



Christ the Prince of Peace Newsletter

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am

and 6:00pm

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 7.30pm

Friday: 12 noon

Saturday: 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00am,

10:00am and 8:00pm

Youth Mass: 6:00pm 2nd Sunday of the
Month

Reconciliation

Saturday: 10:30am-11:00am

and 5:30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday 4th February 2018

Cycle B (Sundays) & Year II (Weekdays)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week I

Jesus behaves unexpectedly in today's gospel. Having cured Simon's mother in law, the whole town turns up at his door eager for miracle cures, and Jesus obliges. This it would seem his golden opportunity. This is his chance to have everybody eating out of the palm of his hand. Instead, Jesus gets up early and goes off to a deserted place, and when Simon comes looking for him, Jesus suggests that instead of returning to his new found fans, that they move on to the next village.

This might seem odd to many, but it is to become apparent that curing the sick was not top of Jesus' agenda.

In some schools today, children are rewarded for a hundred percent attendance. Some, however, would suggest that being in school every single day is not the important bit; it's what the pupil achieves whilst in the classroom that is of true importance. So it is with our lives. Our bodies are merely vehicles in which to get us through life. It is important to look after a vehicle, but what point is there in looking after a vehicle that isn't heading anywhere?

To achieve anything in this world our health of course is important, but Jesus didn't heal people simply to promote some health and

fitness regime. Healing was only part of his primary ministry to teach. Jesus' healing miracles were signs of his identity and of God's power and compassion. His acts of healing were often to teach the importance of faith and discipleship.

Does Jesus still cure today? Perhaps the question is irrelevant. In asking it, are we missing the greater point? As mere mortals, our health is of paramount importance to us, but is it top of God's agenda? Saint Bernadette made a prayer that we could do well to adopt. She said "Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted, but only that you never abandon me in affliction."

Did you know that these frequently used phrases come from the Bible...?

All things to all men (1 Corinthians 9:22)

A wolf in sheep's clothing (Gospel of Matthew 7:15,)

A two-edged sword (*Proverbs* 5:4)

A person is known by the company he keeps (*Proverbs* 13:20)

Exposition**Monday:** 10:00am -10:00pm**Tuesday:** 10:00am-10:00pm**Wednesday:** 7:00am-7:00pm**Friday:** 11.00am-12 noon**Saturday:** 10:00am-12 noon**Rosary****Monday-Friday:** 9:10am (term time only)**Meditation Group****Tuesday** 9.00am-10.00am**Medjugorje Prayer Group****Thursday:** 8:00pm-9:00pm**Scripture Study****Wednesday** 2.00pm-3.00pm**Catholic Schools in the Parish****St. Charles Borromeo Primary School****Stephen Holt** Head Teacher**Barbara Martin** School Secretary

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CONFIRMATION 2018

The next meeting is Tuesday 6th February, 7.30 - 8.45 pm in the parish hall.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2018

The next event for the children is Thursday 8th February 2018 for First Reconciliation in the Church at 5 pm or 6 pm (whichever group the children have been allocated).

Lenten Reflections for Small Prayer Groups
Sign up this weekend

The name of this Lent's programme is **Living Jesus** containing group sessions over six weeks on discipleship and the call to holiness. The programme's booklet also contains prayers and artwork, as well as pages dedicated to helping parents share the themes with their children. These booklets can also be used for individual meditation and include Daily Prayers inspired by the Divine Office.

Session One - The Promise of Eternal Life
He loved me and delivered himself for me (Philippians 2:7-8)

Session Two - Our vocation to holiness
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (Galatians 19-20)

Session Three - A conscious decision
My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways (Proverbs 23:26)

Session Four - Finding the Word in the word
I can do nothing on my own... I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me (John 5:30)

Session Five - An ever deeper relationship
Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you (Jeremiah 29:12)

Session Six - Signs of the Kingdom
And remember, I am with you each and every day until the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)

Booklets cost £2

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th February:	Talk in the parish hall on prayer
Wednesday 14th February:	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 18th February	Talk on St Bernadette (Adam Simon)
Saturday 24th February:	Six Nations Rugby, Ireland v Wales
Saturday 3rd March:	Lent Morning of Recollection with Fr Laurence O'Keefe OSB
Saturday 17th March:	St Patrick's Night Celebration in the parish hall
24th - 29th June	Week of guided prayer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will take place on a Saturday morning at 9.15 am during Lent (except for 3rd March). The following groups will lead each morning as follows: 17th February - Welcome Ministry; 24th February - Adorers (Eucharistic Adoration); 10th March - Justice & Peace; 17th March: Readers; 24th March: SVP

Please pray for Oran Michael Lousse who is being baptised here this weekend, and for his family.



PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & NOTICES

OTHER EVENTS & NOTICES

METHODS OF PRAYER

Wednesday 7th February, 7.30 pm in the parish hall: Members of the Arundel & Brighton Spiritual Directors' group are offering a short introduction to three methods of prayer: The examen, Lectio divina & Imaginative contemplation. Everyone welcome. For more info please contact Clare, Jackie or Patrick - 07973 500811 or paulcnw10@aol.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Tuesday 13th February, 2 pm in the parish hall. At 3 pm we will be showing a beautiful and inspiring DVD about the nuns of Tyburn Convent in London: Benedictine Congregation of Adorers of the Sacred Heart. The film will start in London and take us on a journey to their lively Benedictine communities in Ireland, Scotland, Peru, Ecuador, Rome, Colombia, Australia and New Zealand. Weybridge parishioners and guests are very welcome to join us for the film.

LENT MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday 3rd March: With Fr Laurence O'Keefe OSB (parish hall)

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

Saturday 17th March: Celebration in the parish hall. Details to follow. Tickets available from the parish office. Adults £20, children £8

PARISH NOTICES

Each year the President of the Weybridge Catenian Circle picks his own charity, and this year's President, Michael Mulcahy, has chosen the Sycamore Tree charity which is run by the Prison Fellowship. It runs courses for first time offenders in the 15/18 age group and has proved very successful in reducing the number of re-offenders. The project used to be government funded, but that financial support has now been withdrawn. We have so far raised £650 and hope to exceed £1,000 by the end of April 2018.

FHL BOXES - If you haven't brought your box back this weekend, could you please take it to the parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

SVP

In recent weeks the parish St Vincent de Paul group have made a number of furniture deliveries to families in need. Hence, we would be thankful to receive more furniture donations from parishioners. Specifically, chests of drawers, table and chairs, sofas, coffee tables. Items should in reasonable condition. Also, given that many of our clients are placed in small accommodation units, the size of furniture can be a limiting factor. The SVP extend their thanks for all past donations. Contact: johnmeldrum@hotmail.com

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Zarqa, Jordan

Six Nations Rugby Saturday, 24th February

The excitement of Ireland v Wales will be brought to you via the big screen. Doors open from 12.30pm with stadium food, licensed bar and plenty of atmosphere! Tickets: Adults £15, Children £10 (includes burger/hot dog and fries) available from car-mennarbona@57gmail.com & from the parish office.

We expect this event to sell out quickly so book your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Prayers for Zarqa

Please keep our fellow Christians close in your prayers. Through prayer we connect and strengthen the bond between Christ The Prince of Peace and Our Lady Queen of Peace, Zarqa.

Weekend 9th - 11th February : 'Called by Name' is a vocation retreat for young adults (18-35) at Worth Abbey, Crawley. It offers an opportunity for you to tune in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel. The weekend will include talks from a range of speakers from different walks of life, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to know and live the call of Christ. The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more information, please contact Katrina on TOC@worth.org.uk 01342 710318

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Saturday 10th February, 2 pm: Mass with Anointing of the Sick in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham at Westminster Cathedral. A coach will leave from St John Fisher Church, Shepperton, at 12 noon, returning at approx. 5.30 pm. £15 for the coach. To book a seat please phone Daphne on 01932 259683.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE - WORTH ABBEY

Saturday 10th February, 1.30 - 4.30 pm: A celebration of Married Life for couples and all who seek to see marriage flourish: Talks, Mass at 3 pm with Bishop Richard, and tea at 4 pm. Please book with Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org 01293 651152

