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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Psalm: 102

Psalm Response: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Gospel: **Luke 6:27-38**

Update on Fr Gerard from his Parents

21st February 2019

“Fr Gerard has been moved into a private room on the HDU ward of St George’s hospital, and really likes his privacy. The doctors have removed all the staples from his head following his operation, and he has made tremendous improvement with his mobility since his surgery. He is receiving both Physio and Occupational Therapy support, and together with his appetite his speech and memory also improve on a daily basis.

Fr Gerard was able to attend Mass last Sunday with Fr Mark Higgins, one of the hospital chaplains, and he enjoys his daily visits to the chapel. He has also enjoyed short walks around the hospital with us all.

This past week he had another MRI scan and we are awaiting the results to see how the antibiotics are clearing the infection. He continues to be kept under very close observation as the medical team proceed with fighting the nasty infection, and the very strong antibiotics are causing him to feel very low and depressed. One of the surgeons who operated on Fr Gerard explained the surgery, and just how critically ill he was. He is very keen to come home and this will be subject to his continued progress.

We are all extremely grateful to everyone for their prayers and know that they are being answered, and we thank all the parishioners of St Hugh’s for their support.”

Bishop Richard would also like to thank everyone for their many prayers and concern for Fr Gerard and asks that you continue to pray for him. He is also grateful to Fr Dominic O’Hara who continues to provide cover for Sunday Masses in the parish until Fr Gerard is able to return.

ONE THOUSAND ROSARIES FOR Fr GERARD

In expression of our prayerful support of Fr Gerard and his family we are, as a Parish community, praying a collective One Thousand Rosary Bouquet for his recovery, wellbeing, and return to complete health. Please record each complete Rosary prayed - a hard covered notebook is available in the Narthex for this purpose, and will be presented to his family, together with a card which will be made reflecting the Rosaries prayed. Space is available at the back of the book for personal messages to Fr Gerard.

Our Lady of Lourdes... Pray for us. St Hugh of Lincoln... Pray for us.

“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.” – **Mother Teresa**

Jackpot Club

Congratulations to Kai Magee and Charlotte & Simon Pugh who won 1st and 2nd prizes respectively in the February Jackpot draw. You have to be in it, to win it! Details of the Jackpot Club and how to join can be found in the Narthex. 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

On Friday 1st March 2019 at 10.45am World Day of Prayer

It 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.

Faith, Friendship and Fun

The Catenians is an association of Catholic laymen who are committed to their faith, their families, those in need and to each other. On the second Thursday of each month at St Dunstan's, it's an opportunity for Catholic men from Woking and the surrounding area to meet, develop friendships and take part in social events for them and their families throughout the year. Want to know more? Email ablanchard2011@gmail.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

Student Cross: Celebrate Easter differently. Student Cross is a pilgrimage taking place in Holy Week - mainly aimed at students but inclusive of all ages. 11 different groups (Legs) set off from different UK locations, walking 120 miles in 7 days, carrying a life-sized wooden cross. Walkers are provided with food and shelter by people and parishes, with all groups meeting and **celebrating Easter at Walsingham**. More than 250 pilgrims of all ages join.

The Kettering leg is looking for new walkers. If you are interest in finding out more, we would love to hear from you. Contact David Rich at davidrich565@gmail.com

You can also visit www.studentcross.org.uk for more information.

CCRS COURSE COMING TO THE DIOCESE

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese is 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.brscrs.org.uk/index.php> For more information 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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Does anyone know how **Mr LESLIE J. RODRIGUES** can be contacted? If so, please advise the Parish Office. His family in Mumbai is urgently trying to trace him.
Last known address was Victoria Road, Knaphill.

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 year.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internships: Opportunity for recently graduated Catholics to experience political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, CES, CAFORD and CSAN. Closing date 28th February 2019.
More details at: www.faithinpolitics.org.uk.

Children's Film: Join us for the Children's Film Afternoon on Sunday **24th February** at 3.00pm. The movie is AIR BUDDIES - Disney fun for all ages. Snacks and juice provided.

Sacristy Items: Donations are being received for the various sacramental items which need replacing. These items give glory to God and help us to worship, and about £3,000 is needed 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, your donation will be gratefully received.

Churches for Knaphill (C4K) Tuesday, 26th February: If you are interested in ecumenical events you will be very welcome to attend this meeting which will be at Knaphill Baptist Church, High Street at 7.30pm. Speak to Roger: 01483 481944, rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com

Woking Foodbank Collection on 2nd & 3rd March: They are short of the following items: UHT long life milk, long life sponge puddings & deserts, rice puddings, jam, custard, adult & children toothbrushes and tissues. They have plenty of everything else especially baked beans.

'Let It Be Done Unto Me' CaFE DVD course during Lent

This 'CaFE' Reflection course, with the theme 'How Mary Helps Us To Be Filled With God', will be run in the Hall on five Tuesdays during Lent **starting on 12th March at 10.45am and repeated at 8.00pm for those who prefer evenings**. The course will look at who Mary is, her role in the Church, and how she points the way to Jesus. As each participant will require a course book please indicate your interest and preference for morning or evening on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you'll find more details, or contact Roger (01483 481944, rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com).

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

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.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

This is prayed on the First Friday of each month after the 10am Mass. Prayer Cards are available in the narthex. As there is no First Friday Mass in the parish this week, please pray the Intention privately. The March Intention is "For medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life."

St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Tue	26	Feb	First Holy Communion meeting in the Parish hall at 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Tue	26	Feb	C4K meeting at Knaphill Baptist Church, High Street at 7.30pm.
Thu	28	Feb	RCIA meeting in the Parish hall at 8pm
Sat	2	Mar	Confirmation Candidates: Weekend away to St. Bartz. See email for details
Thu	7	Mar	RCIA meeting in the Parish hall at 8pm
Sat	9	Mar	RCIA meeting at Arundel Cathedral at 2.30pm

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Due to the work being undertaken to replace the sound system in the church there will be NO weekday Masses this week. Requested Mass Intentions will be rescheduled.

We welcome Fr Dominic O'Hara again this weekend and thank him for celebrating Mass for us.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 24th February 2019

Sat	23	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Moore RIP
Sun	24	9.30am	Morning Mass	Mary Miles & Michael Donovan RIP
Sun	24	11.30am	Morning Mass	For the People of the Parish
Mon	25	10am	Mass at St Dunstan's, Woking	<i>Intention moved to Mon.18th March 10:00</i>
Tue	26	10am	Mass at St Dunstan's, Woking	<i>Intention moved to Sun.17th March 11:30</i>
Wed	27	10am	Mass at St Dunstan's, Woking	-
Thu	28	9am	Mass at School	Formation Mass
Fri	1	10am	Mass at St Dunstan's, Woking	<i>Intention moved to Tues.19th March 10:00</i>
Sat	2	10am	Mass at St Dunstan's, Woking	Intentions of Fr Gerard

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 3rd March 2019

Sat	2	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Andy Higgins RIP
Sun	3	9.30am	Morning Mass	For the recovery of Fr Gerard
Sun	3	11.30am	Morning Mass	Sam Curham RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays

Note: Until Further Notice there will be no Sunday 6pm Vespers

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,231.81 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.