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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th February 2020

The Season of Septuagesima

Are you ready for Lent? The answer for me is also no. But from this Sunday the church has always asked us to prepare for an honest, good and holy Lent. Sadly the season of Septuagesima has been taken away from us, but it is still a good reminder that it's 70 days to Easter for that is the meaning of this Latin word. Septuagesima time can help us with a bit of voluntary fasting and planning for preparation for the Great Fast of Lent and to help us to get a deeper understanding of what it's all about. Lent is not about losing weight or feeling good because I have given money to the poor, or Spiritual envy over others because I have prayed more than them. Lent should be a life changing moment for us and our soul that affects everything. We will see this reflected in the somberness of the liturgy during lent; when the Alleluia and Gloria are banished and the Church is sober. We will bury the Alleluia the Sunday before Lent as a sign of hope until we hear it sung first by the priest on Easter night.

The Sundays of Septuagesima are named for their distance away from Easter. Septuagesima means "seventy," as it comes roughly seventy days before Easter. Seventy represents the 70 years of the Babylonian Captivity. I need to ask myself first and then you my friends, let's make this Lent a chance to restore and refresh us in Christ. So please make an effort to come to things, daily Mass first. How many people are free and don't come? Devotions and Confessions. Remember Sunday Mass is a weekly Obligation, but we seem to be not so worried about weekly attendance and yet it is what we are asked of, an hour a week for our God? To be lukewarm is so easy and never the option in every part of our life. Let's give all this year to Lent. Come to our Lent course and by God's Grace the author is coming. Join me and please don't let me down on numbers to hear André Regnier, who co-founded Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). He is based in Canada, has over 30 years experience of bringing people to Christ. André has spoken across North America, recently in the Vatican and around the World. Come and hear him preach the Gospel and inspire us and those around us to missionary disciples.

In Jesus and Mary,Fr Gerard

Parish email address has now been changed to knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk as a result of the Diocese updating all diocesan addresses. Please use new email to contact Parish Office.

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 8.30pm - 9.30pm
in the Parish Hall starting on Thursday 5th March.**

Please join us and bring a friend.

The Confirmation programme has now started and the group have visited the shrine to the martyrs at Tyburn Convent where they had Mass.

Would members of the Parish please pray

for the six young people who are enrolled on the programme - with the assurance of prayers for you all at Tyburn.

Guildford Deanery Week of Guided Prayer

Weeks of Guided Prayer are an opportunity to explore different ways of praying in the midst of your daily life. You will be accompanied by a trained prayer guide who will listen, encourage and help you to explore how to deepen your relationship with God.

Sunday 9th to Friday 14th February, St Joan of Arc Church, Farnham, GU9 8DJ

Contact Sarah Style to book Email: stylesarah412@gmail.com

Retrouaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples: Disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate with each other. Do you want to try again? Retrouaille helps couples nationwide work through challenging times. Email: Info@retrouaille.org.uk

Residential weekend: 28th February to 1st March 2020

4 Post days are: 7th March, 21st March, 4th April and 18th April 2020

St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group: Fridays at 10am in the Parish Hall.
£1 per family, play coffee and chat.

Retiring Collection for Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid)

There will be an appeal at all **Masses next weekend** on behalf of the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Thank you to all for my Birthday and Ordination Anniversary Cards and wishes, all of which are very much appreciated

Dates for your Diary

Tue	11	Feb	Mass at 7.30pm in honour of "Our Lady of Lourdes" with Procession
Sat	15	Feb	"Anointing of the Sick" at 11.15am Mass - All Welcome
Fri	21	Feb	Presentation at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall by Author Andre Regnier on "How the parish can attract people to a deeper love of Christ".
Wed	26	Feb	Ash Wednesday - Masses: 7.30am, 9.00am (School), 12noon, 7.30pm
Fri	28	Feb	Mass at 7.00pm followed by Stations of the Cross
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

First Aiders - It would be useful to know, if the need ever arose during a service, that we could call upon a First Aider to deal with a medical situation. Would you be prepared to help? If so, please sign the sheet just inside the sacristy door.

Anointing of the Sick

Within the Holy Mass next Saturday we will have the Sacrament of the Sick, which will be administered to those only who are suffering from an ailment or undergoing medical treatment. For everyone else we will have the Eucharistic blessing of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered in Lourdes and is the best place to see healing along with the sacrament of confession, which will be available before the Mass. If you know anyone who is sick and has not been to Mass for a long time please bring them and if you can't get here easily please let us know so we can offer lifts.

'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.

World Day of Prayer on Friday 6 March at 11.00am. It is St Hugh's turn to host this Ecumenical Service, this year prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe.

If you would like to help as a reader, welcomer or with refreshments, please contact Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap.

All very welcome to attend, especially if you have not attended one of these services before.

This Sunday Voluntary Collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice - Not Gift Aid

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries - We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Sunday 9th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm: 111

Psalm Response: **The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th February 2020 - Cycle A

Sat	08	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Intentions of Mary Higgins
Sun	09	9.30am	Morning Mass	People of the Parish
Sun	09	11.30am	Morning Mass	Canon Brendan MacCarthy RIP
Mon	10	12noon	St Scholastica	Intentions of Helen & Andrew Hinder
Tue	11	7.30pm	Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes (with Procession)	Dan Curran RIP
Thu	13	8.50am	School Mass - All Welcome	Year 2 Class
Thu	13	7.30pm	Latin Mass	Holy Souls
Fri	14	12noon	Ss Cyril and Methodius	Intentions of Esme McEntyre
Sat	15	11.15am	Our Lady on Saturday	Ethel McCarthy RIP

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th February 2020 - Cycle A

Sat	15	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Intentions of David Larkham
Sun	16	9.30am	Morning Mass	Michael & Margaret Earley (Parents) RIP
Sun	16	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

Offertory Collection for last week: £1,165.17 of which £588.33 was Gift Aided. Many Thanks.



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.”