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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17th January 2021 - The Year of St Joseph -

The words of Psalm 13 are on my mind: "How long, O Lord?" Along with how long must we

endure this pandemic and wear a face mask? When will we be freed from the impersonal social distancing and when can we greet others again with a kiss and visit each other in our homes? Since last year, everything that we know, love and which makes this life beautiful, has been taken away from us. Many long to go to Mass again. People who miss the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament cry out like the latter verses of Psalm 13 "How long must I carry sorrow in my soul, grief in my heart day after day?" For Priests, we often cry the words from Psalm 43 "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?" Our persistent questioning "when?" and "how long?" is doing us no good. I recently realised the only thing we have is the present moment as Sr Xavier's hymn reminds us "Lord for tomorrow and it's needs I do not pray." We cannot control the future; actually we never could, but we are so used to looking for the next thing to do and we love something to look forward to. The pandemic has told us to stop looking towards the future and focus on the present. If not, then there is no future for me or for you, even for friends and our loved ones.

I am very proud of those who are shielding and I know how painful it is. I am also aware that things are getting worse and after prayer and deliberation, weekday Masses will not be available to the public. You will find them online and from next weekend, we will just have the 8am and 10am Masses on Sunday in Public. Please still book for these. We thank everyone for their hard work, but it's becoming harder to get stewards and cleaners and also the attendance at the 5pm has dropped. We have been asked to keep Mass even shorter, so from this weekend there will be no music.

I will be 10 years a Priest on the 1st of February. A reason to be joyful! Let's have a Zoom party at 8pm - details to follow. On Tuesday 2nd of February we will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord with Mass at 6pm and on the 17th of February, Ash Wednesday, again at 6pm; these two Masses will be Public. Please book for these Masses. If things change we will let you know. Outside our homes the world feels scary and fear can only be overcome by Trust in God. But he also wants us to be practical; please know that we are doing all we can to ensure the spiritual and physical wellbeing of our Parishioners. Please have patience with me, I am trying to do the right thing. I will not be answering the door from now on and any meetings with me have to be booked and will either be on FaceTime or Zoom. Please do not come into the Sacristy and keep your distance from each other and sadly, no mingling is allowed outside after Masses.

| With Faith, Hope and Love | Fr Gerard |
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CHURCH OPENING

Please note that only the following are Public Masses:

Sundays at 8.00am, 10.00am and 5.00pm - Booking required for all.

- To book your place, please email knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk or telephone the Parish Office on 01483 472404, stating your preferred time of Mass and number attending; you will receive an email confirming your place
- 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
- 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
- All weekday Masses will be live streamed via Facebook.

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. If you have the 'Track and Trace' NHS Covid-19 app, please scan the QR code We are unable to allow people to stand in the aisles, at the back or in the Narthex. You must not mix with anyone outside your household or support bubble indoors or outdoors. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times.

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
- Do not mingle before or after Mass outside the Church. Please disperse immediately.

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. Also needed are Ministers of the Word. In line with the guidance, volunteers should NOT participate if they are over 60 years with or without underlying health conditions If you are happy to help, please contact Parish Office or Anne: am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap.

Baptism Preparation Course - The next Baptism Preparation Course (4 sessions), via Zoom, on Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th January, then Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th February 2021at 8pm (15-20 mins each). Please contact the Parish Office to register on the course.

Bishop Richard's Refugee Crisis Newsletter

The latest copy of the Newsletter is now available and can be found under the Latest Publications section of the diocesan website https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news

Coming soon – 'Invited'

God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life. There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission.

Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more. You, are Invited.

You can also join the Zoom Invited Information Session on Tuesday 19th January at 11.30am via: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84106401887?pwd=SkM5dkNpU2g5OTFMQzYvVVY0UWwwQT09

Meeting ID: 841 0640 1887 / Passcode: 418126

Crib Collection

Donations will benefit the Catholic Children's Society. If you wish to donate via the Parish Bank Account or JustGiving page, please use reference 'Crib Collection'.

