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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd February 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

Psalm: 70

Psalm Response: **My lips will tell of your help.**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:31; 13:13**

Gospel: **Luke 4:21-30**

Blessing of Throats at all Masses this Weekend

The Retiring Collection next Sunday 10th February is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

Donations may be Gift Aided.

Fr Gerard writes: On 11th February the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This title, and the apparition of our Blessed Mother in 1858 to Bernadette Sibourous, a young French peasant girl, has always held a special place in my heart as my vocation is a gift from Our Lady of Lourdes who pointed me to her Son. It was at Lourdes that Our Lady called herself “The Immaculate Conception”. What can we learn from her? Our Lady asked St. Bernadette, then still a young girl who knew poverty, to assist the poor of heart by especially “praying for the conversion of sinners.” Bernadette did as she was asked, and she prayed. Do we pray, on a frequent basis, for the conversion of sinners? Some might say: “But we are all sinners”. And so we are. So we need to pray for ourselves, and for all of our fellow men and women who are caught up in the mesh of sin. We KNOW that Our Lord Jesus Christ died for all of us, that He suffered and died to redeem all of us from all of our sins, so there is hope! But you and I must do our part. We must cooperate with Him by praying for those who are still caught up in the mesh of sin, by offering sacrifices for their conversion, and we must be willing to speak the truth with love, to help them to know that, when we turn to the Lord Jesus for His Mercy, there is freedom from any kind of sin. Knowing that we are all in need of His mercy, may each and every one of us grow daily in love for Our Lord, and may our response to the call of His Merciful Love lead us to true freedom, and from the slavery of sin! Our Lady points us to Him, and directs us to help others to find Christ in their lives.

At 6pm on Sunday 10th February after Vespers and Benediction we will have a Candlelit Procession to honour Our Lady of Lourdes, and to pray for the conversion of sinners and for the sick of our parish. We also pray for the success of this year’s Pilgrimage to Lourdes, that it will be a time of grace and fraternal love. Next weekend there will be a special Second Collection to help those who could not otherwise afford it.

Our Lady of Lourdes : Pray for Us.

Weekly Day of Adoration for All...God Calling! Do you have one hour in the week to spend with Him in prayer? A weekly day of Adoration is coming to the parish from the 23rd February.

A team from the diocese will be visiting us on **Tuesday 19th February at 7.30pm** in **Fr Gerard’s house**, to talk to those who are interested in helping to organise it for us.

This is a very exciting opportunity to grow in our faith and knowledge of Jesus.

If you are interested then please turn up at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th February..

SACRISTY ITEMS

Wear and tear are normal in life. Here at St Hugh's there are two Thuribles, a Holy Water Sprinkler, and a branch Candlestick in need of restoration. We had a very old cope that was water damaged, and Fr Alexander borrowed one from West Byfleet, so I have purchased a new Cope with a matching Humeral Veil. We also need a purple and a red Cope which I am told has long been lost. These sacramental items give glory to God and help us to worship, and we need about £3,000 for them. If you would like to donate money for these projects in Memory of a loved one, or in Thanksgiving for favours received, or just because you care, we would be very grateful.

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.

The Ecumenical Prayer and Share Meeting at The Vyne will now take place on **Wednesday 6th February at 10am**. For details, please contact Maureen Thomas 01483766601

Deanery Care Mass at 3.00pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 111 Portsmouth Road, Frimley, GU16 7AA on **Sunday 10th February**. This Mass is for adults/children with physical/learning disabilities and their families and carers. If you would like to prepare a bidding prayer to be read at Mass, please bring it with you. All are very welcome to come and celebrate with us and join us for refreshments afterwards.

World Day of Prayer Service: If you would like to join a little workshop on **Thursday 14th February** at Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road at 9.45am to help make paper carnations for the service, you would be very welcome. No need to bring anything, it will all be provided, as will coffee, so just turn up!

From Woking Lions - A big thank you to all parishioners for your generosity this Christmas. With your help, 204 parcels were distributed for the least fortunate and made their Christmas a little less lonely and more comfortable.

Thank you from the ladies of the St Hugh's Midnight Walkers: In total £63,000 has been raised and this amount will provide an hour of care to 1,125 people in their own homes from the Hospice Community Teams. Our parish contributed £1,812.20 to this total - thank you!

