



CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE, Weybridge

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**Sunday 17th
January
2010**

***The Second
Sunday of Ordinary
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Peace Sunday

SUNDAY MASSES:

6 pm - MASS (Saturday evening vigil)
9.00 am- MASS
10.30 am - MASS
(with Children's Liturgy of the Word)
6.00 pm - MASS

EXPOSITION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday: 10 am - 10 pm
Tuesday: 10 am - 10 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 12 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday to Saturday - 10 am
First Friday of the Month - 12 noon

ROSARY:

Mon - Fri (term time only) - 9.10 am
Saturday - 9.40 am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

am, 10 am, 8 pm

MEDITATION:

Meeting Room: Tuesdays 9 -10 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 10.30 am & 5.30 pm

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP:

Thursday: 8 - 9 pm in the Church

DIVINE OFFICE (Morning Prayer):

Monday to Friday - 9.40 am

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010

'You are witnesses of these things' (Luke 24 : 48)

During the 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are asked to reflect each day on chapter 24 of Luke's gospel, stopping at the questions it asks: Jesus' questions to his disciples; the questions the apostles ask of Christ. Each of these allows us to highlight a particular way of witnessing to the Risen Lord. Each question invites us to think about our situation of church division and about how, concretely, we can remedy that. We are already witnesses and we need to become better witnesses. How?

- by praising the One who gives us the gift of life and resurrection (Day 1)
- by knowing how to share the story of our faith with others (Day 2);
- by recognizing that God is at work in our lives (Day 3)
- by giving thanks for the faith we have received (Day 4)
- by confessing Christ's victory over all suffering (Day 5)
- by seeking to always be more faithful to the Word of God (Day 6)
- by growing in faith, hope and love (Day 7)
- by offering hospitality and knowing how to receive it when it is offered to us (Day 8).

Would our witness not be more faithful to the gospel of Christ in each of these eight aspects if we witnessed together?



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Peace Sunday

Is our search of security and prosperity costing the earth? Many recent wars and conflicts have been about access to resources ... oil in Iraq, water in Northern Kenya and Israel and Palestine, minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They have cost thousands of lives and caused enormous harm to the earth. The message for this year's Peace Sunday is that protecting the earth is an essential part of our peacemaking.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16th	6 pm	Jill Davies RIP
Sun 17th	9 am	Dec'd members of the Pepper family
	10.30 am	Samuel Bastow RIP
	6 pm	People of the Parish
Mon 18th	10 am	Irene Wimms RIP
Tues 19th	<u>9.30 am</u>	Vincenzo Ferlita RIP
Wed 20th	10 am	Mona & Peter Thompson RIP
Thurs 21st	10 am	Sandra Hibberd RIP
Fri 22nd	10 am	Philip Fletcher RIP
Sat 23rd	10 am	Ints of Jack & Charlie - born 11 weeks early
	6 pm	Jill Davies RIP
Sun 24th	9 am	Dec'd members of the Pepper family
	10.30am	Samuel Bastow RIP
	6 pm	People of the Parish

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sun 17th		Retiring collection for Pax Christi
Mon 18th	8 pm	Meeting of Catechetical Co-ordinators (Meeting Room)
Tues 19th	8 pm	Returning Catholics (Meeting Room)
	8 pm	SVP (Resources Room)
Thurs 21st	9.30 - 11.30 am	Bayada Toddler Group (Hall)

Equality Bill and the Church

Please sign this government e-petition:

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/harryhammond/>

It seeks the deletion of part of the Equality Bill which would result in the legal obligation to employ individuals in influential roles whose practice or beliefs are directly opposed to the teaching of the Church. It would deny to religious organisations the freedoms afforded to others.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday in the Church (not 28th January)

8 pm for one hour

Exposition - singing - music - Rosary - Readings - quiet period - Divine Mercy chaplet

ALL WELCOME

SACRAMENTAL & MINISTRIES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? - Would you like to find out more about the Church? If so, then please contact Veronica Robbins (01932 841674) or the Parish Office.

RETURNING CATHOLICS: Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th January at 8 pm in the parish Meeting Room.

BAPTISM: Please contact the parish office in the first instance to arrange a baptism. Baptisms are normally celebrated at 12 noon on a Sunday to be agreed with Fr Tom. The Rite of Welcome is usually on the last Sunday of the month at the beginning of the 10.30 am Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2010: Our next meeting will be on Thursday 21st January at 7.30 pm in the parish hall.

FIRST COMMUNION: Thank you to all those who came along to our parents' evenings. The next meeting for children making their First Communion next year will be on Thursday 21st January 2010 at 6.15 pm in the parish hall.

~ Readings ~

Sunday 17th January: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11
Sunday 24th January: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Please advise the Parish office if you notice anything at all in the parish complex (Church, hall, meeting room, toilets, car park, etc) which is broken, damaged or not working. Many thanks.

