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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th January 2020

It fills me with joy to see so many families in our parish. We do need encourage them more, as coming to Mass with children is not an easy task. Parents need support so we can, as community of faith, nurture children to be disciples. Before going to Mass make sure children are well fed they don't need to fast, and it would help them to be on their best behaviour. It's not appropriate to bring snacks but keeping them hydrated is important. Let the children wear clothes that are for special days, Sunday Dress. It's not a fashion show and it does not have to be expensive and can be as simple as a good coat and shoes. It also helps to show how special the Mass is. Be prepared. Bring nappies, bottles, small toys or a book. Toys should be quiet and made of soft material so that they do not distract those around from praying while they are being played with or when dropped. Visit the toilet before leaving home or going into the Church. If there is time you might read the readings in the car on the way to church. Or watch this before with your children at <https://youtu.be/7uqSHKPKPzk>. Then everyone hears the Word of God in case someone needs to step out during the Readings. When going into the Church remind the children about being quiet and still and how we participate by sharing their voice to pray and sing. We all need to try our best not to distract those around us from praying. Remind them of the Holy Water and why we use it. Entering the Church, Genuflect with them and tell them that Jesus is in His Tent (Tabernacle) here in Knaphill. Sit near the front, it can feel scary and even a little bit strange at first, but it makes a difference for the children to see the action of the sacred drama. Over time it will help them to understand most essentially about the Mass without the distraction of rows and rows of people between them and the Altar. Hold infants in your arms during Mass till they are three years old. This helps in many ways. The children get a better view; as they grow and mature. Talk them through the stories and the actions; and you have bit more control over their behaviour. If an infant or toddler gets squirmy, often switching who is holding them is enough to calm them down. Or play a quiet game of "point to the...candles, Altar, etc." If they are over two years old stand with them and try sitting next to them, instead on the lap. Then when they turn three let them stand, sit and kneel all on their own. If they can't see over the pew they can stand during the kneeling part of the Eucharistic Prayer. If an infant makes a noise during Mass and settles down right away, try not to feel self-conscious. Most of us except it or don't even notice. And even if a child makes continual noise, it is best to calmly step out of the pew and take the child out until they have calmed down or are quiet. It is important to return to the pew as soon as they are quiet, so that children do not begin to associate poor or disruptive behaviour with a pass to get out of Mass card. Just be outside until it is appropriate to return to the pew. Stepping out and returning even a few times is not nearly as disruptive as a crying baby and parishioners appreciate your consideration of their attempt to pray. Those that are parents understand completely. Older children should not be drawing things on the pew with their backs facing the Altar. After Mass tell your children about their good behaviour and we can do that too from the Parish. Light votive candles with them and tell them about the saints or visit the crib. If they need improvement, mention what they can do better next week. Let them know that you will help them by trying to remind them before the next Mass. Answer questions children have about Mass and encourage them to understand its place in our lives. The effects of grace for the week after Sunday Mass. For older children, discuss the readings and the homily with them. Talk to me, I am here to help as others are in our parish. Children's liturgy is for younger children and not for parents. Children who have made their Holy Communion do not go to that liturgy. Some days are better than others, but the gift of passing on how we pray is worth all of the challenges. Parents, you are the domestic Church, and responsible for forming your children in the faith. We are blessed as Catholics to have the Mass, and to help children to find Christ and love of the liturgy is our goal. Try and make Sunday a family day with time together. Ours is a living tradition which you pass on to each generation.

In Jesus and Mary.Fr Gerard

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-26th January): The theme this year is 'Unusual Kindness' and resources prepared by the Christian churches of Malta and Gozo can be found at <https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer> and are based on the shipwreck of St Paul as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles and includes an octave of prayer. **To mark the end of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Churches for Knaphill (C4K) will be holding an Ecumenical Service here at St Hugh's this Sunday, 26th January at 3.00pm,** followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

The Presentation of The Lord

Next Sunday, we celebrate The Presentation of The Lord, also known as **Candlemas**.

There will be Blessing of the Throats at all Sunday Masses next weekend.

Please bring your Candles from home for Blessings on this Candlemas Sunday.

LENTEN COURSE

This year for our Lent Course we would like to do it in the way that Jesus always did. Even though he had many followers and chose 12 to be his disciples, he had three friends he spent extra time with; Peter, James and John. He invested even extra time in Peter, knowing he would lead the Church. We can lose the sense of friendship in parish life as it's so big and I would ask all of you to try and find the opportunity to join this cleansing, find the opportunity to join this Lenten Course, and not just leave it to the few faces we see for everything. Let us invest time this Lent for each other to discover more of Christ, so that we can be evermore Faithful, Available, Contagious, and open to the will and love of God.

We will have six sessions with one after Easter.

The Course is called 'Discovery' and its purpose is to present the Kerygma of our Faith:

1. God is love and created us for a relationship with him.
2. That relationship has been broken through sin.
3. Jesus exclusively restores that relationship through his death and resurrection.