CHILWORTH DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 17th February: Chilworth Day of Prayer and Praise given by Fr Laurence O'Keefe, OSB. The day begins with Mass at 10.20 am. Two talks will divide the day, with refreshments and lunch, the Divine Mercy devotion, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with the Sacrament of Healing; departures at 4.20 pm. Come to part or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch, and, if you can, a friend. Tea & coffee provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Nr Guildford, GU4 8QR. Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

MENTAL WELLBEING SUPPORT IN GUILDFORD

New Peer Support Group for anyone facing depression or similar mental health concerns in Guildford every Wednesday evening, 7.30 - 9 pm at The Spike Community Centre, Warren Road (next to St Luke's Surgery and St Luke's Square), Guildford GU1 3JH. Hosted by PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, it offers a friendly and confidential space to share and be heard. No need to book, just come along. More info at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups. Starts on Wednesday 7th February and weekly thereafter.

HOUSE OF PRAYER, EAST MOLESEY

Saturday 24th February, 10 am - 4 pm: Led by Bishop Richard Moth. This day introduces the practice of Lectio Divina. 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. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost £20. Advanced booking essential. www.christian-retreat.org 020 8941 2312



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Mass Times, Intentions and Diary for the Week Ahead

		MASS INTENTIONS		
SATURDAY 3rd February	10 am 6 pm	Intentions of Francesca Ferlita John McCormack RIP		
SUNDAY 4th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Job 7:1-4.6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23; Mark 1:29-39</i>	9 am 10.30 am 6 pm	People of the Parish Sarah Jane Davis RIP Pat Moore RIP		Sign-up weekend for Lenten prayer groups
MONDAY 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	10 am	Intentions of Michael & Mary Mulcahy on their Golden Wedding Anniversary		
TUESDAY 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan</i>	10 am	Deceased members of the Wallbridge & Shannon family	7.30 - 8.45 pm 8 pm	Confirmation group (Hall) SVP (Canon Francis Room)
WEDNESDAY 7th February	10 am	Fr Frank Harrington RIP	7.30 pm	Talk on prayer (Hall)
THURSDAY 8th February	7.30 pm	Jenny El-Borai RIP & Intentions of her family	9.15 - 11.15 am 5 p m 6 pm	Mothers & Toddlers (Hall) First Reconciliation (Church) First Reconciliation (Church)
FRIDAY 9th February	12 noon	People of the Parish		
SATURDAY 10th February <i>St Scholastica</i>	10 am 6 pm	Canon Scannell RIP Marjorie Moran RIP		
SUNDAY 11th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45</i>	9 am 10.30 am 6 pm	People of the Parish Rosemary Kendall RIP Mae Durkin RIP		Appeal & Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund at all weekend Masses

Fr Jude has sent us the following information: Every six weeks the Everyman Cinemas in Walton and Esher have a morning matinee particularly suitable for older people with memory problems, their partners, family members and carers. Films are screened on the ground-level cinema. Lights are left on low, so that people can move around if necessary. The seats are spacious with plenty of leg room. Moreover there is a place to set down a drink. They give priority to people with dementia and their carers, but anyone over 60 can go, but will only be admitted if seats are available. It is free to 'Home Instead' clients.

Fr Jude says that he went to see the film about Queen Victoria on January 10th, a Wednesday morning in Walton, at 10.30 am and paid about £5, Coffee or other drinks were served beforehand. About 25 people were there. The film started as soon as everyone was seated at 11 am. To find out the title and date of the next film and book tickets, ring 'Home Instead' on 01932 241020

One of our parishioners, Adam Simon, has just completed a book entitled "Bernadette of Lourdes: pilgrimage into the heart of Jesus." It is going on sale from 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 160th anniversary of the first apparition. Copies will be on sale after the masses on the weekend of 17th/18th February at a cost of £12 - £2 per book will be used to fund young people from our parish to go to Lourdes this summer. At **7.15pm on Sunday 18th February** Adam will give a short talk in the church hall entitled: "*Bernadette of Lourdes 160 years on: how a 14 year-old girl changed the course of church history.*" All are welcome - drinks and nibbles will be provided by the parish events team, and a rosary blessed in the Grotto of Lourdes will be given to any young person who comes to the talk.