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Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent - Year C : Weekdays - Year 1

1st Reading: **Joshua 5:1-8, 9-12** Psalm: **33**

Psalm Response: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

2nd Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Fr Gerard writes on Laetare Sunday

Welcome to the Middle of Lent, the 4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering and Laetare Sunday. Its name comes from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" - "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".

The special signs of joy permitted on this day are intended to encourage us through this Season of Penance. So on this Sunday you will find flowers on the Altar, the organ at Mass, and Rose-coloured vestments are used instead of purple. The Rose colour is a mix of the Lenten Violet and the Easter Gold to give us hope in our Lent to be open for the grace of a wonderful Easter. Laetare Sunday moves us between the joys and sadness of our life and our faith, and helps us to understand the power of the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

The Station of the Cross at Rome was on this day made at the Church of Sante Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief Basilicas of Rome, and the Golden Roses, sent by the Popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time. In times past the faithful used to make their offerings in the Cathedral or their mother church on this day, visit the font in which they were baptised and came to be with Christ, and then visit their Mothers.

At the 9.30am Mass blessed daffodils will be given to all women in thanksgiving for Motherhood and for our Mothers – for those we struggle with, for those we don't see and have difficulties with, and for those who have died.

We are called the sons and daughters of God, the source of our Joy, and the Mother of Jesus is our Mother, too. Let us ask Our Lady to help us this Lent.

ONE THOUSAND-plus ROSARIES for Fr GERARD

We continue to pray for Fr Gerard's return to complete health and to date 1275 Rosaries have been prayed. Please continue praying and recording in the book in the Narthex each complete Rosary prayed. On the pages at the back of the book please write your personal messages to Fr Gerard - perhaps include a favourite quotation, or an extract from a poem.

Our aim is to fill the Book from cover to cover with prayed Rosaries and Messages to be presented to his family, together with the card which has been made.

Appreciative thanks to a wonderful, supportive, and caring Parish.

Fr Gerard Update

Fr Gerard continues with his steady recuperation, and thanks everyone for all their prayerful support. His parents have returned from their holiday, and he is once more staying at their home where he celebrates daily Mass. Another MRI scan is scheduled for this coming week.

Mass Intentions

As a Parish we are extremely grateful to Fr Dominic O'Hara for regularly supplying our three weekend Sunday Masses at St Hugh's during Fr Gerard's period of recuperation. Nonetheless, without an available priest to celebrate the Parish's scheduled weekday Masses, we have potentially lost seven opportunities for parishioners to request Mass intentions during the week. Mass Intentions which were scheduled for a weekday Mass are being moved, and are noted accordingly in the newsletter.

It is a requirement of the Church for all ordained pastors to offer a Pro Populo Mass for the People of their Parish each weekend. This, of course, reduces to two the number of Masses available for request Intentions. Fr Gerard has offered to celebrate the Pro Populo Masses for the parishioners of St Hugh's, thus enabling three weekend Masses to be available for request Intentions. Under our present circumstances, we are asking parishioners to please consider 'sharing' Mass Intention times, and everyone has been very understanding and in agreement.

While not celebrating public Masses, Fr Gerard celebrates Mass each day in the privacy of his parents' home, and he would welcome Mass Intention requests, and thus be able to assist in fulfilling Mass Intentions sooner rather than later.

Please make your Mass Intention requests to the Parish office as normal, and arrangements will be made for Fr Gerard to celebrate them as required.

Newly Formed Benedictine Community in France: This newly formed community is half French and half English, and Fr Gerard has been asked if we could help them financially.

Especially during Lent, when we are encouraged to practise Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, financial support to this community would be a very good Lenten practice.

A Charity has been set up which is now legally able to receive donations, which are eligible for Gift Aid, and the monks are profoundly grateful to all who have helped them in its establishment.

Cheques may be sent to: **FRIENDS OF THE MONASTÈRE SAINT-BENOÎT**
110 Fairfield Drive, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1JJ, England

Transfers may be made directly to the Charity's bank account:

Sort code: 40 52 40; Account No. 00032475

To set up Gift Aid or for any other questions, please contact: amici.msb@gmail.com

Revard, O Lord, with Eternal Life to all those who do good to us for the sake of Your Name. Amen.

You are warmly invited to a presentation of '**Catholicism - a Journey to the Heart of the Faith**', by **Bishop Robert Barron, on Saturday April the 6th, 2019**. This is a Chilworth Abbey Study Day given by Fr John Seddon OSB, who will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am, followed by coffee. The film investigates 'A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints', followed by teaching and discussion.

Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day and concludes at 4.00 pm. Bring a packed lunch and if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR. Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Swim 22 Challenge in aid of Diabetes UK - Charlotte Pugh has already completed 5 miles of this challenge and would welcome sponsorship for this worthy cause. You can donate either via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjjpswim22> or there is a sign up sheet in the porch.

