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Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2020

Lent is known for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a powerful time to remind ourselves of God's love, His forgiveness of our Sins and for the salvation of Souls living and dead. We pray in the unity and purity of Catholic dogma. We also want to repent of individual and collective sins that are destroying the Mystical Body of Christ. Be free in order to be what He intended, the Lenten path is a journey towards the renewal of baptismal promises which we do in union with those who will be baptised all over the world.

1) **Do a very open and humble Confession.** Take the time to go over an examination of conscience and write down your sins so as to not forget them. Often we get nervous in the confessional and can forget them. Remember God is the judge and the priest sits there as a vessel for God's Mercy. The beauty is he is a sinner himself who uses this sacrament. His priesthood and his own need for repentance helps him to give the right advice and penance. The "24 Hours with the Lord" is coming up and confession will be available. Say the sin, it is sorted and walk away in freedom as God's children. If you don't want to go, it means that you need to go.

2) **Holy Mass everyday.** Take the opportunities to go to Mass during the week, and the fruits are well worth it. There is no greater prayer than the prayer of Jesus to the Father through the Holy Spirit in the Mass in which we participate.

3) **Pray the Rosary.** Meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries everyday during Lent. It would be even more effective, if the whole family prays it together. Set a time to pray when people are home and not too late when everyone wants to fall asleep. Try to put your heart into the words and meditate on the Mysteries.

4) **Read the Bible.** Read and meditate on all that led up to the passion and crucifixion of Jesus. Each Gospel depicts the passion and crucifixion a little differently.

5) **Pray the Stations of the Cross Slowly.** Take yourself back in time to the Holy Land, retracing the steps of Jesus on His way to Calvary. This is done on Fridays at 7pm, come join us, but it would also be good to do everyday of Lent.

6) **Make time for heart felt prayer.** Talk heart to heart with the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This is best done in front of the Blessed Sacrament. If for some reason you cannot go to the Church, which is open for visits, pray at home facing nearest to the Tabernacle in the Church. Then have faith that God has heard your prayers. Don't worry if the prayer is dry. God is at work.

7) **Disconnect from social media and news.** Fast from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and use your devices, Computer etc to the absolute minimum. We need to be connected to God instead, not to the internet and the cell phone. Help your children to lessen games and YouTube on their devices.

8) **Lessen watching the news.** Instead use this time to pray for the world governments. What good does it do for us to be depressed over all the evil things going on in the world that we have no control over?

9) **Forgive and Pray for those who have hurt you.** Forgive everything from the past, once and forever. Holding on to pain from our childhood, our parish, our spouses, does more harm to our spiritual life than you can imagine. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us", "Love your enemy", "Pray for those who persecute you". This is big stuff, you are welcome to chat to me.

Our time is fragile and can be much better used to love and communicate with our families and make our home a happier world where they can see the difference. Use time to eat and play together as a family. Take time to communicate with each other and love each other more.

With Jesus and Mary. Fr Gerard

"Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love – which is the definition of God." Ven. Fulton J Sheen.

LENTEN COURSE

This year for Lent, 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. We can lose the sense of friendship in the Parish life and I would also ask all of us to try and find the opportunity to join this Lenten Course, and not just leave it to the few faces we see at 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 was well supported last Thursday and it will continue for the next four weeks every **Thursday 10.30am -11.30am in the Presbytery and 8.30pm - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall**. Please join us and bring a friend.

Divine Mercy: Please note that this year on the feast of the Divine Mercy we will have a Holy Hour, Chaplet, Confessions, Blessing of our new image and its veneration, prayers for healing and Benediction. Please spread the word.

From 29th March, I will be taking on saying Mass for our local prison, Coldingley. That means that the Saturday Confession, Adoration and Mass will not be possible. I will be free on the first Saturday of the month, so we will have The First Saturdays for Our Lady. Also we will have confession on Tuesdays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm with Adoration and Divine Mercy.

