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Sunday 6th January - The Epiphany

1st Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6** Psalm: 71

Psalm Response: **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6** Gospel: **Mathew 2:1-12**

The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) and the weeks following. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

Using blessed chalk on the entryway of the house is written: 20 + C + M + B + 19. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words ***Christus mansionem benedicat***, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2019 is the year. Blessed Chalk will be available.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk write 20 + C + M + B + 19 on the lintel of your front door (front porch step or other convenient location) while saying:

"The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and eighteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen."

Then offer the following prayer:

"Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen."

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and physically mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. It is a reminder to let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions in this coming year.

The Season of Christmas finishes next Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord so the church decorations remain, and the carols. What a wonderful first Christmas here.

With my prayers for a blessed New Year, Fr Gerard

Prayers and Help for the Sick and the Housebound

We offer our prayers for all the sick and the housebound who are unable to participate with us during this Advent and Christmas Season.

Additionally, many people are in desperate need of food, clothing and shelter. Please remember in your prayers all these people, especially during this Christmas Season, and assist by your generous contributions to all our Parish charity events throughout the coming year.

Peace Sunday 2019: This will be held on Sunday **20th January 2019**. The theme for 2019 is 'Good politics serves peace'. Every year **Pax Christi** promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day Message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is in the Liturgical Calendar cycle of prayer. Pax Christi sends resource materials to every parish in the country to help them mark and celebrate the day. For more information and resources see the [Pax Christi website](#).

Swim22 Challenge: Swim 22 miles – the width of the English Channel – in 12 weeks, in your local pool i.e. 1404 lengths of a 25 metre swimming pool between 22nd February and 22nd May, taking on the swimming challenge of the year as a team effort or on your own. Not only will you be keeping fit, but you will also be supporting Diabetes UK. For further details https://www.diabetes.org.uk/get_involved/fundraising-events/swim22 or contact Charlotte on 07793 744038.

The fifth episode of '**Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith**', by Bishop Barron, will be presented on **Saturday 19th January 2019** at St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR. This is a Chilworth Abbey Study Day given by Fr John Seddon OSB, who will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion about its subject matter. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am, followed by coffee. This film investigates 'The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure', followed by teaching and discussion. Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day which concludes at 4.00pm. Bring a packed lunch and, if possible, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

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.

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.

Please note that the **Ecumenical Prayer and Share Meeting** scheduled for the 2nd of January 2019 at The Vyne has been postponed to **Wednesday 6th February at 10am**, when we will be sharing our favourite prayers and readings. For more information, please contact Maureen Thomas 01483 766601 or nogoodboyoys@outlook.com

Church Cleaning - Would you like to join one of our cleaning teams or perhaps you would like to get together with a friend or two and make your own team? The teams clean on a rota basis about every eight weeks - the more teams we have, the less often you clean! We are very grateful to our church cleaners for their commitment to our parish. For more info, please contact Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN: As part of the Knights of St Columba Centenary which will be celebrated on 5th October 2019, the KSC together with SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) have launched a year-long Rosary for the Unborn with a special intention each month. Half a million Rosary Prayer Cards have been produced for National distribution in every parish in Scotland, England & Wales, and have a monthly intention. The December intention was “For those facing a crisis pregnancy at this time.” The Knights of St Columba & SPUC invite all to begin saying the Rosary particularly for these monthly Intentions. Please collect a Prayer Card from the narthex, and join in praying the Rosary for the most vulnerable in our society.

The January intention is “for families to remain open to the gift of life.”

Parish New Website

Our New Parish Website, <https://sthughoflincoln.com>, launched recently, features a variety of information under the following Menu: Home, Services, Discipleship, Children, Teams, Young Adults, Devotions, Newsletters and Contacts. Please explore the Menu and provide us your feedback via the Parish email: sthugh.secretary@ntlworld.com with your views to further improve and enhance the needs of our Parish, especially when we are in pursuit of Divine Renovation.

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 projects. The time has now come for us to review our pledge to ‘give more generously’ and to 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 Maintenance Projects

St Hugh of Lincoln Parish is our spiritual home and, as with all homes, there are a number of maintenance projects that need to be undertaken in the church, the Presbytery, and the Hall. The sound system in the church is deteriorating and requires attention, and the loop system for those with hearing aids is not working. Many people are thus unable to fully hear the Sacred Liturgy which is vital for maintaining a spiritual life, enabling people to be fed on the Word of God and the language of our Ritual. A new sound system will cost in the region of £18,000 and the generosity of parishioners towards this and the general maintenance costs which have been prioritised will benefit all our parish family.

Christmas Crib Collection

There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend : 12th/13th January 2019. Proceeds go to the Children’s Society’s Emergency Fund, and this fund has been used by many children and families in our diocese during the past year. Thank you for your support.

Jackpot Club : Details on the Jackpot Club can be found in the porch. If you would like to join and be one of our lucky monthly winners: contact Anne on 01483 480677 or email: am.rushton@btopenworld.com

St Hugh’s Baby & Toddler Group:

Fridays at 10am in the Parish Hall. Only £1 per child. Toys, crafts and snack provided.

Parish Parking : There have been further complaints from neighbours who have been inconvenienced by inconsiderate parking of vehicles at Mass times, with cars obstructing access to properties. A further hazard is caused in the event of Emergency or over-sized vehicles using this narrow road. When the parish car park is full, parking is available in the village and within short walking distance to the church.

Fr Gerard writes: Thank you very much for your generous offerings and gifts for Christmas, and very many thanks to everyone for their contribution and help in preparing our church for the Christmas celebration of the Birth of our Lord, Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tue	8	Jan	Baptism Course 1 in the Church hall at 8pm
Thu	10	Jan	RCIA meeting in the Church hall at 8pm
Sat	12	Jan	Confirmation 2019 Session 1 : 6.30pm Mass followed by 1st Session
Tue	15	Jan	Baptism Course 2 in the Church hall at 8pm
Thu	17	Jan	RCIA meeting in the Church hall at 8pm
Sun	20	Jan	C4K Christian Unity Service, Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road, Knaphill

Confirmation Candidates and Parents: Please note that it has been necessary to make some changes to the dates and times that were originally published. The first session will now take place following the 6.30pm Vigil Mass (with enrolment) on **Saturday 12th January 2019**. The session will run from 7.30-9.30pm and pizza will be provided. It will not be necessary for parents to attend the session. Please feel free to contact David Thorn (Confirmation coordinator) on: dcathorn@gmail.com and expect an email from him shortly with full details of the programme. Confirmation catechists are Fr Gerard, David Thorn, Kinga Krok and Joyce Collier.

Mass Intentions for January 2019

Sat	5	6.30pm	The Epiphany of the Lord	Jim & Florence Moore RIP
Sun	6	9.30am	The Epiphany of the Lord	Deceased members of the Gilbert Family
Sun	6	11.30am	The Epiphany of the Lord	For the People of the Parish
Monday to Friday this week there will be no Masses at St Hugh's as Fr Gerard will be away.				
Sat	12	10am	Saturday of the BVM	<i>Available</i>
Sat	12	6.30pm	The Baptism of the Lord	Intentions of the Larkham Family
Sun	13	9.30am	The Baptism of the Lord	Terry Duff RIP
Sun	13	11.30am	The Baptism of the Lord	Rosalind & Ian Halls RIP

Intentions are available for the months of January and February 2019

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.

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,039.76 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.