Fundraising via #easyfundraising

Thank you to those who have signed up to help raise donations for the Parish. If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use the site at no extra cost to you! Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk St Hugh's Church - Knaphill and do your shopping in the usual way via the shop of your choice.

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 / RCD Arundel & Brighton St Hugh of Lincoln Knaphill
- Via Gift Aid (tax payer) see parish website for full details contact Ian Dallas on 07966 183107 or <u>iandallas47@gmail.com</u>
- 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.

'Life in the Spirit' Seminars (Hosted by the Siloam Prayer Group – by Zoom). These seminars are not just any old course, they are life changing and will lead you to a place where you can ask Jesus to reveal himself to you in a very personal, unique and life changing encounter. You will experience how loved you are, just for who you are. Speakers, who are just ordinary people, will inspire you by their talks and testimonies of their own experience and, over several weeks, will open up God's love, how he gives his Spirit to you and where you go from there. Tune in on Zoom to the "Come and See" session where we will explain everything and you can ask questions. This 'one off' is on **Tuesday 16th February at 8.00pm.** To get your Zoom access codes, please email marypbest@hotmail.com.

After "Come and See", you can sign up for the remainder of the course which will be each Tuesday starting 23rd February for 7 weeks. 'Life in the Spirit' seminars are recommended by Pope Francis.

For more information contact Roger (07501056679, rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com).

'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' (18th - 25th Jan): For obvious reasons there will not be a Christian Unity Service this year, but for those who want to pray and meditate on Christian Unity there are resources available on the Churches Together website including a simple pamphlet for home use. The material this year has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland with the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", based on John 15:1-17 (refer to: Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 (ctbi.org.uk)

Jackpot Club: Congratulations to James Jordan and Pam Weston on winning £51.50 and £25.50 respectively in the December draw. If you would like to be part of this monthly draw at £12pa, please contact Anne on am.rushton@btopenworld.com. 50% of the subs go back in prizes and the remainder goes to parish funds which pays for catechetical programmes, utilities, altar wine and hosts, buildings maintenance and much more!

Prayers for the Sick and the Housebound: We offer our prayers for the sick and the housebound, and all those who are affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic and unable to attend Church.

We remember especially those who have lost loved ones due to the virus.

We pray that Baby Jesus will bless us all and keep us safe throughout the New Year.

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 shortly, so please watch this space.

Candidates for Confirmation should already be in Year 10 or above.

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions available for the months of February and March 2021 and can be booked via Email to Parish Office or Telephone 01483 472404. Donations can be provided by Envelope, Just Giving button on the Parish Website or by payment into Parish Bank Account.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Father Gerard will be saying all the Masses with their Intentions on Sundays and weekdays. Parishioners will be able to watch weekday Masses and Sunday 5.00pm Mass (this week only) via Facebook and Sunday 10.00am Mass via YouTube.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th January 2021 - Year B

| Sun | 17 | 8.00am | Latin Mass | People of the Parish |
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| | | 10.00am | Morning Mass (Zoom_Coffee) | Florence and Jim Moore RIP |
| | | 5.00pm | Evening Mass | Intentions of Millie Tiangga |
| Mon | 18 | 10.00am | Feria in Ordinary Time Week 2 | Private Intention |
| Tue | 19 | 10.00am | St Wulstan, Bishop | Deceased members of the Mulvany Family |
| Wed | 20 | 10.00am | St Fabian, Pope, Martyr | Holy Souls |
| Thu | 21 | 7.30pm | St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr - Latin EF | Intentions of David Boyles |
| Fri | 22 | 10.00am | St Vincent | Yvette Pages RIP |
| Sat | 23 | 10.00am | Our Lady on Saturday | Andrea Britton RIP |
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th January 2021 - Year B

| Sun | 24 | 8.00am | Latin Mass | For repose of the soul of Mrs Harper's Dad |
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| | | 10.00am | Morning Mass (Zoom_Coffee) | Mary Richards RIP |



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.