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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER - 28th April 2019

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - Year C

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16 Psalm: 117

Psalm Response: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

My Dear Friends,

To most of the world Easter is over but to us this is just the beginning. With great joy in my heart I announce to you again: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Eastertide, and most importantly the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst, in our hearts, in the Church, and in the world. We are called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered by Truth and beauty, these basic building blocks of Christian living, to live out the Lord's commands and to preach the Good News to all through our words, our deeds and our lives.

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118). This then is the Joyful Good News: Christ by his death and resurrection has conquered sin so we may live. The Resurrection is the foundation and cornerstone of our Faith. As St. Paul says: 'If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and our faith too is in vain.' (Cf. 1 Cor 15:14). At the Easter Vigil we recall God's story - in our story of salvation. The liturgy of the Word re-enacts that story and we joyfully celebrate the Risen Lord in our midst as He offers Himself anew in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We do this in a spirit of thanksgiving to God who gives His own Son to die in order to rescue us from the slavery of sin. May we live as people deeply touched by the Resurrection and proclaim: "Christ is risen, Alleluia!" May our encounter with the Risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His Disciples. May the Resurrection lead us to be the best version of ourselves; committed to live out our Baptismal covenant. When we live the new life of the resurrection we become the best version of ourselves. We become what St Augustine referred to as an "Easter People", a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give their time, talent and treasure in witness.

Thank you for your love and kindness and many gifts to me, Father Dominic & Deacon Rob. Thank you for all those who worked so hard in Holy Week to give us a beautiful Sacred Triduum. And Welcome to those who have joined our Church at the Easter Vigil. Thank you also for making a very a difficult time for me light by your prayers and love which I felt so much at the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. I would like to tell you that a family in Eastbourne has given us as parish an Image of the Divine Mercy from St Faustina's Convent in Poland. They ask only for prayers as they are moving back to Poland this Summer. Their surname is Kupis.

My prayer for you this Easter is that we all live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: "Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

With Easter Blessings, Fr Gerard

Fr Dominic writes: “To each person, whatever their condition, even if it were the most complicated and dramatic, the Risen One repeats: “Fear not! I died on the Cross but now I am alive for evermore”; I am the First and the Last, and the Living One.” *St. John Paul II*
It must take us some time to begin to understand what has happened. Almighty God has broken the power of death and opened the Gates of Heaven for each of us if we choose to follow Jesus. Read the accounts of the Resurrection in the 4 Gospels and ask yourself, “How might I have responded if I heard the tale of Jesus alive again?”

ONE THOUSAND-plus ROSARIES for Fr GERARD

We give thanks for Fr Gerard's steady and ongoing recovery, and we continue our prayers for his return to full health. Rosaries prayed to date 1461

The Midnight Walk in aid of the Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

will take place on **Friday 21st June**, starting and finishing at Woking Lesiure Centre. The Walk is open to ladies age 11 and up (if you are under 18 you will need to be accompanied by an adult who is also registered) and the walk will begin at 10pm. If you would like to be part of the parish group, St Hugh's Midnight Walkers 2019, please register asap via <https://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/event/midnight-walk-2019-going-back-80s> and let Anne know at am.rushton@btopenworld.com. Come and join us on this 11k walk; it is fun!

See the Posters at the back of the Church for information relating to items below and many more
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 & Catechists: INSPIRE is our annual day for those who work with young people and young adults in our parishes, and anybody who is interested in doing so. It's happening on **Saturday May 11th** at St Joseph's Church, Redhill. Tickets £10. To book, Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk or book online at tinyurl.com/inspirebookings

School Chaplain & Deanery Youth Worker Job in Worthing, Salary £30,000

Chatsmore Catholic High School and the participating parishes in Worthing Deanery are looking to hire an experienced youth minister for the above post, starting in September. Application deadline is **May 20th**. For an application pack, Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

Pentecost 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.

Afternoon of Reflection and Pentecost Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving for New Catholics

Bishop Richard invites all new Catholics of the Diocese together with their godparents, sponsors, family and friends to join him for an afternoon of reflection and prayer at Arundel Cathedral on **Saturday 8th June** concluding with a Pentecost Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving at 5pm.

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

Parish Project - The voting slips have been counted and the results are as follows:

Overseas Project: Aid to the Church in Need 18 / Ahotokuroom 64

Home Project: Woking Hospice 27 / York Road 28 / Woking Mind 29

5% of our weekly offering will be divided between the two chosen charities and forwarded to them regularly. Please feel free to do some independent fundraising to add to the parish amounts.

Our parish has raised some £20,000 for Woking Hospice over the last couple of years. Thank you.

Woking Foodbank: Please note there will NOT be a foodbank collection for 4th & 5th May,

Grandparents' Pilgrimage 2019: On Wednesday, 12th June to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. For more information contact Katherine Bergin at katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or Tel: 01293 651152.

