

Parish Team

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am

6:00pm

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 7.30pm Friday: 12 noon Saturday: 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00am,

10:00am, 8:00pm

Youth Mass: 6:00pm 2nd Sunday of

the Month

5.50pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 10:30am-11:00am & 5:30pm -

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Sunday 27th November 2016 Sunday First Sunday in Advent

Lectionary Cycle Year A (Sundays) and Year I (Weekdays)

Today's liturgy addresses a wake-up call to us: 'The time has come, you must wake up now' (Second Reading). St Paul tells us that we must wake up now. But there is more at stake than just being awake. We could be awake and yet be only half alive, because we have no awareness, no understanding, no vision. It may take a shock or at least a jolt of some kind to wake us up.

Each day summons us to awake from sleep. Sometimes we can't wait for the morning to come. We wake up in joyful anticipation. We feel good to be alive. We are thankful to God for the gift of a new day. It is a chance to carry on some task we have started, or

to begin something we have been postponing, or to repair some damage or neglect in our lives.

Other times we are apathetic about waking up. We greet the new day without enthusiasm. Life may be monotonous or empty for us. Perhaps we are unemployed or retired, and there is nothing to look forward to. And most of us know or have known days, hopefully not too many, when we dread the approach of morning. We wake up fearfully, and get up reluctantly. Life is dark and burdensome for us. Perhaps we are old or sickly or alone.

Advent issues a spiritual wake -up call to us, and has an awakening power. Jesus urges us to stay awake, to be on our guard, to be on the watch. We have nothing to

fear and everything to gain from answering Advent's wake-up call.

This is the first Sunday of a new liturgical year. Another year has come and gone. Time is passing. Life is short, so we need to get on with our work. We must seize the day. We shall pass through this world but once. Therefore, any good that we can do, to any human being, let us do it now; let us not defer it or neglect it; for we shall not pass this way again.

Fr Flor McCarthy, SDB

PRISON ADVICE & CARE TRUST (PACT)

We were unable to hold a collection for Pact earlier in the year on Prisoners' Sunday, so have set aside this weekend instead. Pact is the major Catholic charity for the support of prisoners and their families, working in most prisons across England and Wales. It plays an enormous and significant role in helping prisoners to resettle among us, and also helps the families of prisoners who are so often damaged by imprisonment. Wherever it is active, Pact relies heavily on the support of volunteers, expressed not least through the generosity of our parishioners. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the Narthex.

CONFIRMATION 2017

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

Exposition

Monday: 10:00 am -10:00 pm Tuesday: 10:00 am-10:00 pm Wednesday: 7:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: 11am-12 noon
Saturday: 10:00 am-12 noon

Rosary

Monday-Friday (term time only):

9:10 am

Saturday: 9:40 am

Meditation Group

Tuesday 9 am-10 am

Divine Office

Monday-Friday: 9:40 am

Medjugorje Prayer Group

Thursday: 8:00 pm-9:00 pm

Scripture Study

Wednesday 2 pm-3 pm

Catholic Schools in the

Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Primary School

Stephen Holt, Head Teacher

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FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2017

There is a meeting for parents next **Tuesday 29th November at 8:00 pm** (in the Church). The classes with the children begin on **Thursday 19th January 2017** at **5.30pm until 6.45pm** (in the Hall). The Enrolment Mass is **Sunday 22nd January at 10.30am.** (The First Holy Communion Day will be **Saturday 20th May 2017**). Any queries, please email cppfhc@gmail.com

ADORATION - URGENT REQUEST

We need urgently Adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday: 9pm - 10pm

Wednesday: II am - I2 noon

Wednesday: 4pm - 5pm

Please call the parish office if you can help with any of the above. Thank you.

EVENTS

Sunday 11th December: Advent Concert - Gospel Choir & Youth Group Tuesday 13th December: Mass For Healing. Celebrant Fr. Leon Pereira O.P. Wednesday 14th December: Talk on Medjugorje by Fr. Leon Pereira O.P.

Change of Date - the rugby event advertised in the recent flyer had the wrong date. The event will take place on Friday 10th March. More details soon.

PARISHES FOR PEACE

Christmas Presents for Zarqa (Weybridge twin Parish)

We are collecting Christmas cards and money for presents to be taken to our Christian friends in Zarqa, Jordan. Della, our direct contact, is going to travel to Jordan to see them and will be taking the cards and money on the 6^{th} December.

