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Our church will be open for public Masses on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

All daily Mass will still be celebrated, and can be watched on line at

www.churchservices.tv/caterham

Please note that the Sunday and weekday Masses are all recorded for watching at any time afterwards.

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Psalter Week 4 **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40

Today there will be a second collection for Church flowers.

Spiritual Communion during Mass:

My Jesus,

believe that you are present in the most holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Support in difficult times

Parish volunteers are offering: Help with shopping, Posting letters, Prescription collection, Other general help or advice

If you need help with the above while 'self-isolating', are concerned about how you might manage, o would just like to be in telephone contact,

Please call the SVP on: 07599 890 043

If any parishioner is in immediate hardship (e.g. buying food or necessities) we may be able to offer a little short-term help.
Please call the above confidential number to discuss

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00AM - David Formosa RIP (C Lunn)

10:45AM -

Edmond & Evelyn Kelly Ints (Joakim family)

5:15PM - People of the Parish

Monday 21st 10:00AM Mass -

Maria Lobo RIP (C Daly)

Tuesday 22nd 10:00AM -

Maurice Mealin RIP (J Pereira)

Wednesday 23rd 10:00AM Latin Mass -

No Mass

N.B. For Christmas Masses seats must be pre-booked to be able to attend.

Christmas Eve

10:00AM - No Mass

7:00PM - Julian & Imogen Ints (C Lunn)

9:00Pm - Martina & Ken Ints **MIDNIGHT** - People of the Parish

Christmas Dav

9:00AM -

Connie Cronin RIP (family)

10:45AM -

Simon Soler RIP (C Lunn)

Saturday 26th 10:00AM -

Christopher Wheeldon (Peggy)

Sunday 27th

The Holy Family

9:00AM - People of the Parish

10:45AM -

Hilda Peck RIP (E Wood)

5:15PM - Modesto Amora (A& F Bosley)

Your Prayers are requested for the following people who are ill or housebound: Jane Hill; Jimmy Mullen; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; John Gilford; Tabitha Harrison; Joe Kelly; Charmaine Wise; Richard Sowa; Val Williams; Emma Newton; Charley Lunn; Ursula Koh; Riche Ahearne; Enny Martin; Tony McCoy; Fr John Hartley; Maribel Chambers, Patricia Howlett, Reef Albert, Peggy Wheeldon, John Monk, Liz Leake, Sandra, Ann Walker, Pascal Périssat, Holly Osman & Edmond Kelly.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN - 5.30 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE (LIVESTREAMED)

All young children are invited to join our Christingle Service at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve. This Service will not be open to the public this year, but will be available via live-streaming (and recorded for viewing later), in the same way as all our Masses: www.churchservices.tv/caterham

To enable your children to fully participate in the Christingle Service, please help them to prepare their own christingles in advance, using the picture above. All you need is an orange, a little red ribbon, 4 cocktail sticks (loaded with sweets, raisins etc) and a candle. After all the bustling activity in the run-up to Christmas, this simple Service gives children the opportunity to quietly reflect on the coming of the Christ-Light.

TELEPHONE SUPPORT FOR THE BEREAVED

If you have been recently bereaved and you would like to talk to someone, members of our Deanery Bereavement Team are able to offer you the time and space to reflect on your loss. In the current circumstances, face to face visiting may prove difficult, but a chat on the phone is simple to arrange. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office and this can be arranged.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATERHAM OVERSEAS AID TRUST (COAT)

The church Christmas Appeal was one of our biggest fund-raising events. Sadly, this year it cannot happen, so we are appealing through our COAT newsletter, hoping you will still support us.

COAT was founded in 1981 as an independent charity. Its aim is to raise money to support projects in the developing world. COAT finances simple down-to-earth projects, which involve the local people themselves working towards self-reliance.

All our events are organised by nine volunteers chaired by Margaret Deards. None of us claim any expenses.

All the money goes directly to projects. Should you wish to donate our bank details are:

Lloyds Bank, (COAT) Sort code: 77-30-17 Acc: 00197263

Or by cheque sent to: COAT c/o Ann Walker, 4 Old Westhall Close, Warlingham, CR3 9HR. Call 01883 624773 for more information.

GATWICK DETAINEES

Do you speak Arabic, Farsi, Tigrinya or Kurdish Sorani? Volunteer Interpreters Needed:

If you do Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would welcome your help. We support asylum seekers and other migrants held in detention at Gatwick Airport. At the moment one of the centres is holding men who have come across the Channel in small boats. They arrive traumatised only to find they are then imprisoned. They feel desperate. We want to help them as best we can but many do not speak English. They come from many different countries but at present in particular from Yemen, Iran and Iraq. If you would be able to help please contact Josie: josie@gdwg.org.uk We will need to take references, carry out an interview and DBS checks as we do with all of the many volunteers who support our work. Thank you.

