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Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent 13th December 2020 - The Year of St Joseph -

Advent helps us to ponder on Our Lady's humanity through which we have received, in totality, the Word of God made Flesh. In Her womb, the love of God was enfleshed because it found a perfect reception. We have not received the seed of grace like Her, for in Her heart, humanity received the perfection of love. In Mark 4:1-20 we see that Mary is the perfect fertile, rich and fruitful soil, totally receptive to and of whom Elizabeth said, "Blessed is the fruit of your Womb, Jesus" Luke 1:42.

The womb is where the placenta is attached to the inside of the uterus and connects through the child's umbilical cord. The placenta is the only organ that is made by two persons, together, in co-operation. The placenta is 'built' from tissue that is a part from the mother, and a part from the growing baby. Because of this, the placenta is referred to as a 'feto-maternal' organ. It is the only organ made by two people, in co-operation with providence. It is the first time the Mother and her baby come together, a bond that can never be broken as in Jesus and Mary. Jesus Christ redeemed every stage and aspect of our bodies through which he has passed. The Word became Flesh in Mary's uterus. Therefore, the uterus is a sacred space because it held Our Lord and Saviour, the first tabernacle. The biological reality is that some of Our Lord's cells transferred across the placenta in Mary's womb, into the Blessed Mother. When Jesus physically left his Mother, part of him remained in her and remains in her forever. This further magnifies her position as the Mother of God and helps us to see, as we receive Him in Holy Communion and do His will, we can reclaim the image and likeness given away by our first parents.

The womb is silent and sacred things happen in silence; from the creation of the world to the elevation of the Sacred Host, the growing of a plant, a silent Church and people in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady can teach us to be a silent people, to find God in the silence, especially in the world that is not silent. Practice a few moments of silence, have a look for online adoration, it is not the same as being in Church, but a good start.

Mary is the ciborium of the most high. She, without labour pains, unlike the old Eve, reveals to the world ultimate love. Love keeps us on the straight and narrow. Mother Mary teaches her children to be patient and to wait for the coming of the Lord, not just at Christmas, but every day, as we make our life like hers, an Advent for the Lord. We can bring Jesus, like Mary, to others.

How are your preparations for Christmas going? Download the Christmas poster for your windows and make sure your nativity set is in a good spot to remind people that Christ is the reason for the season.

In Jesus and MaryFr Gerard

CHURCH OPENING: In line with the guidance, face coverings should be worn in Church covering both the nose and mouth.

The Church will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass and will close after Mass for cleaning ready for the next Mass. The following are open to the Public:

Rorate Mass: Tuesdays 7.00am - No booking required

Please note, as part of 'Track and Trace' you will be asked to provide your contact details.

Masses on Fridays at 6.00pm and Sundays at 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm - Booking required

To book your place, please email knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk or telephone the Parish Office on 01483 472404, stating your preferred time of Mass; you will receive an email confirming your place in due course. Deadline for booking is 3.00pm on the Friday afternoon. It is important to book as we do not want to turn anyone away if capacity is reached. We are unable to allow people to stand in the aisles, at the back or in the Narthex. Please note that the 'Rule of Six' will apply to one slot for booking a place at Mass, unless a single household contains more than six people.

Whilst full guidelines are on display in the Narthex, please remember:

- * Use the sanitiser provided as you enter and leave the Church and remember social distancing
- * You will be guided to your place by the Steward and they will also instruct you when to move forward for Holy Communion
- * Access to the Sacristy and Narthex will not be allowed and toilets will not be available
- * Straight after receiving the Sacred Host, please depart via the side door
- * Please remember to wear an extra layer of clothing as windows in the Church will be open to aid ventilation

Help Wanted: In order for the Church to open to the public, we are obliged to clean the Church after every service and to record names and contact details of those attending. To enable us to do this we need Stewards and Cleaners, particularly as extra Masses have been scheduled over Christmas. Also needed are Ministers of the Word.

In line with the guidance, volunteers should NOT participate in the following circumstances:

- * If they, or a member of their household is currently unwell with symptoms of Coronavirus, vulnerable due to age or underlying health issues or if they live with someone who is extremely vulnerable
- * *People over 60 years with our without underlying health conditions*
- * *Pregnant women*
- * *Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME)*
- * *People over 70 years with or without underlying health conditions (clinically vulnerable).*
- * *People with specific health conditions (clinically extremely vulnerable)*

If you are happy to help on a rota basis, please contact the Parish Office or Anne: am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap.

Christmas Shopping - Have you started your online shopping yet? The Parish has just registered with <https://www.easypundraising.org.uk>. Search St Hugh's Church, Knaphill to create your FREE account. Your daily online shopping turns into free donations for our Parish. Just start your online shopping first at 'easypundraising', then shop as normal; retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

Christmas Mass Bookings can be requested via email link [Christmas_Masses](#) or the [Christmas Masses Bookings Email](#) link on the Parish Website under Current News/This Week tab. **Mass times:** Christmas Eve (4pm, 6pm, 8pm and Midnight) and Christmas Day (8am, 10am and 12 Noon). Please also refer to the Advent Calendar. We will acknowledge your request, but please bear with us while we look to accommodate as many requests as we can, whilst adhering to social distance guidelines. We will email you to confirm your booking or, if oversubscribed, to offer an alternative time.

CONFIRMATION 2021: Bishop Richard will officiate, as normal, at the Confirmation Mass next year. He has decided that with all the challenges of Covid he will wait until the Autumn. If you or a young person you know would like to start the preparation to pray and think about being Confirmed next year we will set the process in February and the forms will go out in January, so please watch this space. Candidates for Confirmation should already be in Year 10 or above.

Financial Giving to the Parish

Please consider how you can support your Parish at this difficult time for all.

Here are some options for Giving:

- Via the Offertory basket after Mass for cash and your weekly envelopes
- Via our NEW contactless device after Mass - you just swipe your debit or credit card
- Via our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catholicparishknaphill>
- Via standing order (non tax payer) as a regular payment or for a one off payment - details: *HSBC / 40 05 20 / 01247611 / Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton St Hugh of Lincoln Knaphill General Account*
- Via Gift Aid (tax payer) see parish website for full details contact Ian Dallas on 07966 183107 or iandallas47@gmail.com
- Via cash / cheque payable as above through the Presbytery door or post to the Parish Office at 95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, Woking GU21 2AA

Any donation that you make will be very gratefully received.

Notification of Proposed Variation of the admission arrangements of St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School, Knaphill for 2021-22

Please note that the St Hugh of Lincoln school has applied to the Regional Schools Commissioner to vary its admission arrangements for September 2021. This is for the following reasons:

During the COVID 19 pandemic churches have been closed and the Bishops of England & Wales have suspended the obligation for Sunday Mass. Since the school's originally determined admission arrangements for 2021-22 have oversubscription criteria that include church attendance (at a specified frequency and period of time), it creates difficulties for Catholic applicants to clearly identify how they meet the criteria and how church attendance will be determined. Clergy also face uncertainty in these matters.

The requested variation will provide clarification that will enable parents and others concerned in admissions matters to clearly identify how church attendance is determined for admission where these oversubscription criteria are relevant. Attendance at Mass before the suspension of the

Sunday obligation on 18th March 2020 will be taken into account when applying the oversubscription criteria for September 2021.

The proposed in year variation to the admissions policy reads:

On the advice of the Diocesan Education Service the governing board of St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted whilst churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to COVID19. This statement has been shared widely with local parishes in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a certain frequency at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) at the same frequency since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

Once approved, the new admission policy and SIF will be published on our school website. If you have already submitted your application for 2021/22, there is nothing further you need to do.

The '**RORATE CÆLI MASS**' is a beautiful Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn. The Mass will be offered at 7.00am on the Tuesdays of Advent. If you are unable to attend, why not participate by candlelight at home? Make a little Altar wherever your computer is, light a lantern or put a candle in a jar, and be like those happy servants of Luke 12:35 watching for their Master's return 'with their lamps lit'. Sadly no fried breakfast this year.

Bambinelli Sunday: Bring your Baby Jesus this Sunday to Church to be blessed, as it's the Third Sunday of Advent which marks St John Paul II's beloved tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday.'

Advent talks by Bishop Richard - December 2020: Bishop Richard is offering a series of Advent talks from Arundel Cathedral. The programme started on 11th November and the final talk will be on **Friday 18th December: Mary - Openness**. Each evening will begin at 7.00pm and be livestreamed via <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream>.

Please pray for **Michael Smallwood**, who is very poorly. May God grant him peace at this time..

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Father Gerard will be saying all the Masses with their Intentions on Sundays and weekdays. Parishioners will be able to watch on the live stream through YouTube or Facebook.

Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent 13th December 2020 - Year B

Sun	13	8.00am	Latin Mass	The Bow Family
		10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	People of the Parish
		5.00pm	Evening Mass	Erhard Piesch RIP
Mon	14	10.00am	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor	Sarah McNaughton RIP
Tue	15	7.00am	Tuesday of the Third Week in Advent	Edna Sherry RIP
Wed	16	Private	Wednesday of the Third Week in Advent	Intentions of Chett Cassidy
Thu	17	7.30pm	In Greater Advent, 'O Sapientia' - Latin Mass EF	Robert Omasta RIP
Fri	18	6.00pm	In Greater Advent, 'O Adonal'	Intentions of Julianne Cassidy
Sat	19	10.00am	In Greater Advent, 'O Radix Jesse'	Adoration Community

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Clavis David' 20th December 2020 - Year B

Sun	20	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Morning Mass	Robert and Beatrice Attard RIP
		5.00pm	Evening Mass	Pasquale Russo RIP

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions available for the months of **January and February 2021**



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.