There is a Christmas tree in the narthex decorated with tag-names. Each tag has a person's name, gender and age. Please, feel free to take one. What we are asking from you is to come back next weekend with a Christmas card for that person (please bear in mind that they will treasure the message that you write!) and a donation of £10. Please, put all this in one of the white envelopes by the tree when you bring it back.

Two of the Iraqi ladies in Zarqa that we have chosen will shop for suitable presents for the children. Some Jordanian money will be placed in the Christmas cards for the adults so that they can choose their own gift. This will give them the unique chance to exercise the freedom that comes with choosing.... Members of the PfP team will be at the back of the church answering any questions.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic, or perhaps you were never Confirmed and would now like to be, please either contact Fr Con or the parish office.

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LIGHT LUNCH IN AID OF THE HOMELESS

Friday 2nd December, 12.30pm: Simple lunch after Mass in the hall in aid of The Passage and Cardinal Hume Centre, both for the homeless – donations requested. Your support is valued. Even if you are not able to come to the lunch, any donations gratefully received - please leave at the parish office. Thank you.

HOLY HOUR

Monday 5th December, 7-8pm: Holy Hour for Friends of the Holy Land for all Christians in the Middle East.

PARISH GOSPEL CHOIR AND YOUTH GROUP ADVENT CONCERT

Sunday 11th December, 7pm: The Parish Gospel Choir and Youth Group will be putting on an exciting Advent concert to help the Parish prepare for Christmas. Tickets £5, under 12's free, under 18's £2.50. Tickets are available through the Parish office. Book early to avoid disappointment.

FATHER LEON PEREIRA O.P. (Fr Leon is chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, Bosnia Herzegovina).

Tuesday 13th December, 7.30pm: Mass and Prayer for health of soul & body.

Wednesday 14th December, 7.30pm: Talk - Medjugorje: what is the message? What does it mean today? (followed by question & answer session). For further information, email wey.medj@gmail.com

YOUTH & FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

2nd - 6th April 2017 After the success of last year's youth/family trip to Rome, we are organising a trip to Paris and Northern France. For more details contact Andy at ajr64@hotmail.com or come to a short information evening in the parish house on Thursday 1st December at 8pm.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

5th-10th June 2017: Self-booking pilgrimage. Walking from Pamplona Cathedral to Logrono. For more details contact Carmen at carmennar-bona57@gmail.com

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO GERMANY
18th-22nd September 2017 (£495). We will be visiting Cologne
Cathedral, Trier, Aachen and more... We will have an information evening in the parish hall on Friday 6th January at 7.30pm.

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS DAY - PARISH LUNCH

If you will be on your own this Christmas, for whatever reason, then you are invited to join a free lunch on 25th December in the parish from I - 4pm. To book your place please contact Andy and Maria on ajr64@hotmail.com or 07761 157304 or drop in at the Parish office by Friday 9th December at the latest. Come and celebrate the gift of our faith with food (turkey and all the trimmings), carols and fun!

CALENDARS

Christ the Prince of Peace 2017 Calendars are available for sale after Mass and in the Repository. They cost £10 and proceeds will go towards our overseas charity 'Parishes for Peace'. The calendar contains colourful scenes from the life of Weybridge parish in 2016. 50 copies are available: an additional order will be made if there is sufficient demand.

SVP CHRISTMAS PARCELS

We are hoping to deliver Christmas parcels to around 50 families this year. The St Charles families have already kindly donated a range of food from their Harvest Festival. There is a collection box in the Narthex and we would welcome any donations of pasta, rice, tinned meats, sauces, biscuits, tinned vegetables, coffee, tea, Christmas chocolate. The box will be there until the 4th December. Thank you for your support.

SVP FURNITURE STORE

We have several families looking for two seater sofas, tables and chairs, drawers and wardrobes. If you have any of these items in good condition please contact John Meldrum on johnmeldrum@hotmail.com

REQUEST

We are <u>not</u> collecting clothes for any project at present, so we would be most grateful if clothes are not left in bags in the narthex, as has happened lately. Please take any unwanted clothes to the local charity shops. Thank you.