Traidcraft: This weekend of 6th/7th April we will have a Traidcraft Stall in the hall after all Masses. All their goods are fairly traded and buying them supports some of the world's poorest communities.

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES DURING LENT 2019

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'
(repeat)	8.00pm	CaFE DVD Course : 'How Mary Helps Us to be Filled With God'
Fridays	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent (except 29th March)
Sunday 14 th April		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday 21 st April		EASTER SUNDAY

Weekly Donations: Gift Aid for the Parish can be arranged through weekly envelopes or by standing orders. If you use the envelope system you need to **collect your envelopes as you leave church today**. If at present you are not a Gift Aider please consider this if you are a taxpayer or someone in your house pays tax, the Parish will receive 25p from the Government for every pound you donate, which increases your donations by a massive 25%.
If interested, please see Ian or Alison as you leave church.

Woking Foodbank Collection on 6th & 7th April: They are short of the following items: UHT long life milk, long life sponge puddings, deserts and fruit juices, rice puddings, jam, custard, adult & children toothbrushes, toilet paper, small jars/sachets of pasta sauce, canned fruit & veg, powered potato, men's deodorant, washing detergent, shampoo & shower gel.
They have plenty of everything else especially baked beans. Thank you.

Parish Retreat in September 2019: We will have a Parish Retreat in the House of Prayer in **West Mosley** from the 24th to 27th of September. The cost is £180 pounds and it's for 11 people or 16 if you go as a married couple. The Retreat will be about spending time with Jesus and Mary. The Sisters and Fr Gerard will help to guide, to give talks, to spend one to one time. There will be silence and contemplation, together with confessions, Mass and Adoration. If you would like to participate in this Retreat please give your name and payment to the parish secretaries.

INSPIRE 2019 - Day for Youth Leaders: 'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested. It's happening on **Saturday May 11th** at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10. The day will include some time with the Bishop, as well as a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry.
To book head to tinyurl.com/InspireBookings or Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

Family Day, Sunday 9th June at St John's Seminary, Womersley.

Please bring your families and join us for a wonderful day celebrating Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended on the gathered apostles. Come and discover how, like the apostles, we too can spread God's message through fun activities and games for all ages, inspiring talks by our Seminarians, tours of the Seminary, prayer stations led by the Catholic Bible School, and a concluding liturgy led by Bishop Richard. Arrivals from 12.30pm to picnic in the grounds and join the activities. We will conclude with tea and, of course birthday cake!!
Transport can be organised if necessary. Please contact Parish Secretary if you are interested.

See the Posters at the back of the Church for information relating to items below and many more.

Lent Retreat from 9th to 11th April 2019 : Easter Events at Worth Abbey :

Wednesday 15th May 2019 : Formation Day for those who support the Bereaved in our Parishes

Wednesday 12th June 2019 : Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead

Saturday 13th July 2019 : Criminal Justice Roadshow at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Cobham

Family Summer Retreat 7th to 11th August 2019 : For more details email toc@worth.org.uk

In Memoriam: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr Charles Jeffries**, Parish Priest of St Hugh's from 1980 - 1984. Fr Charles' Requiem Mass took place at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge on 26th March 2019 and he was buried in St Margaret's Cemetery, Rottingdean, Brighton.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tue	2	Apr	Morning Prayer & Adoration at 6.30am followed by continental breakfast
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Wed	3	Apr	C4K 'Prayer and Share' at The Vyne - 10am to 10:45 am. All are welcome
Thu	4	Apr	RCIA meeting in the Parish Hall at 8pm
Fri	5	Apr	Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
Tue	9	Apr	Morning Prayer & Adoration at 6.30am followed by continental breakfast

LITURGY TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 'Laetare' Sunday 31st March 2019

Sat	30	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	For all of the Parkinson Family
Sun	31	9.30am	Morning Mass	Alice Ledgard RIP
Sun	31	11.30am	Morning Mass	Get Well Soon Derek Newton
Mon	1	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	*****
Tue	2	6.30am	Morning Prayer & Adoration followed by light breakfast	
Tue	2	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	*****
Wed	3		No Mass	*****
Thu	4		No Mass at School	*****
Fri	5	10am	Mass at St Dunstan's - 1 st Friday	*****

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 7th April 2019

Sat	6	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Moore RIP
Sun	7	9.30am	Morning Mass	Christine Wye RIP
Sun	7	11.30am	Morning Mass	Family & Friends of Peter Doneux

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays

Vespers and Adoration - 6.00pm Sunday

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,256.80. Many thanks.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Palm Sunday	Gather in the Hall. Procession at all Masses, and Blessing of Palms.
Maundy Thursday	Start of Triduum. Mass at 8pm. Washing of Feet. Altar of Repose until 10pm (only)
Good Friday	12 Noon Stations of the Cross for Children 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
Easter Vigil	8.30pm
Easter Sunday	Mass 9.30am Mass 11.30am

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.”

