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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 137

Psalm Response: **Before the Angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1:11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Fr Gerard Update

As many parishioners know, Fr Gerard was taken to hospital on Wednesday evening with a high temperature and is being treated for bacterial meningitis.

He is in the Acute Medical Unit at present, and tests are being conducted as we go to print. His condition has improved since his admittance to hospital, and as his Parish community we offer our fervent prayers for his speedy and complete recovery.

St Hugh of Lincoln and Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

The Retiring Collection THIS SUNDAY is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund which helps those who could not otherwise afford the pilgrimage. *Donations may be Gift Aided.*

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.

Deanery Care Mass at 3.00pm TODAY, Sunday 10th February, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 111 Portsmouth Road, Frimley, GU16 7AA. 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.

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,

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.

World Day of Prayer Service Preparation: 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!

On Friday 1st March 2019 at 10.45am, World Day of Prayer will take place at the Baptist Church, High Street, Knaphill. The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. At the heart of the service is an open invitation for all to come to God's table; 'Come - everything is ready!' If you would like to take part in the service by doing a short reading, please contact Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com. All are welcome to the service.

'Let It Be Done Unto Me' CaFE DVD Course during Lent: We will be running this 'CaFE' reflection course on Tuesday mornings and evenings of during Lent, with the theme 'How Mary Helps Us To Be Filled With God'. Details to follow, but make a note in your diaries now.

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

Lost Ring: A ring was found next to the basin in the Sacristy on Christmas Eve. Please speak to Fr Gerard for more details.

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.

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 - 5 years on: Thank you to those who donate to our foodbank collection. Woking Foodbank has produced a newsletter showing how it has developed over the 5 years since its opening in 2014, a copy of which is in the Narthex for your information.

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 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 Saturday **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 nbw@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 to work through challenging times. Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group

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

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages : April - October 2019

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel - UK: 020 3239 8662 ; Medjugorje: 00387 36 651 518 or Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.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.

8 Day Pilgrimages by Luxury Coach to Lourdes, Lisieux, Paris, Nevers,

Rocamadour and Montligeon in **May/June 2019**, £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.

Oberammergau Passion Play : 15th to 22nd July 2020

Knaphill Village are organising a holiday to see the Oberammergau Passion Play and spend time in Austria. 5 nights in Strobl on Lake Wolfgang, 2 nights in Oberammergau. Cost £1,765, single supplement £235. Two deposits: First deposit of £200 by 1st March 2019; Second deposit of £400 mid-May 2019. Balance due 8 weeks before travel. Includes flights, half-board accommodation, walking and coach trips, gratuities, and top grade tickets for Passion Play. Further information available from Dee Roberts on 01483 475356 or deeroberts1@talktalk.net

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

Sat	9 Feb	Confirmation Candidates: 4 th Session : CANCELLED
Sun	10 Feb	Deanery Care Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Frimley at 3pm
Thu	14 Feb	RCIA meeting in the Parish hall at 8pm
Tue	19 Feb	‘Day of Adoration’ meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm
Thu	21 Feb	RCIA meeting in the Parish hall at 8pm
Tue	26 Feb	First Holy Communion meeting in the Parish hall at 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Sat	2 Mar	Confirmation Candidates: Weekend away to St. Bartz. See email for details

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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 McMorrow RIP
Mon	11	10am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Anna McLoughlin RIP
Tue	12	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time Week 5	Tony Ford RIP
Wed	13		No Mass	---
Thu	14	9am	Ss Cyril & Methodius - Mass at school	Full recovery of Fr Gerard
Thu	14	7pm	No Mass	---
Fri	15	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time Week 5	Carolina & Luigi Natale RIP
Sat	16	10am	No Mass	---

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 17th February 2019

Sat	16	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Michael and Margaret Earley RIP
Sun	17	9.30am	Morning Mass	Holy Souls
Sun	17	11.30am	Morning Mass	For all the people of the Parish
Mon	18	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time Week 6	Joan Connelly 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.

Note: NO ADORATION BEFORE 10am MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,264.89 Many thanks.



THE MEMORARE

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer us. Amen.”

Our Lady of Lourdes... pray for us. Saint Bernadette... pray for us.