OTHER EVENTS & NOTICES

SPONSORED SWIM

Alys has completed the IKm sponsored swim for Parishes for Peace! Congratulations! Would those who so kindly offered to sponsor her please bring the money into the parish office (by cash, or cheque payable to RCD of A&B) in an envelope clearly marked with your name and "Alys Dally". Thank you.

TEENAGE RETREAT FOR ADVENT AT WORTH ABBEY

2nd-4th December: For all in Years 7-9. Join us this Advent to explore what Christmas is really all about! Like the wise men journeyed to meet Jesus after his birth, this advent each of us can make our own journey to meet him. It will be a weekend of fun and games, prayer, arts and crafts and much more!. The weekend costs £84 but bursaries are available.

CAROL CONCERT

Saturday 3rd December, 4pm: At the United Reformed Church, Queens Road, Weybridge - Tickets £8 adults, £2 children under 16 in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. The A Cappella Singers & The St James Handbell Ringers will entertain, and there will be readings and refreshments.

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE CAROL CONCERT

Wednesday 7th December, 7.30pm: at Westminster Cathedral. Tickets are £15 and available from the Cardinal Hume Centre website. All the money goes to the Centre for the homeless.

SALESIAN SCHOOL FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Monday 12th December, 7pm: in the Church - Salesian School extend a warm invitation to their service of 9 Lessons and Carols. Please do come along and join them for a traditional carol service with all of your festive favourites! Tickets are £5 and are available by emailing Rebecca Clarey, Head of Music, on rclarey@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

WEYBRIDGE CATENIANS' CAROL NIGHT

Wednesday 14th December: The Weybridge Catenians with their wives and guests will be holding their traditional carol night at Burhill Golf Club, when the children from St Charles Borromeo will entertain us with carols, after which we will enjoy a curry supper and mince pies. The Catenians are an association of Catholic men who meet together for friendship, with a variety of social, spiritual and charitable activities - our tag line is Fun, Family & Faith. If you would like to know more about the Catenians with absolutely no commitment, why not join us as a guest (wives most welcome) at our carol night? Further details from Chris Parker - 01932 228022.

ST CHARLES SCHOOL: DISABILITY AWARENESS

The school are planning a disability awareness/understanding difference week commencing March 13th. If any parishioners would be willing to share their experience or might work with organisations dealing with the above and could share their knowledge and are able to help during that week, please do contact the school on 01932 842617 or email Stephen Holt, the Headteacher, at head@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk Many thanks.

Mass Times, Intentions & Diary for the weeks Ahead

		MASS INTENTIONS		
SATURDAY 26th November	6pm	Deceased relatives & friends of the Cowper family		Retiring Collection for PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust)
SUNDAY 27th November First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44	9am 10.30am 3pm 6pm	In Thanksgiving for Harrison Soltanifar People of the Parish Care Mass Odette Le Grand RIP		Retiring Collection for PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) Care Mass tea (Hall)
MONDAY 28th November	I0am	Josephine Mepham RIP	10.30am 10.40am	Tea/coffee (Fr Charles Room) Advent Group (Canon Francis Room)
TUESDAY 29th November	10am	Jochen Raab RIP	2pm 8pm	Advent Group (Canon Francis Room) Parents of First Holy Communion children (Church)
WEDNESDAY 30th November St Andrew	I0am	Don Boyle RIP	10.30am	Tea/coffee (Fr Charles Room)
THURSDAY Ist December	7.30pm	Monica Thompson RIP	9.15- 11.15am 10am	Mother & Toddler Group (Hall) Advent Group (Canon Francis Room)
FRIDAY 2nd December	I2 noon	Fr Michael Spelman RIP	12.30pm	Lunch in the hall - donations for The Passage & Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless
SATURDAY 3rd December St Francis Xavier	10am 6pm	Miley Cash RIP Jim Drummond RIP		
SUNDAY 4th December Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12	9am 10.30am 6pm	People of the Parish Jack Ferguson RIP Intentions of Harry Juy	11.30am- 2.30pm	St Charles School Christmas Market (Hall)

Deanery Advent Reconciliation (any others will be advised when known)

The Sacred Heart, Cobham

Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton

The Holy Name, Esher

St Cuthbert, Egham (Englefield Green)

St Anne's, Chertsey

St Barnabas, E. Molesey

3rd December from 10am

4th December from 6pm

5th December from 7.30pm

12th December from 7.30pm