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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd March 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7** Psalm: **91**

Psalm Response: **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:54-58** Gospel: **Luke 6:39-45**

A Message from Anne Rushton, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council

Recent weeks have been very challenging for us all, but I would like to assure parishioners that parish life at St Hugh's is continuing in full spate with the support of Fr Dominic O'Hara, and our Woking Area Dean, Fr Peter Andrews from St Dunstan's. I have spoken with all our catechetical co-ordinators and they have assured me that the various programs are able to continue during Fr Gerard's absence. Planned works around the Estate are going ahead. As you know, the Church was closed this week to enable work to take place on the sound system. This work was necessary as those using the loop system were unable to fully hear the Sacred Liturgy and be fed on the Word of the Lord. Fr Gerard did ask for the generosity of parishioners to help defray the cost of the system and any financial donations at this time would still be very welcome either via the Parish Office or myself.

As we prepare for Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Our Lenten preparation will also involve '24 Hours For the Lord' starting at 6pm on Friday 29th March; and on Tuesdays at 6.30am we will have Morning Prayer followed by a continental breakfast. Tuesdays will also be the day when we hold a CaFE Reflection Course in the hall and full details are in the newsletter. And as Fr Dominic has already mentioned, he will be with us for the Easter Triduum to assist Fr Gerard with the celebrations.

Fr Dominic has invited us all to join him for Mass on Monday 25th March for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. I hope many will accept the invitation and come along to the hall afterwards for a drink; a plate of pre-cooked finger food would also be very welcome for the party.

We continue our support of Fr Gerard and his family in our daily prayers, and by praying the Rosary, and we look forward to having him back in the family of St Hugh's when he is restored to full health. If you wish you can contact me on 01483 480677 or am.rushton@btopenworld.com

God bless. *Anne*

Fr Gerard Update - 28th February 2019

Fr Gerard has been doing really well, and this past week was moved to a general ward in preparation for his discharge from hospital. He is interacting very positively with everyone, and the assessments have all been encouraging. It will be necessary for him to continue daily administration of his intravenous antibiotic medication, and provision has been made for a special fridge with all the medication to administer the treatment over the next 4 weeks, with a team of nurses who will make home visits to facilitate this procedure. He will recuperate at his family home, and, dependent upon his hospital discharge date, and with the assistance of Fr Dominic, would very much like to celebrate the 8pm Ash Wednesday Mass at St Hugh's. Again with the assistance of Fr Dominic, he is determined to celebrate the Easter Triduum at St Hugh's. We give thanks and continue to pray for his ongoing recuperation.

Woking Foodbank Collection THIS WEEK

They are short of the following items: UHT long life milk, long life sponge puddings & deserts, rice puddings, jam, custard, adult & children's 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).

Help during Lent - If you would like to lead Stations of the Cross or Morning Prayer or help with the breakfasts, please sign the sheet in the Narthex ASAP.

We offer our prayers for the **Confirmation Candidates** on their Spiritual weekend away to St. Bartz from 8am this Saturday 2nd March to Sunday 12.30pm

The Voluntary Retiring Collection Next Sunday is for Lenten Alms

Student Cross: Celebrate Easter differently.

Student Cross is a pilgrimage taking place in Holy Week, aimed mainly 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 the 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 interested 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.

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

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 johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 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.brsccrs.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

Staff Vacancy at St Hugh of Lincoln Primary School: The children and governors of our parish primary school, St Hugh of Lincoln, are looking to appoint two teachers to join the school staff in September. They are looking for teachers who are passionate about teaching children, are creative and engaging, nurturing and inspiring, and have a belief in every child. Further information, including details of how to apply, can be found here: <https://www.eteach.com/job/classteacher-1032213>. **The closing date for applications is Friday 8th March.** Informal visits to the school would be warmly welcomed.

Does anyone know how **Mr LESLIE J. RODRICS** 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.

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight Event on Friday 8th March

Louisa Cox, Impact Director of The Fairtrade Foundation, will be the principal speaker at the annual Fairtrade Fortnight event which is taking place at 7.00 on Friday 8th March in the St Pius Hall, Laustan Close, Merrow GU1 2TS. All are welcome. The campaign theme for the evening is THE WORLD COCOA CRISIS IS DESTROYING PRODUCERS' LIVELIHOODS. A tasting of Fair Trade chocolate is planned and orders can be taken for Fair Trade Easter Eggs. As in previous years, the evening will include some FT wine and other refreshments, and the sale of a range of Fair Trade craft and other goods, including olive oil and other items from Palestine.

St Hugh's Quiz Night in the Church Hall Saturday 23rd March. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Tickets are £10 to include fish and chip supper (either cod, jumbo sausage or veggie burger) or £5 with no food. BYO alcohol, but there will be a limited bar (corkage donation appreciated). For tickets contact FriendsOfStHughsPTA@gmail.com

Parish Diary Lent 2019

Ash Wednesday	9.00am	Mass at school with Imposition of Ashes
	11.00am	Mass in church with Imposition of Ashes
	8.00pm	Mass with Imposition of Ashes at which Fr Gerard is preparing to celebrate with Fr Dominic
Tuesdays	6.30am	Morning Prayer & Adoration followed by Continental breakfast
(morning)	10.45am	CaFE DVD Course : 'How Mary Helps Us to be Filled With God'
(repeated in pm)	8.00pm	CaFE DVD Course : 'How Mary Helps Us to be Filled With God'
Fridays	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Mon 25th March		Solemnity of the Annunciation : Evening Mass with Fr Dominic followed by a Bring and Share celebration in the Hall.

Lent Calendar for Children, donated by the Coldingley Prison Chaplain.

A good preparation for Easter. Please take one from the Narthex.

ONE THOUSAND ROSARIES for Fr GERARD

As a Parish community, we are praying a collective One Thousand Rosaries Bouquet for Fr Gerard's 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..

If you wish, prayed Rosaries can be recorded on the Parish Facebook page, and the Parish Secretary will record these in the hard covered book to be presented to his family, together with the card which is being made reflecting the Rosaries prayed.

Please write your personal messages to Fr Gerard on the pages at the back of the Book.

So far we have prayed 637 Rosaries for Fr Gerard's return to good health.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Tue	5	Mar	Pancake Party in aid of Christians Against Poverty at Knaphill Baptist Church 6.30-8pm
Wed	6	Mar	Ash Wednesday - Day of Fast and Abstinence; Mass at 9am, 11am, 8pm
Thu	7	Mar	RCIA meeting in the Parish hall at 8pm
Sat	9	Mar	RCIA Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral at 2.30pm
Mon	25	Mar	Annunciation of the Lord

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
Mon	4	10am	St Casimir	Joan Connelly RIP
Tue	5	10am	Shrove Tuesday	Don Dunne RIP
Wed	6	9am	Ash Wednesday	Frances White RIP
Wed	6	11am	Ash Wednesday	Don Dunne RIP
Wed	6	8pm	Ash Wednesday	For the People of the Parish
Thu	7	9am	No Mass	<i>Int. moved to Sunday 4th April 11.30am</i>
Fri	8	10am	No Mass	<i>Int. moved to Sunday 14th April 9.30am</i>
Sat	9	10am	No Mass	-

First Sunday of Lent - Sunday 10th March 2019

Sat	9	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim & Edith Moore RIP
Sun	10	9.30am	Morning Mass	Intentions of Kevin McHugh
Sun	10	11.30am	Morning Mass	Get well soon Fr Gerard Hatton
Mon	11	10am	Monday of the 2 nd Week of Lent	For Fr Gerard's Good Estate

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,409.39 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.