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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER - 19th May 2019

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

1st Reading: **Acts 14:21-27** Psalm: **144**

Psalm Response: **I will bless your name forever, O God my King.**

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 21:1-5** Gospel: **John 13:31-35**

Fr Gerard writes: As Catholics, we know that the month of May has been dedicated by the church in honour of Our Lady. It is a big tradition for families to celebrate May devotions in their homes. As a child I remember we had the family Rosary at my Nana's and Dada's House. And at school we used to Sing 'O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today.' I don't understand why some people struggle with Mother Mary and for someone who was born after Vatican 2 what the problem is with understanding what she is all about and who she is. The Marian theology has not changed, she is the new Eve, a perpetual virgin, an intercessor, a model for our Christian life and so much more. If we don't get Our Lady then we don't understand God the Father's plan to save us through their Son Jesus Christ. It's always through Mary to Jesus. In this Easter season we sing The Regina Cæli and the most moving part of this hymn for me is 'Pray for us to God, Alleluia'. This May is different for me again with no procession for Our Lady in our parish but I promise her that we will do one for Her in October. To say thank you through all your Rosaries for me when I was near death and I know she loves priests because they work for her Son the best High Priest and Victim she was able to get him to save me. Love is what our faith is all about and Mary can help us to Love Jesus with all our heart, mind and soul just like she does.

Here are a few ideas to add May devotions in our homes:

PLANT A MARY GARDEN

If you have an outdoor area where you can dedicate to the Blessed Mother, set up a nice garden statue of her and plant some pretty flowers in her honour. This is a great activity to do as a family or with little ones.

MAY ALTAR

Set up a dedicated area in the home with statues, pictures, and holy cards of Our Lady.

Decorate it with a special table cloth (if you have one) and set up pretty flowers. You could include candles too if you'd like. Have your children take fresh flowers to present to Our Lady.

MAY CROWNING

Many parishes have a May crowning in honour of the Blessed Mother. It's a very special way for little ones to get involved in honouring the Queen of Heaven.

SAYING THE HOLY ROSARY

The Beauty of the Rosary is that it helps us to think of the Mysteries of Christ. The Rosary can be said on your own or with others.

MARIAN HYMNS

What's your favourite hymn to Mary? I have lots. Sing them or listen to them on YouTube or on Amazon Alexa.

.....part of Fr Gerard's message above was omitted on 5th May Newsletter. Apologies for the error. Editor

Parish Office Restructure

Fr Gerard and the Parish Finance Committee have decided to restructure the administration of the Parish Office, and as a result of this restructure Mrs Julie Young has reluctantly accepted redundancy. We would like to thank her for her 18 years of loyal service and her dedication to the various priests she has worked for, and for her support of the people of St Hugh's Parish. We sincerely wish her all the very best for the future.

Retiring Collection

Special collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese **this Sunday** (Gift Aid)
Special collection for the Catholic Communications Network - next Sunday

Holy Hour for the Church

Between the Easter Octave (the week immediately after Easter) and Pentecost (June 9th), there are many occasions in the Gospel readings when Jesus appears to the troubled and fearful apostles who are later to form the beginnings of the Church at Pentecost. His presence brings them peace and strengthens them for the mission they are to undertake. It therefore seems a good opportunity for us to set aside time to pray for the Church worldwide and most particularly for our own parish at this very unsettled time.

There is Holy Hour from 6pm to 7pm every Sunday until Pentecost.

Jesus will be present with us in the Blessed Sacrament and we will begin with the Evening Prayer of the Church. We will pray together the "Come Holy Spirit" prayer and then have a period of silent prayer and reflection together between 6.20pm and 6.50pm, before finishing with the Divine Praises. It would be wonderful to have as many of the parish as possible to come and join us for this Holy Hour - come for an hour or just pop in for a few minutes of personal prayer. All are welcome - please join us.

Ascension Day - Thursday 30th May 2019: This is a "Holiday of Obligation" when Our Church says we ought to come to Holy Mass. Masses will be celebrated in Our Church on The Vigil Wednesday 29th May at **7.30pm**.

On the Feast, Thursday 30th May Masses will be celebrated at **10am and 8pm**.

Saturday 1st June, The Memoria of St Justin Martyr is the 12th Anniversary of Fr. Dominic's Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10am.

From Tuesday 4th June Holy Mass will be celebrated every Tuesday at 10am

The Great Feast of Pentecost will be celebrated on **Sunday 9th June**.

Pentecost has been called "The Birthday of The Church." I should like to invite you to come to a "Birthday" Party on the Vigil (Saturday 8th June at 8pm).