MADABA FOOD PARCELS

Iraqi refugees in Madaba have already received their Christmas parcels. They were keen to get cooking their cakes and other Christmas specialities. There were 30 messages of thanks posted on the community WhatsApp site. All but one were in Arabic. The English message read:

'God bless the people who made this happen. Thank you for being an active part of the Body of Christ.'

Please keep the Christians of Madaba in your prayers this Christmas. They will certainly pray for and remember us.

CHURCH OPENING

In summary for the Safety of all parishioners:

- ◆ Unique track and trace household number required for admission to the church (email the parish office before arriving at Mass to obtain your unique number info@sacred-heart.co.uk). It will not be possible to register on the day. Although we have a government QR code this is not sufficient for parish entry
- Noses and mouths to be covered before entry
- Temperatures to be taken before entry
- Everyone to sanitise hands immediately after entry
- ♦ 2 metre distance from all other parishioners to be maintained
- The directions of our stewards to be followed at all times

We thank our stewards for their continued help and we ask that parishioners remain respectful of the stewards and follow their directions exactly. We are grateful for your patience and co-operation in this matter. If we all follow the guidance, we will be able to celebrate Masses together safely.

On the days where there is no public Mass, Fr Seán would like to invite the donor of Mass intentions to attend Mass on their own (max 6 in the same household/bubble). Please contact the office if you would like to attend Mass for your intention so that arrangements can be made for access.

We kindly ask that you do not leave Christmas cards in the porch for collection by others.

Finally, we are restricting visitors to the parish office and presbytery, to this end we ask that school form for schools other than St Francis, are posted through the parish office door. Fr Seán will sign and return the form directly to the school in question. Please ensure that **copies** of baptism certificates are included. If you are applying to St Francis, the whole form should be submitted to the school where Fr Seán will sign them all together.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

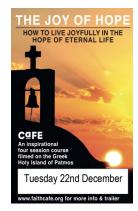
If you have not booked a seat at one of our Christmas Masses, you will need to email bookings@sacred-heart.co.uk to see what is available.

We will celebrate: Christmas Eve 7pm (full), 9pm, Midnight, Christmas morning 9am and 10:45am.

Please note that seats will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please give your name and the names of the people within your household/bubble who will attend. Please note that we can only allow one pew per household/bubble. Please provide your parish **track & trace number** and your **1st and 2nd choice** of Mass time.

Please note that by sending an email, this does not guarantee a place. You will be contacted with your seating allocation along with further details shortly afterwards. We apologise in advance if we are not able to accommodate you.

If you have not booked a place for a Christmas Mass you will not be able to enter the Church during these Masses.



ADVENT GROUPS

ADVENT GROUP @7.00 on Tuesday 22nd Dec.

It's not too late to join in just contact: The parish Office, or elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com for a zoom log in.

- · Alternatively Bishop Richard is also offering an Advent talk each week. Leading up to Christmas Bishop Richard is offering a series of Advent talks from Arundel Cathedral. The programme will run for four weeks, focussing on a number of different themes:
- Friday 18th December: Mary Openness
 Each evening will begin at 7pm and be live streamed on our website here.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL 2021 PROGRAMME

"ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT" Pope Francis has said "I ask all of you that you organise seminars...to share Baptism in the Spirit." In response, the ADORE programme will follow the stages of a classic "Life in the Spirit" seminar series, exploring how the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us to be missionary disciples. Programme and booking details are available on a poster (location....?) or on their website www.altonrenewal.com

ADORE is offering confidential prayer for healing by telephone Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and now additionally on Thursdays and Fridays 4-8pm. This includes Christmas and New Year. Ring 07579 824523 and leave a message. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you for your needs.

PERIODICALS

If you would like a copy of The Universe newspaper, Day by Day or The Magnificat, please email the parish office to arrange a safe collection point.

OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Monday 21st December - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Wednesday 23rd December - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Friday 25th December - Closed

Monday 28th December - Closed

Wednesday 30th December - Closed

Monday 4th January. - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Wednesday 6th January - Closed

Friday 1st January

Friday 8th January - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Emails and voicemails will be monitored while the office is closed.

- Closed

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

WEEKLY OFFERING

If you would like to make your weekly offering (though of course there is no obligation or expectation to do so), you are welcome to save it up until you are able to come to Mass, or you may put your envelope through the Parish Office door. Alternatively, you can donate online. This donation page works across browsers, on mobile, desktop and tablet devices. https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=27

Please note that any donations through MyDona or otherwise, made between Sunday 20th December and Friday 1st January will be considered as your Christmas Offering to Fr Seán.