CHILDREN'S FILM

There will be a Children's Film Afternoon on Sunday **24th February** at 2.30pm or 3.00pm, depending on the duration of the film so the film finishes in time for Benediction at 6pm. Please let Fr Gerard know your choice of films ASAP.

St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group: Fridays at 10am in the Parish Hall. Only £1 per child.

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.

Woking Foodbank Collection on 2nd and 3rd February:

Whilst they still have large volumes of donations, they are short of the following items: long life fruit juice, jam, washing detergent (small containers), washing up liquid, shampoo, shower gel, UHT milk, large size nappies, sachets of instant hot chocolate. Thank you.

Bakhita Day: Thursday **8th February** is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita - the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. This year the particular focus is on those who are caught up in forced labour and labour exploitation both in the UK and beyond.

Day of Reflection for Readers: Saturday **9th February**, 11am to 4pm, at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT. 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.

Research Assistant to work with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supporting the work of the Social Justice team. Salary: c£25,000. Closing date for applications: **15th February 2019**. For further information please contact: HR@cbcew.org.uk.

Racial Justice Sunday: Racial Justice Sunday is on **17th February 2019**.

The theme this year is "Dignity for all workers", recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace.

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.

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

Beginning Experience: A weekend away for a lifetime of change: For those who are struggling with being single again – whether separated, divorced or bereaved. This weekend programme helps you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning. Please contact Freda 01322 838415 / Sandra 0293 783965 or email John at johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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.

8 Day Pilgrimages by Luxury Coach to Lourdes, Lisieux, Paris, Nevers, Rocamadour and Montligeon in May/June, £789.

The Holy Land in September £1,259. Poland in October, £897. Including All Excursions. Contact Mrs Mozzi 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027301 for full details.

Rosary for the Unborn : First Friday of each month after the 10am Mass. 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 February Intention is “For Women seeking healing after an abortion.”

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sat | 2 | Feb | Feast of The Presentation of The Lord, known as Candlemas: Mass at 12 Noon |
| Mon | 4 | Feb | Care Group Meeting in the Parish Hall at 8pm |
| Tue | 5 | Feb | First Holy Communion Catechists’ Meeting in the Parish Hall at 8pm - 9.30pm |
| Wed | 6 | Feb | The Ecumenical Prayer and Share Meeting at The Vyne at 10am |
| Thu | 7 | Feb | RCIA meeting in the Parish hall at 8pm |
| Sat | 9 | Feb | Day of Reflection for Readers led by Bishop Richard at St Dunstan’s, Woking |
| Sat | 9 | Feb | Confirmation Candidates - 4 th Session in the Parish hall at 4.15pm - 6.15pm |
| Sun | 10 | Feb | Deanery Care Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Frimley at 3pm |
| Sun | 10 | Feb | At 6pm: Vespers, Benediction & Candlelit Procession for Our Lady of Lourdes |

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 2 | 12 Noon | The Presentation of The Lord | Renee Gahegan RIP |
| Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 3rd February 2019 | | | | |
| Sat | 2 | 6.30pm | Vigil Mass | Andrew Derek Higgins RIP |
| Sun | 3 | 9.30am | Morning Mass | Wellbeing of Madeleine Furnell |
| Sun | 3 | 11.30am | Morning Mass | For the People of the Parish |
| Mon | 4 | 10am | Feria in Ordinary Time Week 4 | Samuel Curham RIP |
| Tue | 5 | 10am | St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr | Andy Higgins RIP |
| Wed | 6 | 7pm | St Paul Miki&Companions, Martyrs | Bruno RIP and Intentions of his wife |
| Thu | 7 | 9am | Feria in Ordinary Time Week 4 | Intentions of Margaret Ross |
| Thu | 7 | 7pm | Latin Mass | Riitta Mailis Hänninen RIP |
| Fri | 8 | 10am | St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin | Intentions of Mary Higgins |
| Sat | 9 | 8am | Our Lady on Saturday | <i>Available</i> |
| Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 10th February 2019 | | | | |
| Sat | 9 | 6.30pm | Vigil Mass | Ruth Moss RIP (33rd Anniversary) |
| Sun | 10 | 9.30am | Morning Mass | Wellbeing of Gilbert Family & Friends |
| Sun | 10 | 11.30am | Morning Mass | May McMorroR RIP |
| Mon | 11 | 10am | Our Lady of Lourdes | Anna McLoughlin RIP |

Intentions are available for the Months of February and March 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: £1,216.42 Many thanks.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our refuge and safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.