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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C : Weekdays - Year 1

1st Reading: **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Psalm: **125**

Psalm Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3:8-14**

Gospel: **John 8:1-11**

A Note from Bishop Richard

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the prayerful support that you are giving to Fr Gerard at this time.

Fr Gerard will be coming to the Parish to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. This is a very special day for Priests and it will be very special for Fr Gerard to be with you all on that day.

However, this does not mean that he will be returning to the parish quickly. I have agreed with him that he will send a short message for the newsletter once each month, to update you on his progress, but he will need a long period of recovery and I would ask you to respect his need for time and rest. This will include a rest from too many emails, text messages, and the like.

I know you will understand how important this is, and continue to keep him in prayer.

With every Blessing,

+Richard

Fr Gerard Update

The results of the MRI scan last week revealed that the abscess has healed, and although there is still infection in the ear region which is receiving ongoing antibiotic treatment, Fr Gerard has been advised to rest and is making steady progress towards his return to full health.

ONE THOUSAND-plus ROSARIES for Fr GERARD

We continue to pray for Fr Gerard's return to complete health and to date 1336 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.

Retiring Collection for Easter Flowers after each Mass this weekend:

A wonderful opportunity to contribute towards our celebration of Easter and ensure a splendid display of flowers to greet our Risen Lord! Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions : As Parishioners are undoubtedly aware, during Fr Gerard's recuperation weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings have been replaced by Morning Prayer and Rosary. Masses to be celebrated in the Parish for which Intentions may be requested are now the three weekend Masses – the Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass; Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am – and under our present circumstances, we are asking parishioners to please consider 'sharing' Mass Intention times. While not celebrating public Masses, Fr Gerard celebrates Mass each day in the privacy of his parents' home, and, as required by the Church that all ordained pastors offer a Mass for their parishioners each weekend, he will offer a Pro Populo Mass each Sunday for the People of the Parish.

Fr Gerard would welcome Mass Intention requests for his daily Mass celebrations, 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.

Veiling Religious Images: The old custom of veiling religious images during Lent is a way of focusing on the Penitential aspect of this liturgical season. Temporarily veiling the crosses and religious images in the Penitential colour of Lent is a beautiful custom that helps us to reflect on the deeper theological meaning of the liturgical season, for when we cover or remove these holy and sacred images to which we are so accustomed, we have a greater appreciation for them when they are once more revealed. The tradition of veiling religious images is often practised two weeks before Easter, starting on the 5th Sunday of Lent and ending on Good Friday, the time period being known in the traditional liturgical calendar as *Passiontide*. The holy images are then unveiled and again revealed for the Easter Vigil, marking the end of the Penitential season. The joy of the Easter Season and the hope of the Resurrection then come sharply into focus.

The When and the Why:

Crucifixes and Images Veiled: 5th Sunday of Lent

Crucifixes Revealed: Good Friday (to emphasize Jesus' death on the Cross on that day)

Images & Statues Revealed: Easter Vigil (the early evening of Holy Saturday)

In covering the religious images during the height of Lent, all attention is centred on the Passion and Death of Christ. This is why the only images NOT to be covered are the Stations of the Cross.

Just as the Church simplifies the sanctuary during Lent in order to focus on the Penitential aspect of the season, so too can we simplify our homes in creative ways by draping purple cloths over our crucifixes and other holy images. It is a reminder that Jesus hid his glory during His Passion and revealed His Risen Glory on Easter Sunday.

Working Refugee Support Programme: Following the recent information meeting WBC are running a Cultural Awareness Workshop on Monday 15th April 12.30pm -3pm at the Council offices. The aim is to raise awareness and understanding about the Syrian culture and the transition stages Syrian families go through in the UK. If you are interested in attending please let Claire Hargreaves (claire.hargreaves@methodist.org.uk).

24 Hours for the Lord: Many thanks to all those who took part in the 24 Hours for the Lord.

It was good to see so many people present during the 24 hours.

Also congratulations to all those who made their First Confessions on the day.

Traidcraft Stall - THIS WEEKEND in the hall after all Masses. Please pop in and buy goods which are fairly traded and help support some of the world's poorest communities.

Parish Parking - Please be considerate to our neighbours and avoid double parking and blocking drives, especially over Easter when numbers attending our services grows considerably.

Do think about walking or parking in the village car park.

Double parking prevents the emergency services getting through to someone in need.

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
Sunday 14 th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Wednesday 17 th April	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral - 'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week	
Thursday 18 th April	Maundy Thursday - Start of Triduum, Washing of Feet at 8pm Mass	
Saturday 20 th April	8.30pm	Easter Vigil Sunday 21 st April EASTER SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY "WALK OF WITNESS"

This year we still start from St Hugh's at the slightly earlier time of 9.30am and silently walk to Knaphill Methodist Church with reading stops at High Street Memorial Garden, Baptist Church and Holy Trinity. We will finish with an Ecumenical Service at the Methodist Church starting at 10.30am. All are welcome; join us for the whole walk or at any of the reading stations.

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 :

Saturday 27th April: ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) at Alton School, Alton 11am - 4pm

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

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, Wonersh.

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.

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.

Parish Project - please take home a sheet detailing the nominated projects, if you have not already done so, and select a 'home' and 'overseas' project. Voting slips will be collected after all Masses; **closing deadline after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14 April.**

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun	7	Apr	A Poster from Fr Gerard will be available this weekend with the times of Holy Week to give to friends and family
Tue	9	Apr	Morning Prayer & Adoration at 6.30am followed by continental breakfast
Tue	9	Apr	Lenten preparation - CaFE Reflection course in the Parish Hall - 10:45am & 8pm
Thu	11	Apr	RCIA meeting in the Parish Hall at 8pm
Fri	12	Apr	Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
Tue	16	Apr	Morning Prayer & Adoration at 6.30am followed by continental breakfast
Wed	17	Apr	Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral at 6pm
Thu	18	Apr	Altar Servers' Practice in the Church at 2pm
Fri	19	Apr	Good Friday "Walk of Witness" Starts from St Hugh's at 9.30am (details Page 3)

LITURGY TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon	8	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	+++
Tue	9	6.30am	Morning Prayer & Adoration	followed by continental breakfast
Tue	9	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	+++
Wed	10		No Mass	+++
Thu	11		No Mass	+++
Fri	12	10am	Morning Prayer & Rosary	+++

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 14th April 2019

Sat	13	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Intentions of Anna Larkham
Sun	14	9.30am	Morning Mass	David & Audrey Moss 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sun	14	11.30am	Morning Mass	Donald Dunne RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays

Vespers and Adoration - 6.00pm Sunday

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,158.31. Many thanks.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms & Procession at all Masses.

9.30am Mass : Gather in the Hall for Procession.

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 Families

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday 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.”