I would like you to bring both Food and Music to share from your Countries of Origin.

Please bring your food in from 6pm to our Hall. Vigil Mass is at 6.30pm.

If you can wear National Costumes do please do so. *Fr. Dominic.*

Matched Giving : Many companies (Lloyds, NatWest, Barclays, M & S, Argos, Sainsbury's, BT, Thames Water and many, many more) support charities through a Matched Giving scheme. If you are an employee of a company that supports charities and you are willing to personally be involved in a stall at the Summer Fayre (even for an hour) contact Anne on 01483 480677 or email: am.rushton@btopenworld.com. Whatever monies the stall makes that you are part of, your company will match it. As easy as that! Perhaps you or your company would be willing to sponsor a stall or donate a prize for the Grand Draw? Please get in touch.

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

Thank you from the Family of Peter Clark RIP

Peter's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to those who came to their Dad's funeral on Tuesday, and they would like to apologise to those they did not get back in time to see at the reception. Unfortunately due to heavy traffic they didn't arrive back at the reception until after 5pm. They appreciate that people had to leave and are sorry that they couldn't thank you personally for your kindness.

Prayers for our Confirmation Candidates

We remember our Confirmation Candidates very specially in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, West Byfleet on Friday 24th May. *"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your Love."*

Prayers for the Sick and the Housebound

We offer our prayers for all the sick and the housebound, especially **Richard Hayley, Bridget Loggins, Stephen Scarangabani and Josephine Hewitt.**

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We also offer our prayers for **Noel Lynch** who died recently

See the Posters at the back of the Church for information relating to items below and many more
Formation Day for those who support the Bereaved in our Parishes: Wednesday 15th May 2019
Retrouvaille : 7th - 9th June 2019 **More programmes are available**
Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead: Wednesday 12th June 2019
Upcoming Retreats - Worth Abbey The Open Cloister: May, June, July and August 2019
The Life of Christ at Wintershall: 18th - 22th June 2019

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. In the past year this programme has helped over 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on **7th - 9th June 2019** call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Thank You from Ahotokurom Rehabilitation Centre

Staff and Residents at Ahotokurom Rehabilitation Centre are delighted that the parish of St Hugh of Lincoln has voted them to be their Parish charity. There was great rejoicing when this was announced at Mass. Your support will make such a difference to the lives of those affected by leprosy or disability. They assure you of their prayers, and the elderly and disabled residents in St Clare's home have joined in the 1000 Rosaries for Fr Gerard! May he grow in strength and health. If anyone would like further information about the project please do look at www.ahoto.org or email tkilcullen@live.co.uk.

If any parishioners are travelling to Ghana then they are most welcome to arrange to call at the Centre and see the work for themselves.

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!

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 1,576

IMPORTANT DATES

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 - Holy Day of Obligation: Masses at 10am & 8pm
Fri	31	May	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Day of Abstinence
Sat	29	Jun	Summer Fayre - an early reminder

Fr Gerard will celebrate these Masses at his Parents' Home

<u>May</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sat 18	Thanksgiving: Sarah Hughes' 80th Birthday	Hughes Family
Sun 19	For the People of St Hugh's Parish	Pro Populo
Mon 20	Janette & Jack Smith RIP	Bruna Moore
Tue 21	Audrey & Tony Middleton	Peter Doneux

LITURGY TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 19th May 2019

Sat	18	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Amy Parkinson RIP
Sun	19	9.30am	Morning Mass	Intentions of Ron Sole
Sun	19	11.30am	Morning Mass	Thanksgiving : The Larkham Family

Monday 20th to Friday 24th May Mass at St Dunstan's at 10am.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 26th May 2019

Sat	25	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Maria Owen RIP
Sun	26	9.30am	Morning Mass	1st Wedding Anniversary Jono&Kelly O'Connor
Sun	26	11.30am	Morning Mass	Ritta Mailis Hänninen RIP
Wed	29	7.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Ascension	Intentions of Stephen Scarangabani
Thu	30	10am	Ascension of our Lord	Noel Lynch RIP
Thu	30	8pm	Ascension of our Lord	Intentions of Josephine Hewitt

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays

Holy Hour 6pm to 7pm : Evening Prayer and Adoration - SUNDAYS until PENTECOST

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,327.25 Many thanks.



The Regina Cæli

The Angelus honours the Incarnation by commemorating the Angel's greeting to Mary and her free acceptance of her destined role in the Salvation of mankind. It is traditionally said at 6am, noon, and 6pm.

During Eastertide the Regina Cæli replaces the Angelus.

“Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!

Has risen as he said, alleluia!

Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain, through His Virgin Mother, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.”