (see chapter 7), Toby takes as his bride Sarah, one whom he describes as his 'sister', and yet the story puts beyond all doubt the fact that she is his cousin. This is confirmed later than today's passage in the Gospel of St Mark, where another Mary at the foot of the cross is described as the mother of James and Joset (and Salome) (Mk 15:40 & 47). So the list of names in today's Gospel must not at all be taken as our Lord's brothers and sisters in our sense, but more distant relations; no doubt cousins.

Another possible suggestion has been proposed in tradition: St Joseph may well be presumed to have been considerably older than our Lady, given that he disappears from the scene quite early on, probably in death. It was apparently not unknown for an older man to take formally as wife a younger woman (with whom he would not have marital relations) simply to manage his household. If St Joseph had been married before, and widowed, the 'brothers of the Lord' could have been children of this marriage, and therefore in the eyes of the world our Lord's half-brothers. This is, as I say, a possible solution, but in this case one would have to exclude James and Joset since we know that their mother was still alive at the time of the crucifixion.