We are all personally invited to accept a gift of salvation.

We realise that it's time to make this faith our own.

**The Course will take place on Thursdays from 8.30 pm - 9.30pm
in the Parish Hall starting on Thursday 5th March.**

Please join us and bring a friend.

Woking Foodbank Collection on 1st/2nd February

There will be a collection point in the Narthex over this weekend. Supplies are running low and all donations of non-perishable foodstuff, toiletries and nappies (size 4&5) will be very much appreciated. However they do have plenty of tea, baked beans, canned peas, pasta, cereals, soups & jams. Thank you.

Ecumenical Mental Health Project: This time of year can be difficult for many people, please see the 'Green for Go, Go for HELP' poster in the Narthex which has details of services available for people in crisis. If you are interested in the Mental Health Project please contact catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk .

Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of **Canon Brendan MacCarthy**.
His body will be received into Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge
**with a Vigil Mass at 8pm on Thursday 30th January and his Requiem Mass will
be at 12 Noon on Friday 31st January. Requiescat in Pace.**

We welcome Father Michael Creech who will look after you when I am away on holiday with my family in Singapore. This year I am blessed to celebrate my 40th Birthday on the 31st of January and my 9th Anniversary of Priesthood, 1st of February. It will also be a year since my Brain Abscess and so I decided to go away and have no party. Please pray for me and I know you always do, know that I love being your Priest and I will pray for you.
No party this year but I am very happy to receive a card.

PARISH OFFICE: Parish Office open from 10am - 2pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
If you wish to contact the Parish Office, email: sthughoflincoln.office@gmail.com

Christmas Crib Collection: There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend : 1st/2nd February 2020. Proceeds go to the Children's Society's Emergency Fund, and this fund has been used by many children and families in our diocese during the past year. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

Tue	28	Jan	Baptism - Session 2 - 8.00pm in the Parish Hall
Tue	04	Feb	First Holy Communion - Session 5 - 6.15pm - 8.00pm in the Parish Hall
Sat	08	Feb	Confirmation - Away Day - Tyburn Convent/ Westminster Cathedral
Thu	05	Mar	Lenten Course - 1 st Session - 8.30pm - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall
Fri	13	Mar	SJB PTA Quiz Night in aid of SJB - 7.00pm - 10.30pm in the School

Would you be interested in becoming a CAFOD Parish Volunteer in your church?

The main activity would be promoting the two CAFOD Fast Days collections (Lent and Harvest), emergency appeals and World Gifts. Additionally you would ensure CAFOD's work is held in prayer through Bidding Prayers plus Lent and Advent liturgies. Occasionally you would organise the signing of campaign cards and placing notices in your parish Newsletter. Contact Jenny Finlayson for an informal discussion CAFOD Coordinator. Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Tel No: 01483-898866

'Superstar' – Ecumenical Lenten Discussion Groups: Why not join us with other Christians from the Churches in Knaphill (C4K) group.

The 5 sessions are: 'Who is Jesus?', 'Miracles', 'The Psalms', 'The Church' and 'Cross Purposes', which will be held at the Vyne Community Centre on the Mondays starting on **2nd March at 7.30pm**. See poster at the back of church for details
Please indicate your interest by adding your name to the sign-up sheets at the back of church so that adequate number of booklets can be ordered. All are welcome.

St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group: Fridays at 10am in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 26th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23, 9:3 Psalm: 26

Psalm Response: **The Lord is my light and my help.**

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th January 2020 - Cycle A

Sat 25	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 26	9.30am	Morning Mass	Mr & Mrs Tiangga's Intention
Sun 26	11.30am	Morning Mass	Corinda & Pasquale Coppola
Mon 27	12noon	Feria in Ordinary Time Wk 3	All Souls
Tue 28	12noon	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest	Regina and Pius RIP
Thu 30	8.50am	No School Mass	****
Thu 30	12noon	Feria in Ordinary Time Wk 3	For staff and patients of Woking Hospice
Thu 30	7.30pm	No Latin Mass	****
Fri 31	9.00am	St John Bosco	Fr Gerard's intentions on his 40 th Birthday
Sat 01	11.15am	Our Lady on Saturday	Intentions of Grace O'Mahoney

The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas - 2nd February 2020 - Cycle A

Sat 01	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Andrew Higgins RIP
Sun 02	9.30am	Morning Mass	Intentions of the Gilbert family
Sun 02	11.30am	Morning Mass	People of the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: one hour before 12noon Mass on Weekdays and half an hour before 11.15am Mass on Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.30am - 11.00am and 5.30pm - 5.50pm on Saturdays.

Vespers and Benediction: Sundays at 5.00pm

Mass Intentions available for the Months of February and March

There will be no Latin Mass on Thursdays for the next two weeks

Offertory Collection for last week: £1,122.24 of which £588.33 was Gift Aided. Many Thanks.



The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary.....*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy Word. *Hail Mary.....*

V. And the Word was made Flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary.....*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts; that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.