



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: 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 11th February 2018

Cycle B (Sundays) and Year 11 (Weekdays)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 2

In the 1870's, the idyllic sunny island of Molokai might not have been one of your top holiday destinations. Molokai was a settlement where the government kept segregated all persons afflicted by leprosy. It was here that a young priest named Joseph Damien de Veuster (Fr. Damien), at his own request arrived at the settlement to preside as its resident priest. There were then six hundred lepers, many rendered helpless by the disease. For a long time Fr. Damien was the only person to bring them the help they needed, both spiritual and practical. After twelve years of this heroic service he eventually contracted the disease

himself. At the age of forty five he stood before his brethren and addressed them, "My dear brethren my fellow lepers. ... I am one of you now."

In today's gospel Jesus is called upon to cure a leper. Jesus could have done this with a few words, but he does more than this ... he reaches out and heals the leper not only with words, but the touch of his hand. This might seem a small detail, but the simple gesture speaks volumes. The gesture tells us that Jesus was setting aside the stigma that accompanied this terrible disease. Jesus is able to take on the leper's condition and know his needs. We call it empathy, an empathy

essential for true compassion. This is the example that we see Fr Damien live to the letter.

To learn from Jesus' example, we do not have to rush off and find a leper colony as Fr Damien did. There are plenty of social lepers everywhere we look. There are all sorts of social misfits that we stigmatise and push to the edges of our society. If we are to learn by Jesus' example we have to employ all our powers of empathy before we can even begin to make changes.

That Jesus uses his powers to cure leprosy is amazing, but more important is how we can learn from this miracle in changing the lives around us.

From Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of the Sick

"To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. The Church knows that she requires a special grace to live up to her evangelical task of serving the sick. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them."

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

Following recent discussions on the Sacraments, Reconciliations, Gifts of the Spirit and the Commandments, the candidates, with their families, are invited to a Mass of Commitment on Sunday 25th February at 6 pm. The next sessions with candidates alone will be on Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 20th March at 7.30 pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2018

The next meeting is for Parents on Tuesday 20th February at 8 pm in the Parish hall. The children's session after half term is Thursday 22nd February at 5.30 pm.

Did you know..... where St Valentine's Day comes from...?

St Valentine was a Roman Priest at a time when the Emperor Claudius persecuted the church. He also issued an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. Unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because it was feared that married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died.

The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was important to Valentine and he performed the marriage ceremony in secret.

Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies against the command of Emperor Claudius the second.

One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law at the time was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. He was supposed to have prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became Christian.

In the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation all because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He inspired today's romantic missives by signing it, "from your Valentine."

Dates for your diary

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

We will also hold a Holy Hour from 4 - 5 pm each Sunday in Lent

Please pray for Fiorella Ferraro, Ava Mahadeo and Christopher & Sophie Robinson who are being baptised here this weekend, and for their families.



PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & NOTICES

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.

TALK ON BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

Sunday 18th February, 7.15 pm: In the parish hall by Adam Simon. (see back page for details).

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! Raffle for England Jersey signed by the England Rugby Team. Tickets: Adults £15, Children £10 (includes burger/hot dog and fries) available from carmennarbons57@gmail.com & from the parish office.

LENTEN 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

THANK YOU

To all those from the Justice & Peace group and SVP who supported the recent Quiz Night in aid of the Prison Fellowship and SVP. £1,404.66 was raised for the two charities. Many thanks also to Debra who cooked the wonderful curries for the evening - a delicious meal!

THE PASSAGE to ending homelessness

We are collecting.... Sleeping bags, new underwear, socks, hats & scarves.. For The Passage on the weekends of **17th/18th & 24th/25th February**. Please leave your donations in the marked box in the narthex. Many thanks.

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 already brought your box back, could you please take it to the parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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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 be 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

OTHER EVENTS & NOTICES

ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE LECTURE:

Wednesday 14th February, 6.30 pm: Baroness Caroline Cox, a great champion of Human Rights, will speak on the theme: *The Pain and the Passion: the Privilege of Making a Difference*. All welcome.

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

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP : TALK

Wednesday 21st March, 7.30 pm: At Our Lady's Parish Hall, Madeira Road, West Byfleet: talk entitled 'Climate Change - A Christian's Response' with Dr Martin Hodson, Operations Manager of John Ray Initiative, an educational charity which promotes scientific and Christian understanding of the environment. Everyone welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

One to One NW Surrey is currently looking for volunteers to help with activities for adults with learning disabilities at Burview Hall, Walton, on Thursday evenings, 7.30 - 9 pm. Interested? Please contact Monica at onetoonenws@gmail.com or phone 07748 202671 for more information.

Mass Times, Intentions and Diary for the Week Ahead

		MASS INTENTIONS		
SATURDAY 10th February	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
MONDAY 12th February	10 am	Harry Farrell RIP		
TUESDAY 13th February	10 am	Andrea Malisan RIP	2 pm	Catholic Women's League (Hall)
WEDNESDAY 14th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10 am 8 pm	Fred & Isobel Birch RIP Maria & Giuseppe Narcisi RIP & Therese Wingate RIP		
THURSDAY 15th February	7.30 pm	Ken Reddish RIP	9.15 - 11.15 am	Mothers & Toddlers (Hall)
FRIDAY 16th February	12 noon	Pat King RIP		
SATURDAY 17th February	10 am 6 pm	Janan Allos RIP Don Boyle RIP	9.15 am	Stations of the Cross
SUNDAY 18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Genesis 9:8-15; Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15</i>	9 am 10.30 am 6 pm	Marie Shevlin RIP People of the Parish Ann O'Donnell RIP	4 - 5 pm 7.15 pm	Holy Hour Talk by Adam Simon on St Bernadette (Hall)

Church Action on Poverty

“Jesus initiated the act of making visible those who were overlooked.”

Our churches are called to follow Jesus' example: to listen to voices from the margins and make them heard, so that things can change. Use today's initiative and today's gospel to join a campaign on those who have been marginalised.

Here are some starting points:-

Child Poverty Action Group www.cpag.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns

Church Action on Poverty www.church-poverty.org.uk/

PACT www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Adam Simon, has 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.