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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER  20th January 2019
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5  Psalm: 95
Psalm Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  Gospel: John 2:1-12

Retiring Collection Today is for Pax Christi
“Sharing the Peace of Christ with our world.”
Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father’s World Peace Day Message every year.

The Sacred Power of Worship
Fr Gerard writes: I am convinced that part of crisis that we are experiencing in the Church today is, to a large extent, due to the disintegration of the Liturgy. I am solidly convinced that an authentic and faithful renewal and reform of the Sacred Liturgy is not only part of the New Evangelisation; it is indeed essential to its fruitfulness. The Liturgy has the power to form and transform the Catholic faithful. We must live by the axiom lex orandi, lex credendi (the law of praying is the law of believing). What we celebrate in the Mass expresses the essential content of the Faith, and it also reinforces our faith when celebrated well and with fidelity. The Liturgy both teaches us, and expresses, what we believe. If we do not get the Sacred Liturgy right, I fear that we will just be spinning our wheels rather than getting the New Evangelization going in the right direction.

If we can rediscover the aura of Mystery which took a hit after the reforms of the Second Vatican Council - not because of the reforms themselves but because individual persons decided to take matters into their hands and did things off their own bat - then we, as believers, will be transformed by the Sacred Liturgy, and in turn can help transform the casual culture that has developed. The Church has gradually lost that mystical element, the element of the hidden.
And that is why our people are finding our Liturgy, our prayer life, boring.

The Liturgy we have been given is beautiful, and we are not going back because we can’t, but I hope that, as priest and people, we can discover that Mystery of the Liturgy, the beauty of the Liturgy, and find Jesus who is the source and summit of our lives. He is the mountain and rock which we discover in the Liturgy, so that our active participation is made all the more concrete by our understanding of and immersion into the Liturgy, enabling it to truly feed us, and keep us healthy and alive in our faith.
Starting from the weekend of the 16th February 2019 we will begin a six week Sermon series on the Sacred Liturgy. In the next few weeks I will publish the Themes for each week.

Presentation of The Lord
On Saturday, 2nd of February we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of The Lord, also known as Candlemas. Mass will be offered at 12 Noon and Confessions heard from 11am till 11.30am. It is also the Anniversary of my first Mass. Come and join me.
This Sunday 20th January 2019 is Peace Sunday. 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.

Christian Unity Service: As part of Christian Unity Week (18th-25th January) you are warmly invited to a Christian Unity Service this 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.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Saturday 26th January 11.00am - 4.00pm
You are warmly invited to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal & Mission, at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.
11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30pm Talk “Prayer and Renewal” – Charles Whitehead KSG explains why and how we should be renewing our prayer lives through the power of the Holy Spirit; 3.30pm Prayer for Healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com
Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

Justice & Peace Assembly: Introductory Workshops for those New to Justice & Peace:
Alongside the Arundel and Brighton Conference 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 but not exactly sure how. Plus opportunities for you to get involved in your local community through volunteering. The workshop starts on Saturday 26th January, 10am - 3.30pm (doors open 9.30am) at the St Philip Howard Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

All aged from 15 welcome! Please book at rosie.read@dabnet.org.

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.

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.

Prayers and Help for the Sick and the Housebound: We offer our prayers for all the sick and the housebound. 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.
**Terry Duff RIP:** Terry’s Funeral Mass will be at 11.00am on Monday, **21st January 2019** at the Church of Christ Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Weybridge, KT13 8JD, followed by a reception at West Byfleet Social Club, 41 Station Approach, West Byfleet, KT14 6NE (further details in Narthex). Terry regularly attended 9.30am Mass here at St Hugh’s and many will remember him in the wheelchair. All are welcome to his Funeral Mass and Reception.

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**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.”

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**Day of Reflection for Readers:** Saturday 9th February at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT, 11.00am-4.00pm. Led by Bishop Richard, with talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, and practical aspects of the ministry. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will end with Mass. Registration from 10.30am. Refreshments provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking ESSENTIAL – please email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or telephone (01293) 651164. Please note that priority will be given to people who have not previously attended a readers' day with Bishop Richard.

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**CCRS Course coming to the Diocese:** In support of Bishop Richard’s Pastoral Plan, the Diocese are planning the launch of a CCRS course, starting in September 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies has been established since 1991 and aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith. It will be open to teachers working in Catholic schools, Catechists, people involved in pastoral and liturgical work and other interested adults. Full details can be found at http://www.brsccrs.org.uk/index.php
For more information and to express an interest in attending the course, please contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard Centre: 01293 651157 or email jon.harman@dabnet.org

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**Retrouvaille:** A lifeline for married couples: Disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate with each other. Do you want to try again? Retrouvaille helps couples nationwide work through challenging times. Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

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**Parish Project - Closing Date Today:** 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 and voting on the various projects will take place shortly.

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**Jackpot Club:** Congratulations to Denis Naughton and Roderick & Maureen O’Connor on winning £52.50 & £26 respectively in the December Jackpot Club Draw. **If you wish to join the club, you will find a standing order form in the narthex.** 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. Further details on the Jackpot Club contact Anne on 01483 480677 or email: am.rushton@btopenworld.com. You have to be in it to win it!!!

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**Friends of St Hugh Race Night**
Saturday 2nd February in the Parish Hall. Details next week

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**St Hugh’s Baby & Toddler Group**
Fridays at 10am in the Parish Hall. Only £1 per child. Toys, crafts and snack provided.
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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
Mon 21 10am St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr Dennis Royston RIP
Tue 22 10am St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr Ahline Lock RIP
Wed 23 7pm Feria in Ordinary Time Week 2 Available
Thu 24 9am Mass at School: St Francis de Sales Joan & Albert Mills RIP
Thu 24 7pm Latin Mass Intentions of Riitta Mailis Hanninen
Fri 25 10am The Conversion of St Paul Intentions of Maureen Gannon
Sat 26 10am Ss Timothy & Titus Intentions of Alberic de Saint Romain
Sat 26 6.30pm 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sylvia Martin RIP
Sun 27 9.30am 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Terry Duff RIP
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Intentions are available for the Month of February 2019

Confirmation Candidates 2019

The 2nd Session is on Saturday 26th January 2019, 9am to 4pm. Visit to Martyrs’ Shrine at Tyburn Convent, London, and visit to Westminster Cathedral. Bring a packed lunch.

The 3rd Session will be on Wednesday 30th January 2019, at St Dunstan’s Woking at 7:30pm (tbc) David Thorn (Confirmation Co-ordinator) can be contacted on: dmathorn@gmail.com Confirmation Catechists are Fr Gerard, David Thorn, Kinga Krok and Joyce Collier.

IMPORTANT DATES

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
Thu 24 Jan RCIA meeting in the Church hall at 8pm
Mon 28 Jan Parish Finance Committee meeting in the Church hall at 8pm

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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: £1,070.86 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.