Parish Dates

- * **Wednesday 20th January, 8.40 am:** Mass at St George's College Junior School to celebrate Christian Unity. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.
 - * **Wednesday 20th January:** Induction of new vicar at St Mary, Oatlands. We congratulate Rev Steve Brunn, a parent at our school, and assure him of our prayers and warmest wishes for a fruitful and very happy ministry.
 - * **Saturday 23rd January, midday:** Severs' practice (for 28th January).
 - * **Sunday 24th January, 3 pm:** The care Mass at Addlestone, cancelled last Sunday because of the wether, will now (hopefully) take place next Sunday.
 - **Sunday 24th January, 6 pm:** Our ecumenical service for Christian Unity (organised this year by the Wey Christian Fellowship) will take place at St James' School, Grotto Road. This is one of the few ecumenical activities we do as Churches Together, so please do try to come along.
- Thursday 28th January, 7.30 pm:** Mass of Thanksgiving for the 20th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church, with Cardinal Cormac and many former priests of our parish, followed by a celebration in the hall. Friends from our local churches have been warmly invited.
- **Friday 29th January, 8 pm:** For Sam Beare Hospice, Mrs Ann Clements will give a one hour art lecture with slides on 'Conversation Pieces', the exhibition at the Queen's Gallery. Drinks and nibbles will be served from 7.15 pm. Tickets must be bought beforehand at £10. Please book through Anne Littleton, 01932 840860.
 - **Friday 5th February** - the next CAFOD lunch in the hall, after 12 noon Mass.
 - * **Saturday 6th February, 4 - 10 pm:** *Talentfest* at St James' Church: an extravaganza of musical talent by performers from Heathside, Rydens and St George's College. Ticket holders can move freely between acts,, as there will be a performance to suit every taste. Raffle will be taken for Sam Beare Hospice. Tickets £6 adults, £3 children under 12 or family ticket for £16. Please see poster in the narthex - tickets available from the parish office.
 - **Wednesday 10th February, 7.30 pm:** Wedding Anniversary mass (for January & February): a chance to renew your vows and give thanks to God for your vocation. Please join Fr Tom and Gerard for a glass of wine and cake in the house afterwards.
 - * **Advance Notice: Saturday 27th February:** Fr John Dickson SDB will be leading our Lenten Day of Recollection.
 - * **Ministry of Readers:** Please note Fr Richard Biggerstaff has kindly agreed to lead our Training Day for all our readers on **Saturday 24th April**.

Notices

- * **Help** would be greatly appreciated for setting up and clearing away in the parish hall for our special Anniversary mass on 28th January. Please see the sign up sheets in the narthex for food for the evening, if you are able to contribute. Any queries, please contact Mary in the parish office. Thank you.
- * **SVP Furniture Store:** We are looking for help with the collection and delivery of furniture. We usually organise a collection and delivery date once per month when we collect from several houses and try to make deliveries. It normally takes 2 - 3 hours. At the moment two of us are covering this and any additional days. We would very much appreciate the help of one or two others prepared to give up their time on a Saturday afternoon and do a bit of lifting. If we have 1 or 2 volunteers, it would mean only 2 or 3 days in the whole year. Please call 07733 087561 or email brianjohnwatt@hotmail.com Many thanks.
- * **Churches Together in Weybridge** - we have printed a leaflet giving dates for this year for ecumenical events which we hope will be very well supported - please do take one.
- * **Repository Helpers/Welcomers** - new rotas are now available for collection from the narthex. Thank you for your continued help.
- * **The Justice & Peace group** have been in contact with 'The Passage', who work for the homeless in London. They are very grateful for all the items we collected for them before Christmas, but they are still in need (particularly during this cold spell) of the following: rucksacks, sleeping bags, trainers (men's & women's); toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo. Please, if you have any of the above, bring them in to the parish office. Thank you very much.
- * **A letter of thanks** has been received from Fr Gerald Abuachi regarding our recent lunch to raise funds following the L'Aquila earthquake - the letter and some photos he has sent can be seen in the narthex.

St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary School:

The Deputy Headteacher is retiring in the summer. If anyone is interested in applying for the position, the job is advertised on www.eteach.com or on the school's website.

The reviewed Admission Policy 2011/12 for the school has gone to consultations. A copy is available from the school office. Slight amendments have been made to comply with the new Code of Practice. Any comments should be addressed to Mrs Jennifer Simpson c/o the school by 1 March 2010.

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others. St. John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important. The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come



Fill those jars with water

***Calling all group leaders of small groups for Lent: on Monday 1st February at St Dunstan's Church, Woking, from 7.45 - 9.15 pm (7.30 pm for tea & coffee), there will be a special evening focussing on Lent and preparing for Lenten small groups
If you would like to go and perhaps share a car with another parishioner, please contact Mary Lee at the parish office.***

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

On Monday 18th January during Adoration we invite you to pray for the priests of Worthing Deanery which includes the parishes of Worthing St Mary of the Angels, St Michael's, High Salvington, East Preston, East Worthing with Lancing, Goring, Littlehampton, Rustington and Shoreham with Steyning. Every Tuesday in this 'Year for Priests' we invite you to pray for vocations to the priesthood, particularly from our diocese and from our own parish.