Church Cleaning - A new rota will be starting next month and this is your invite to become part of the church cleaning team. Depending on the number of teams, you would only be on duty about every six weeks for an hour. A few of our teams are stepping down as they have been on the rota for a number of years, and we are very grateful to them for their service to our parish. Please consider giving up a little of your time; why not create your own team of two or three? For further details, please contact Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap.

Friends of St Hugh Quiz Night in the hall on Saturday 21st March 7.30pm for 8.00pm start and teams of 8 would be very welcome. Contact Anne to make up a 'parish team'. Tickets are £12 to include supper or £7 without. BYO drinks, but a corkage donation would be appreciated. For tickets, please email friendsofsthughspta@gmail.com.

Gift Aid Envelopes: It's that time of year again, the boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes will be available for collection after all Masses this weekend, please collect yours.

Parish Census: Please complete the Parish Census Form and return it to the Parish Office on or before **22nd March**. Many thanks.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday 9.30am Mass on 22nd March, will be lead by the children.

This includes roles such as reading, helping with collection and with the offertory, as well as a special role for the end of Mass. We would also love a strong choir to lead us all in song. We will be practicing our hymns after school for about an hour on Friday 13th March and look forward to seeing all our children helpers there!

If your primary aged child would like to be involved, please **email** Darryn Leslie on hiltondarryn@live.co.uk **by Friday 20th March**, saying what he/she would like to do.

We look forward to celebrating our Family Mass with the children.

Dates for your Diary

Mon	09	Mar	Ecumenical Lent Group at The Vyne, 7.30pm, Fr Gerard leading
Thu	12	Mar	Lenten Course - 2nd Session : 10.30am - 11.30am in the Presbytery and also 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
Tue	17	Mar	First Holy Communion, 6.15pm - 8.00pm in the Parish Hall
Fri	20	Mar	Lenten Reconciliation at 7.00pm, Deanery Priests available
Fri	20	Mar	24 Hours with the Lord starts at 3pm and ends at 5pm on Saturday
Sat	21	Mar	Friends of St Hugh Quiz Night - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Sun	29	Mar	The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary - The process starts on 25th March with a Solemn Mass for Annunciation of the Lord at 7.30pm
Sat	27	Jun	Summer Fayre - An Early Reminder

Ministers of Welcome and the Word needed at all Masses: Pope Francis writes: 'Love the Church, care for your priests, set yourself at the service of the community. Donate your time, energy, skills and capacities to your parishes and like this you will bear witness to the fact that the richness of every person is a gift from God, everything is to be shared'. December 2014. What a great way to serve our community. A rota is in place for these Ministries and you would probably be needed about every six weeks. Have a chat with your Mass Co-ordinator to find out more; don't know who that is? Ask a 'Welcomer'!

'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 the Church for details. Speak to **Maureen Thomas (01483 766601)**. Please indicate your interest by adding your name to the sign-up sheets. All are welcome.

Retiring Collection **THIS WEEKEND** is for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

Sunday 8th March - Second "Transfiguration" Sunday of Lent - Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 Psalm: 32

Psalm Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2020 - Cycle A

Sat 07	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Moore RIP
Sun 08	9.30am	Morning Mass	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Morning Mass	Rosaria & Carmella Coppola RIP
Mon 09	12noon	2nd Week in Lent	Intentions of James & Edith Moore
Tue 10	9.30am	2nd Week in Lent	Intentions of Bruna Moore
Wed 11	11.15am	Requiem Mass	Madeleine Furnell RIP
Thu 12	8.50am	Mass at School	Marek Myrta RIP
Thu 12	7.30pm	Extraordinary Form Latin Mass	Holy Souls
Fri 13	7.00pm	2nd Wk in Lent (with Stations of cross)	Michael Sherry RIP
Sat 14	11.15am	Saturday of the 1st Wk in Lent	Madeleine Furnell RIP

Third Sunday of Lent - 15th March 2020 - Cycle A

Sat 14	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Moore RIP
Sun 15	9.30am	Morning Mass	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Morning Mass	Vincenzo & Francesco Coppola RIP

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 March and April

Offertery Collection for last week: £1,091.54 of which £588.33 was Gift Aided. Many Thanks.



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary for England

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen.