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### **Third Sunday of Lent - 15th March 2020**

In Lent we meet St Joseph as we celebrate his feast day on Thursday. This is a great opportunity for us to learn from the Master of the Lord's own household. Lent is a time we are called to a divine intimacy with the Lord in a world of noise as we renew and deepen our friendship with Christ.

Let's see again what lessons we learn from the silent St Joseph, a man who loved Jesus and did everything to care for Him. We need silence in order to hear the voice of God, speaking to us and directing us on what to do, how to do it, and where to go, discover the meaning of our lives. But how do we turn down the noise? We have to accept it, St Joseph had accepted the conditions and trials that surrounded him as foster-father and earthly carer of Jesus and Our Lady.

It was in the silence of sleep that St Joseph came to know the will of God, so to carry out the special mission for which he was chosen. The silent life of St Joseph challenges us to create more time for silence, even find silence within the noise. St Joseph teaches us that, silence does not mean a person is unconcerned or uninterested, but it is the very tool for concentration, that tool we all have. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on St Joseph said, "His is a silence permeated by contemplation of the mystery of God, in an attitude of total availability to His divine wishes. In other words, the silence of St Joseph was not the sign of an inner void, but on the contrary, of the fullness of faith he carried in his heart, and which guided each and every one of his thoughts and actions."

The silence of St Joseph, therefore, is an invitation to be better about removing distractions and idle chitter chatter, to make provision for more room and space for contemplating where it is that God may be calling us to. We can understand the value and relevance of St Joseph in today's world by appreciating his silent contribution to the mystery of the Incarnation, by his dedication to the vocation he was called to. We can learn so much from the silent St Joseph by finding time for silence and making ourselves more available to God and to the vocation to which He has called us, regardless of any distractions. In fact for most of us, we have to bring those distractions and noise to God, to make that our prayer, to pray for those who cannot break through into the silent mystery in which God wants us to be involved. In silence St Joseph was a man for others.

In an age where people often shy away when difficulties arise, especially if that undertaking would not yield direct benefits to oneself, is the life of St Joseph not an invitation to us as Christians, and as religious men and women, to go on quietly yet effectively to execute our responsibilities as demanded by our vocations, for the betterment of humanity and for the greater glory of God, without trumpeting them? Let us join our silence to the Silence of St Joseph. It is only in silence that we can listen to the Lord's instructions to do the extra work no one is doing. May St. Joseph continue to intercede for us!

Ite ad Joseph (Go to Joseph).

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph .....Fr Gerard

Penny Catechism 1154: *What must we carefully guard against in all our devotions and religious practices?* Ans: In all our devotions and religious practices we must carefully guard against expecting God to perform miracles when natural causes may bring about what we hope for. God will sometimes miraculously help us, but as a rule, only when all natural means have failed.

## LENTEN COURSE

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.

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

The 3rd session will be held on **Thursday 19th** from 10.30am -11.30am in the Presbytery and 8.30pm - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us and bring a friend.

**On Friday the 20th March** we begin our annual "24 hours with the Lord," with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. This is an experience for the whole Parish in our Lenten journey to come closer to the Lord. **Adoration will begin at 12noon** with Divine Mercy and at 6pm there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction followed by Mass at 7pm and at 8pm Stations of the Cross led by our Confirmation Candidates in front of our Eucharistic Lord. During this time the Deanery clergy will be with us at around 7.30pm to hear confessions. Adoration will continue during the night. There will be Mass at 9.30am on Saturday. After that there will be slots for the First Holy Communion children and their parents to go to confession and then a Celebration in the hall. Confessions and adoration will continue till 4.30pm, when we will have the Rosary and the Eucharistic procession to end this wonderful time.

We would be grateful for donations for Candles and Flowers. If you would like to write your 24 hour Prayer Intentions on the card provided, which you can put in the basket by the Altar. Most important of all, give an hour before the Lord, sign-up sheets will be available. This is a great spiritual time and your presence, even in the difficulties with coronavirus (if you are in good health yourself), will help to send peace and protection to those in most need. We need a minimum of two people per hour, which makes 48 people in all.

**From 11th April (date change)** I will be taking on saying Mass for our local prison, Coldingley. That means that Saturday's Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the 11.15am Mass will not now be possible. However, on the first Saturday of the month we will have Mass at 11.15am for The First Saturdays for Our Lady. Reconciliation, Adoration and Divine Mercy will now be on Tuesday evenings from 6.00- 7.00pm.

**Gift Aid and Planned Giving:** If you did not pick up your new box of envelopes last week, please do so today. Last week there was an appeal asking if you would kindly increase your offerings to the Parish in order to meet the mounting cost of running and maintaining the Parish life and buildings. You can increase the amount you put in the Offertory basket or better still raise a standing order, this will save on cash handling and guarantees an even income to help forward planning or you can sign up for envelopes. If you pay income tax and are willing to sign up for Gift Aid the Parish can claim 25p from the Government for every £1 you donate i.e. £25 for every £100 that you give during the year. All that is needed is for you to complete an easy form and we do the rest, except donate the money! Also last week, a Finance Update was issued. Please pick up a sheet as you leave if you have not already got one. For further information see us as you leave Mass today.

## Mothing Sunday

**Mothing Sunday 9.30am Mass on 22nd March**, will be lead by the children. This includes roles such as reading, helping with the collection and with the offertory, as well as a special role for the end of Mass. If your primary aged child would like to be involved, please **email** Darryn Leslie on [hiltondarryn@live.co.uk](mailto: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 16	Mar	Ecumenical Lent Group at The Vyne, discussing 'The Psalms' at 7.30pm
Thu 19	Mar	Lenten Course - 3rd Session : 10.30am - 11.30am in the Presbytery and also 8.30pm - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall
Tue 17	Mar	First Holy Communion, 6.15pm - 8.00pm in the Parish Hall
Fri 20	Mar	24 Hours with the Lord starts at 12noon and ends at 5pm on Saturday
Fri 20	Mar	Lenten Reconciliation at 7.00pm, Deanery Priests available
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
Sun 19	Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday - Blessing of our New Image and much more.....

**Rededication of England:** Starting with the Annunciation Mass on Wednesday 25th, we encourage families to pray the Rosary and to host family and friends to join them on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th. At all Masses that weekend 28th/29th, we will have prayers for rededication and that evening at 5pm there will be Rosary, Vespers and Benediction in thanksgiving.

**First Holy Communion:** During the 24 hours with the Lord, our children and their families are about to make a big step on the journey towards their First Holy Communion, as they make their First Confession. Please pray for them.

**Ministers of Welcome and the Word** needed at all Masses. 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'!

**Jackpot Club** - Congratulations to Charlie Allison and Maureen Thomas on winning £53.50/£26.50 respectively in the February Draw. If you would like to join the Club, please complete a standing order form which can be found in the Narthex. 50% of monthly subs goes in prizes and 50% to parish funds i.e. catechetical programmes, heating, maintenance, altar wine, Council Tax etc etc.

**'Superstar' – Ecumenical Lenten Discussion Groups:** Why not join us with other Christians from the Churches in Knaphill (C4K) group at the Vyne Community Centre. Session 3, 'The Psalms', will be on **Monday 16th March at 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

**St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group:** Fridays at 10am in the Parish Hall. £1 per family.

**Parish Census:** Please note that it is very important to complete the Parish Census Form and return it to the Parish Office before **22nd March**. Many thanks.

**Sunday 15th March - Third Sunday of Lent - Readings**

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm: 94

Psalm Response: **O that day you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'.**

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-42

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**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
Mon 16	12noon	3rd Week in Lent	Intns of Bishop Elect, David Oakley
Tue 17	9.30am	St Patrick, Bishop	Intentions of Anthony Craddock
Thu 19	8.50am	St Joseph - Mass at School	Intentions of Samantha Dunne
	7.30pm	Extraordinary Form Latin Mass	Jacqueline Grieve RIP
Fri 20	7.00pm	3rd Week in Lent - Mass preceded by Stations of the Cross	Intentions of Peter, Bishop Emeritus of Northampton
Sat 21	11.15am	3rd Week in Lent	Ada Goff RIP

**Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent - 22nd March 2020 - Cycle A**

Sat 21	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annie Morgan RIP
Sun 22	9.30am	Mothering Sunday	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Mothering Sunday	Intentions of Colette & Richard Fox

**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 April and May

**Offertory Collection for last week:** £1,262.47 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.