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Third Sunday of Advent Year C

1st Reading: **Zephaniah 3:14-18** Psalm: **Isaiah 12:2-6**

Psalm Response: **Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:4-7** Gospel: **Luke 3:10-18**

Excerpts from the Holy Father's Reflection on the Nativity and the Tree, December 2018:

The Tree and the Nativity Scene are two signs that never cease to appeal to us; they tell us about

Christmas and help us to contemplate the mystery of God-made-man to be close to each one of us. The Christmas tree with its lights reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world, the Light of the soul that drives away the darkness of enmities and makes room for forgiveness. The spruce that this year is placed in Piazza San Pietro, coming from the Cansiglio forest, suggests further reflection. With its height of over twenty meters, it symbolizes God Who, with the birth of His Son Jesus, lowered himself down to man, to raise man to Himself, and lift man from the fogs of selfishness and sin. The Son of God assumes the human condition to draw that human condition to Himself and to enable it participate in His divine and incorruptible nature.

The Nativity scene, located in the centre of the Square, is made with sand from Jesola, originally from the Dolomites. The sand, a poor material, recalls the simplicity, the smallness, and also the fragility with which God revealed Himself with the birth of Jesus, in precarious circumstances, in Bethlehem. It may seem that this smallness contradicts divinity, so much so that some, from the very beginning, considered it only as an appearance, a façade. But no, because smallness is freedom. Those who are small, in the evangelical sense, are not only light, but are also free from any desire to appear grsty, and free from any claim to success - like children who express themselves and move spontaneously. We are all called to be free before God, to have the freedom of a child before his father. The Child Jesus, Son of God and our Saviour, whom we place in the manger, is Holy in poverty, in smallness, in simplicity and in humility.

The Nativity and the Tree, enchanting symbols of Christmas, can bring to families and communities a reflection of the Light and tenderness of God, and help everyone to live the Feast of the Birth of Jesus. Contemplating the Child God, Who emanates Light in the humility of the Nativity scene, we can also become witnesses of humility, tenderness and goodness.

Parish Reconciliation on Monday 17th December at 7.30pm

Together with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions will be available from **3pm to 4pm**. Then the priests from the Deanery will join us from **7.30pm till 9pm for Confessions**.

Advent 6.30am Rorate Mass on Thursdays followed by cooked breakfast: Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are available to altar serve, be a Minister of the Word or a Minister of the Eucharist. Also, to assist with catering, if you wish to have a cooked breakfast.

Tea & Talents' - TODAY Sunday 16th December from 3.00pm-5.00pm in the parish hall.

Come along and be entertained whilst having a cuppa and a piece of cake!
Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. All ages welcome to join in the fun;
why not wear your Christmas jumper or hat.

Any monies raised will go to defray the cost of sending a sick pilgrim to Lourdes.

Giving Tree - Deadline 1.00pm Sunday 16th December. At this time the gifts will be given out to the various charities. Many thanks as usual for your generosity.

RCIA : Every Thursday evening at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.

The RCIA is a series of talks and ceremonies designed to prepare adults to be received into the Church. **Session 10 is on Thursday 20th December 2018.**

New Name for DABCEC: The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP; is now known as the **St Philip Howard Centre for Education, Formation & Mission.**

Retreat for Doctors: At Worth Abbey from Friday 1st March 2019. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Stephen Ortiger. Theme "Love thy Neighbour as Yourself". £150 full board.

For details and booking, please email the organizer Dr Joe O'Dwyer, adding Doctors' Retreat in subject at jodwyer@doctors.org.uk.

National Board of Catholic Women: Day with Bishop Richard on the 23rd February 2019, from 10am to 1pm at St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Explore ways to engage with 'The Word Who is Life'. Book at nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com.

Jackpot Club: Congratulations to Sandy Kenny and Thomas Hull. They have won £52 and £26 respectively in the November Jackpot Club draw. You have to be in it, to win it!

See noticeboard in the porch for details on how to join.

Congratulations also to Rose Donovan on winning the Christmas Hamper.

Congratulations to Christian Leslie on winning one of the two

Woking Junior Musician of the Year Awards. Well done, Christian!

Christian will be playing the organ at both Christmas Eve Masses this year : 5pm & 7pm.

Family Christmas Nativity Service with Carols on Saturday 22nd December at 4pm. Sign up sheet in the Narthex for children who would like to take part. **Rehearsal from 2.30pm.**

There will be a **Special Collection** after all Masses THIS Sunday for **Christmas Flowers.**

Also, please bring from your garden greenery such as ivy, holly, conifers for decorating our church for Christmas.

Christmas Offertory Collection

By tradition, this is a personal gift to our parish priest and forms a substantial part of his annual income. This is also one of our ways of expressing our thanks and appreciation to our pastor. Envelopes are available this weekend at the back of the Church if you will be away over Christmas. If you are a tax payer, please mark your envelope 'Gift Aid'.

