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Sunday 13th January - Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord

1st Reading: **Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Psalm: **28**

Psalm Response: **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

2nd Reading: **Acts 10:34-38**

Gospel: **Mathew 3:13-17**

REVERENCE OF OUR LORD'S SACRAMENTAL PRESENCE

How we handle objects says a lot about how we regard them. When looking at fine jewellery, for example, we are mindful to handle the gems carefully. When observing fine works of art, we don't even touch them at all. When we hold a baby or hug a loved one, we do so gently and with care. The things we handle carefully are usually the things we hold in high esteem.

When it comes to the holy Eucharist, the living sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, this should be all the more true. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – and we reserve the Eucharist in a secure tabernacle, constructed of the finest materials available. The tabernacle is situated in a place of honour in the church, usually in the centre of the sanctuary, and we genuflect before it. To reverence our Lord's sacramental presence, we use not ordinary dishes but chalices and patens for the celebration of the Eucharist. Made of precious metal, these are "sacred vessels", and are set aside for sacred use only. Priests and deacons wear beautiful vestments during the celebration of the Eucharist and most of us, out of respect for our Lord, put on our "Sunday best" when we head to Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that, in the holy Eucharist, "Christ, God and man, makes Himself wholly and entirely present" (CCC 1374). When we receive our Lord in holy Communion, therefore, we should receive him in the way we encounter a loved one: with reverence, care, gentleness and humility.

Recently, the Church has encouraged us to consider receiving holy Communion on the tongue as a "sign of adoration that needs to be recovered." To receive the Eucharist on our tongue is to signify our humility before the Lord and to recognize that it is God Himself who feeds us. For this reason, some Catholics choose to receive the Eucharist not in their hands, but directly on their tongues. Receiving the sacred host on our tongue ensures that we do not treat Christ's presence as an ordinary piece of bread. Reception of holy Communion on the tongue has been a tradition of the Church for more than 15 centuries, and began as an effort to affirm that the Eucharist is the living presence of Jesus Christ and not a symbol or a ritual.

The Church permits Catholics to receive the Eucharist either on the tongue or in their hands, at the discretion of the one receiving holy Communion. Both modes of receiving holy Communion have their own value and their own beauty. Some feel more comfortable receiving the Eucharist in their hands. For some, touching the Eucharist makes them feel more connected to Jesus Christ himself. Many of the Fathers of the early Church recognized that our hands could be a "throne" for receiving holy Communion. To make a throne for the Lord with our hands is to signify our total commitment to worship, and to Christian service of the Lord, the King of Kings.

Reverence of our Lord's Sacramental Presence:*continued*

When they receive, St. John Damascene counselled that the communicants should put their hands "in the form of a cross." Above all, Catholics who receive in the hand should ensure that their hands are clean as they prepare to literally touch the presence of Christ. The sacred host is consumed immediately, not when the communicant returns to their seat, thus avoiding accidentally dropping the sacred host. An even greater danger and sacrilege is the possibility of someone stealing a host for trivial or even evil purposes. Sadly, this actually happens.

Whether receiving the Lord in the hand or on the tongue we should all receive with great reverence and respect. And to demonstrate that reverence and respect, the Church asks us to make a genuflection or a slight bow of the head immediately before receiving holy Communion. Receiving our Lord in holy Communion is, indeed, the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN: Rosary Prayer Cards are available in the narthex. Please collect a prayer card and join in praying for the most vulnerable in our society. The January Intention is "For families to remain open to the gift of life."

The Fifth episode of '**Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith**', by Bishop Barron, investigates 'The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure', and will be presented on **Saturday 19th January 2019** at St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am and concludes at 4.00pm. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee is provided. Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Christian Unity Service: As part of Christian Unity Week (18th-25th January) you are warmly invited to a Christian Unity Service on **Sunday 20th January** at Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road GU21 2SX at 3.30pm followed by tea and cakes.

More details can be found on Christian Unity week from: <https://ctbi.org.uk> .

Please let Roger know if you can help with tea and cakes, 01483 481944.

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.

Please note that the **Ecumenical Prayer and Share Meeting** at The Vyne has been postponed to **Wednesday 6th February at 10am** . For more information, please contact Maureen Thomas 01483 766601 or nogoodboyos@outlook.com

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.

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.

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. **Closing Date 20th January 2019.**

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

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.

Parish New Website: Our Parish Website, <https://sthughoflincoln.com>, launched recently, features a variety of Topics pertaining to the spiritual development of our parish. Please explore the site and provide us your feed back via the 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.

Justice & Peace Assembly: Workshops for those aged 15+: Alongside the Assembly on modern slavery, the Ecological Conversion Group will be running introductory workshops on the theme of Justice & Peace and the links between environmental degradation and the rise of modern slavery. Covering issues such as Climate Change, Refugees, Poverty and destruction of our natural world, the workshops will explore how small changes in your daily life can make a real difference globally. The workshops are perfect for people looking to put their faith into action. Also opportunities for you to get involved in your local community through volunteering. **Saturday 26th January, 10 – 3.30 pm** (doors open 9.30 am). Packed lunch and reusable cup needed. At the St Philip Howard Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Book at rosie.read@dabnet.org

Parish Parking : There have been 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.

Jackpot Club: Subs are £1 per month and the more members, the bigger the prizes! 50% of the monthly subs go into parish funds and 50% in prize money. £100 annual draw on the Feast of St Hugh. Further details on the Jackpot Club can be found in the porch If you would like to join the Jackpot Club and be one of our lucky monthly winners: contact Anne on 01483 480677 or email: am.rushton@btopenworld.com. You have to be in it to win it!!!

St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group:

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

Confirmation Candidates and Parents: The 1st Session will take place **TODAY** following the 6.30pm Vigil Mass (with enrolment) . The session will run from 7.30-9.30pm. A simple meal will be provided at each session. It is not necessary for parents to attend the session. The 2nd Session will be on **Saturday 26th Jan. 2019**, at Tyburn Convent, London 9am to 4pm The 3rd Session will be on **Wednesday 30th Jan. 2019**, at St Dunstan's Woking at 7:30pm (tbc) David Thorn (Confirmation Co-ordinator) will email shortly with full details of the programme, which spans out to 25th May 2019. David can be contacted on: dcathorn@gmail.com Confirmation catechists are Fr Gerard, David Thorn, Kinga Krok and Joyce Collier.

IMPORTANT DATES

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
 Mon 21 Jan Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Church hall at 8pm
 Tue 22 Jan First Holy Communion Family Session 4 in the Church hall: 6:30-8pm

Mass Intentions for January 2019

Sat	12	10am	Memorial of the BVM	Paula McCarthy RIP
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
Mon	14	10am	Week 1 of Ordinary Time Year C	Anne-Marie and Peter Peeroo RIP
Tue	15	10am	Week 1 of Ordinary Time Year C	Intentions of Vincent Hathway
Wed	16	7pm	Week 1 of Ordinary Time Year C	<i>Available</i>
Thu	17	9am	Week 1 of Ordinary Time Year C	<i>Available</i>
Thu	17	7pm	Latin Mass	<i>Available</i>
Fri	18	10am	Week 1 of Ordinary Time Year C	Mary Richards RIP
Sat	19	10am	Memorial of the BVM	Alice Ledgard RIP
Sat	19	6.30pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Richards RIP
Sun	20	9.30am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the People of the Parish
Sun	20	11.30am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention for David

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: £1,186.43 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.