

*Parish of the
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Our church will be open for public Masses daily.

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watched on line any time at

www.churchservices.tv/caterham

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

First Vespers of First Sunday of
Advent

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Luke 3:1-6

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION DURING MASS:

My Jesus, I 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.

**SUNDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER 2021**

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 28TH

First Sunday of Advent

9:00AM -

People of the Parish

10:45AM -

Gregory Farrelly Ints

5:15PM -

Florence Flaherty RIP

(O Flaherty)

MONDAY 29TH

10:00AM -

Peter Bosley RIP (A Bosley)

TUESDAY 30TH

St Andrew

10:00AM -

Ann Walker Ints (Ruby)

WEDNESDAY 1ST

10:00AM LATIN MASS -

Fr Seán's Ints (J Mullen)

THURSDAY 2ND

10:00AM -

Chantal Witchalls RIP

(Peachey family)

FRIDAY 3RD

St Francis Xavier

7:00PM -

Janice Mills (K Fox)

SATURDAY 4TH

St John Damascene

10:00AM -

Cheryl Daly Ints (B Searle)

SUNDAY 5TH

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00AM -

People of the Parish

10:45AM -

Astley Young RIP (AM Young)

5:15PM -

Betty Creton Ints (G&R Walker)

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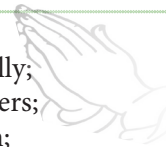
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Your Prayers are requested for the following people who are ill or housebound:

Jimmy Mullen; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; John & Brenda Gilford; Tabitha Harrison; Joe Kelly; Charmaine Wise; Richard Sowa; Val Williams; Emma Newton; Ursula Koh; Fr John Hartley; Maribel Chambers; Patricia Howlett; Reef Albert; Peggy Wheeldon; Liz Leake; Sandra; Pascal Périsat; Holly Osman; Julian Gavin; Emma Cook; Susie; Shirley Clarke; Mary Power, John Lowrie, Pat Boyle, Malcolm Harmes, Sue Ellis; Jean Joakim, Laura Brighten, Ryan Baker, Theo, Sean Flanagan, Carla, Betty Creton, Martin Moran, Lee & Ann Walker.



JUSTICE AND PEACE - PEACE ROSARY

Justice and Peace invites you to our Peace Rosary - 'on line' - Friday 3rd December 2021 at 7.30pm. Together we will reflect on the Justice Mysteries especially remembering the homeless and the dispossessed. If you would like to join us or receive the service sheet please contact Marion email marioncopley20@gmail.com who will forward you an invitation with log on details. Copies of the service sheet can also be found in the church porch.

JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY WITH BISHOP RICHARD

'To a Safer Shore?' Focussing on the challenges faced by people compelled to leave their homes and seek refuge in other countries. Why must and how can we respond to their needs, especially in light of Fratelli Tutti? Taking place on Saturday 15th January, at St Francis School, Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Speakers, stalls, refreshments. Doors open 9.30am.

Event runs from 10 am until 1 pm. Please wear a mask, dress warmly, and bring your own mug or flask. Seating spaced out, therefore places limited. To book email Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk



Please remember in your prayers the soul Teresa Hanley RIP who passed away recently. Teresa's funeral will be held at The Sacred Heart, Caterham 10am on Tuesday 7th Dec. May her soul rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MINI FAIR - SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Our Christmas Mini Fair is just 7 days away next Sunday, and this week we are asking for cakes and pastries. This is an opportunity for all those who would like to display their baking skills to support this very popular stall. Cakes can be dropped off at the Centenary Hall on the Saturday afternoon after 3 o'clock, or brought in on Sunday morning before Mass.

Tickets for the Grand Draw with 5 lovely prizes will be available in the porch after all Masses for those who may not be able to join us and in the Centenary Hall. The draw will take place after the 5.15 Mass.

Most importantly, PLEASE support our Christmas Mini Fair next Sunday. The team have worked very hard over the past few weeks to make this a success in these difficult times and we really need your support if we are to make a success of it. This is a great occasion for the Parish to come together and support 2 good causes. Proceeds will be shared between the SVP and Missio (Red Box). We have some beautiful art and craft items, fabulous jewellery, delicious cakes, jams and chutneys, a Grand Draw with great prizes and Christmas Wreaths. There will also be tea, coffee, cakes and bacon butties (yummy!!!)

We hope to see you on Sunday!

CAROL SERVICE

We are happy to announce that there will be a carol service on Saturday, 18th December at 6.00pm. After so many months of not being allowed to sing together, please come and join us to stretch those vocal chords once again and sing some favourite carols, as we prepare for the joy of Christmas. All are welcome!

SVP - THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to the many parishioners who responded so generously to our appeal and donated many winter clothes to the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group - coats, jumpers, shoes, T-shirts and suitcases. A large car-load of donations has now been delivered down to Crawley, and will help to replenish the stock of clothes for the winter period. The warm clothing will be greatly appreciated by the asylum seekers. Thank you for your support.



JOURNEY OF FAITH

Join us for a consideration of the next Sunday's readings and a discussion around faith-based topics.

Topic: Journey of Faith

Time: Wednesday December 1st, 2021 8:00 - 9.30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6986253866>

Meeting ID: 698 625 3866 All welcome!