Brass and Silver Cleaning for Christmas

On Monday 24th December, after 10am Mass, please join Fr Gerard to clean the brass and silverware, and to prepare our church for our celebration of Christmas.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun	16	Dec	'Tea & Talents': Entertainment for all the family 3pm-5pm in the Church Hall
Mon	17	Dec	Reconciliation Service in our Church at 7.30 pm
Thu	20	Dec	Rorate Mass at 6:30am followed by Breakfast
Thu	20	Dec	RCIA meeting - Session 10 in the Church Hall at 8pm
Sat	22	Dec	Family Nativity & Carol Service 4pm : Rehearsal 2.30pm. Refreshments 4.30pm
Mon	24	Dec	Benediction at 3pm and Family Masses at 5pm and 7pm
Mon	24	Dec	Carol service at 11:30pm; and Midnight Mass
Tue	25	Dec	Christmas Day - Masses at 9:30am and 11:30am
Wed	26	Dec	Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr - Mass at Noon
Thu	27	Dec	Latin Mass with Carols at 7pm
Fri	28	Dec	The Holy Innocents - Mass with Carol at Noon
Mon	31	Dec	Mass at Noon with Te Deum. Mass at 11pm, followed by drinks in the Presbytery

St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor, to join the school team from the start of the Spring term. The hours are 11.40am to 1.05pm, five days a week. Responsibilities include putting out the fold-out dining tables in the hall, the supervision of children in the lunch hall while they are eating, supervising children outside on the playground/field, ensuring that they are safe, active and enjoying a happy playtime experience, and administering basic first aid when necessary (training will be provided). Salary is £16,191 FTE (£2,644.82 pro rata) Like all appointments within the school the post is subject to satisfactory DBS clearance and references. Please visit the school website: <http://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/> for an application form and a job description.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 20th December at 3.15pm.

Carol Singing in the Village: During Advent why not join Christians from other churches in Knaphill for carol singing in and around the village as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Venues will be: Mizzen Railway, High St., Cygnet Hospital, Garibaldi Pub and the Vyne. See poster at back of church for more details or speak to Roger (01483 481944).

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland:

16th March 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast and 4 Course Dinner each day. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Contact Patricia on 01268762278/07740175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. For more details see noticeboard in the porch.

Parish Project - As part of our Covenant with the Poor, to which we commit each Maundy Thursday, we have been supporting both the Woking Hospice and Cafod as our home and overseas project. The time has now come for us to review our pledge to 'give more generously' and consider other charities. If you have a project you would like to nominate, you will find a Nomination Form in the Narthex. Please hand in to the sacristy once completed. Voting on the various projects will take place in the New Year.

Parish Parking: A reminder again to please consider neighbouring residents when using road parking for Mass, and to park considerately without obstructing entrances or the passage for oversized or emergency vehicles on this narrow road. The parking bays immediately in front of the church are for the exclusive use of Blue Badge holders and for parishioners with mobility difficulties.

Christmas Crib Offering 2018: This year our Christmas Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives.
Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

Rosary and Adoration

During Advent there will be Rosary and Adoration at **7.30pm on Friday the 21st December**

Carols by Candlelight: On Friday **21 December** from 7pm at St Edward the Confessor, 2 Lodge Lane, Keymer followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Free entry but there will be a collection in aid of Chestnut Tree House (Children's Hospice Care).

Mass Intentions for December 2018

Sat	15	10am	Saturday of 2nd Week of Advent	Yves de Pazanan RIP
Sat	15	6.30pm	3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent	For the People of the Parish
Sun	16	9.30am	3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Punchard Family
Sun	16	11.30am	3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent	Intentions of Eileen Kennel
Mon	17	10am	17 Dec. in Advent 'O Sapientia'	The Ryan Family
Tue	18	10am	18 Dec. in Advent 'O Adonai'	Jim Breen RIP
Wed	19	7pm	19 Dec. in Advent 'O Radix'	Stephen Reid RIP
Thu	20	6.30am	Rorate Mass followed by breakfast	<i>Available</i>
Thu	20	9am	20 Dec. in Advent 'O Clavis David'	Special Intentions of Rev JB Webb
Thu	20	7pm	Latin Mass	Alberic de Saint Romain - 1st Holy Comm.
Fri	21	10am	21 Dec. in Advent 'O Oriens'	Intentions of Maureen Harper
Sat	22	10am	22 Dec. in Advent 'O Rex Gentium'	Intentions of Kathleen Cox
Sat	22	6.30pm	4th Sunday of Advent 'O Emmanuel'	Andrew D Higgins RIP
Sun	23	9.30am	4th Sunday of Advent 'O Emmanuel'	For the People of the Parish
Sun	23	11.30am	4th Sunday of Advent 'O Emmanuel'	In Thanksgiving from Maria Coppola

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament one hour before 10am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and half hour after the 10am Mass on Saturdays. Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30am - 11am & 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays. Vespers and Benediction - 6pm Sunday.

Mass Intentions are available for the months of December 2018, January and February 2019

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,132.43 Many thanks.



THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary....*
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary....*
V. And the Word was made Flesh (Genuflect)
R. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary*
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray : Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
 Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.