Golden Wedding Anniversaries this Year: We are planning a special celebration in June this year and would love to hear from all couples who were married in 1969 (or even earlier...!) and who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversaries (and plus) this year. Please contact Roderick & Maureen O'Connor: 07568 512964 or email mocandroc.uk@gmail.com

St John Vianney Group: A group for men, aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place from 3-6pm on Sunday 19th May at Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge KT13 8JD. For more details contact the Fr. Con Foley - 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com

School Chaplains: Taste and See Sessions - The need for every Secondary School to have a full-time Chaplain and for Chaplaincy to be available for every Primary School was identified in the Pastoral Plan. To help this happen, Bishop Richard Moth, and Father Stephen Ortiger, O.S.B., (Diocesan Chaplain Coordinator) will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more about School Chaplaincy. These will run from 7pm to 8.30pm on:

Thursday 6th June at the Sacred Heart, Cobham,

Wednesday 12th June, at the Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield, and

Thursday 13th June at St John The Evangelist, Horsham.

To reserve a place contact Claire Martin, CPD Administrator at the Diocesan Education Service claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk or ring Claire Martin on 01293 511130.

Parish Retreat in September 2019 in West Mosley from the 24th to 27th September

We will have a Parish Retreat in the House of Prayer. 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.

ENCOUNTER Evening (for 16-35s) on Thursday 9th May at St Dunstan's Woking

The ENCOUNTER programme is about making friends and deepening faith in a relaxed, welcoming environment. There is food, music, inspiring talks, and powerful times of prayer. What's more, it's totally free, and there's no need to book. We make a point of welcoming people and making sure nobody is left out, so if you're worried you've got nobody to come with, don't be - we'll look out for you! we've got a great speaker lined up for the first evening, and we are hoping this is something that will run for a long time.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wed | 1 | May | C4K Prayer and Share Ecumenical Service at the Vyne: 10am-10.45am |
| Thu | 2 | May | RCIA meeting in the Parish Hall at 8pm |
| Tue | 7 | May | First Holy Communion meeting in the Parish Hall: 6.30pm-8pm |
| Thu | 9 | May | Requiem Mass for Mrs Elizabeth McEvoy RIP: 2pm |
| Sat | 11 | May | Confirmation meeting in the Parish Hall: 4.15pm-6.15pm |
| Mon | 13 | May | Parish Finance Committee meeting in the Parish Hall: 8pm |
| Tue | 14 | May | First Holy Communion Catechists' meeting in the Parish Hall: 8pm |
| Mon | 20 | May | Mass followed by Confirmation Rehearsal at OLHC, West Byfleet: 7pm |
| Fri | 24 | May | Sacrament of Confirmation at OLHC, West Byfleet: 7pm |
| Wed | 29 | May | Vigil Mass of the Ascension at 7.30pm |
| Thu | 30 | May | Ascension of Our Lord - <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>: Masses at 10am & 8pm |

Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Monday 29th April

If there is anything you would like raised at the meeting, please contact Anne on 01483 480677 or am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap.

Fr Gerard will celebrate these Masses at his Parents' Home

| | | <u>Intentions</u> | <u>Requested by</u> |
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| Sat | 27 | Bethany Mae Gilbert & James Freestone on their Wedding Anniversary | Mary Gilbert |
| Sun | 28 | For the People of the Parish | Pro Populo |
| Mon | 29 | Banton Family Thanksgiving | Cynthia Banton |
| Tue | 30 | Doug Robins RIP | Alison Dallas |
| Wed | 1 | Parishioners of St Hugh of Lincoln | Peter Doneux |
| Fri | 3 | The Holy Souls | Mary Gilbert |

LITURGY TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 27 | 6.30pm | Low Sunday Vigil Mass | Chowling & Louis Lock RIP |
| Second Sunday of Easter - Low Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) 28th April 2019 | | | | |
| Sun | 28 | 9.30am | Morning Mass | Margaret Keating RIP 1 st Anniversary |
| Sun | 28 | 11.30am | Morning Mass | Rev. Fr Charles Jeffries RIP |
| Mon | 29 | | Morning Prayer & Rosary | +++ |
| Tue | 30 | | Morning Prayer & Rosary | +++ |
| Fri | 3 | | <i>First Friday Mass at St Dunstan's</i> | +++ |
| Sat | 4 | 6.30pm | 3 rd Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass | Jim Moore RIP |
| Third Sunday of Easter - 5th May 2019 | | | | |
| Sun | 5 | 9.30am | | Don Dunne RIP & 1st Anniversary and 5 th Birthday of Daniel Dunning RIP |
| Sun | 5 | 11.30am | Morning Mass | Intentions of Larkham Family |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays | | | | |
| Vespers and Adoration - 6.00pm Sunday | | | | |



PRAYER TO ST GEORGE - PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND

“O GOD, who didst grant to **Saint George** strength and constancy in the various torments which he sustained for our holy Faith; we beseech Thee to preserve, through his intercession, our faith from wavering and doubt, so that we may serve Thee with a sincere heart faithfully unto death. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”