INTRODUCTION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

As we enter Advent, it's a great time to consider joining our Zoom meetings on Wednesday evenings from 8-8.45. The course starts on December 1st and is designed for anyone who wants to find out more about the basics of the faith, whether you're new to the church, a cradle Catholic or seeking baptism. Please email Roy Peachey on roypeacheyuk@gmail.com for the Zoom link or further details.

HONOURING SUNDAY

As the Synodal Pathway of listening and discerning unfolds, we the bishops of England and Wales, are paying particular attention to the hopes and fears, the joys and anxieties of all who are sharing their thoughts and feelings with us.

Longing for our Lord

We are attentive to the experience of the last year or so, when we have lived our faith through the limitations of the pandemic. We have heard of the longing which some express as a “homesickness.” We want to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We yearn to celebrate the sacraments together, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We desire to be nourished by our Lord in Holy Communion. The live streaming of the Mass and the remarkable response of our Catholic communities to those in need, have provided comfort, sustenance and resilience.

The Eucharist, source and summit

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. Many people have said to us that they have appreciated the noble simplicity of the Mass at this time, which has allowed the mystery and majesty of our Lord’s sacrificial love to shine through.

The central appeal of the Mass, its beauty and its transcendence, raises our minds and hearts to God in an unambiguous and compelling manner. Our Lord Jesus invites us to receive anew the gift of Sunday as the preeminent day, the day of the Resurrection, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Here we stand together before our heavenly Father, offering our thanksgiving and prayer, through our Saviour in the Holy Spirit. Here we receive Christ in his Word. Here we are nourished by Christ in his precious Body and Blood. This is our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength.

The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God’s holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ’s love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

Responding to the Gift

We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass.

The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the “first day of the week,” and devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on, renewing our gratitude and our hope. When we say “Amen” to Christ in receiving his Body and Blood, we express the love of God which is deep within us, and at the end of Mass, when we are sent forth, we express our love for our neighbour, especially those in need. These two dimensions reveal the full meaning of our faith. We are gathered together and sent out, we pray and are fed, we worship and we adore; these are intrinsic to our lives as those baptised into Christ.

Approved at the Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Leeds Thursday 18th November 2021

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Modern slavery is an international trade in human misery. Could you offer 1 minute of silent prayer on the 2nd for the estimated 40 million slaves in the world today, for the 136,000 of those slaves in the United Kingdom, and for the end of Modern Slavery?

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Silhouette Theatre Company’s production of ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’ will take place at St Mary’s on Friday, 17th December at 7pm. Suitable for adults and children; tickets will cost £10 for adults, £6 for children. A family ticket (2 adults + 1 or 2 children) £25. Please book using Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/silhouette-theatre-companys-production-of-the-twelve-days-of-christmas-tickets-214193718177 Tickets will also be available at the door.

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ST FRANCIS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Francis Christmas Fayre is Sunday 12th December 12pm-3pm. It would be lovely if you can make it. Our choir, poetry and drama group will be performing.

MADABA

The Middle East is seldom out of the news. It is a fractured land of war, displacement and suffering. For Christians it is the birthplace of Jesus Christ over 2000 years ago. John the Baptist who is said to have prepared the way for Jesus was murdered on the orders of Herod. His beheading is commemorated in the parish church in Madaba.

Our link with Madaba has underlined the plight of Christian communities in the Middle East. We hear of the poverty of many Christian families, made worse by the COVID pandemic and the suffering of displaced Iraqi Catholics sheltering in the parish.

We have been able to supplement the income of the Madaba parish with over £15,000 sent to the parish priest, Fr Firas. He estimates there are 9,000 Catholics in his parish including several hundred Iraqi refugees. Our donations have helped to provide food parcels at Christmas and Easter for those families in most need. We also helped to set up a food bank which is a weekly source of food for many.

The parish has 3 schools which struggle as many parents have difficulty covering the cost of fees, uniform and transport.



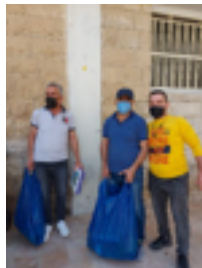
I can now go to University. Thank you

At the request of Fr Firas and the gift of Sacred Heart parishioners, 600 Catholic bibles are soon to be delivered to help the children understand their faith.

Higher education is equally important. Four young parishioners in financial difficulties have each received £500 to cover their university fees.

As we approach Christmas 2021 nearly 200 families need food parcels to help them have sufficient food on their tables during the festive period. Please donate generously as you have done throughout the year.

On Sunday December 19th there will be tea, coffee and mince pies in the Centenary Hall after each morning Mass. Please come and enjoy a mince pie or two and give a donation towards the cost of a food parcel. DONATIONS OF MINCE PIES VERY WELCOME.



Delivering Food Parcels

CAFOD



Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." Thank you for your support which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our World Gift catalogues or website www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk. Have a wonderful Christmas.

PARISH SHOP

We now have a card machine so please come and try it out! There are Christmas cards, gifts and books for sale. Don't forget your Advent Candles and calendars only £1.50.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. To keep the shop open we need volunteers at all Masses. As little as Half an Hour a month would be really helpful. Please leave your details in the shop or email: elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com.

This year, you can make their Christmas matter by giving a [Traidcraft Exchange charity](#) gift card. On sale now in our parish shop from £5. Christmas Traidcraft catalogues are available to take away in the shop. Orders and delivery possible. 100% of the proceeds go towards making a real and tangible difference to disadvantaged communities across the world. Eco friendly, clutter free and making a difference - what's not to like?