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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 'Septuagesima': 31st January 2021 - The Year of St Joseph -

On Tuesday we remember that Our Lady and St Joseph brought the child Jesus to the temple for the purification as prescribed by the Law. After the eighth day of circumcision, the mother stayed at home for 33 days. On the 40th day, the parents went to the temple for the rite, which included the sacrifice of a lamb as a sin offering, or for the poor, a pair of pigeons or turtle doves. Notice that the parents of Our Lord made the offering of the poor (Lk 2:24). They were there to "redeem" their first born son: as "The Lord said to Moses, 'Consecrate to me every first-born'" (Ex 13:1). The price for such a redemption was five shekels. This "redemption" was a symbol of the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery.

St Luke does not mention this redemption for salvation as it had already come to the world, by His birth. "The couple brought Him up to Jerusalem, so that He could be presented to the Lord." (Lk 2:22-23). The verb "to present" also means "to offer," as Jesus is presented as the priest who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin; the seal into the new eternal covenant by His blood, and opens to us the promised land of heaven. The Temple is filled with His divine presence and now is fit for the true worship of the Lamb of God which only His parents, Simeon and Anna can see.

Simeon, awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, as he held the baby in his arms, he knew and announced that the Messiah had come, not just for the righteous, but for sinners too. He then turns to Our Lady, as we should, to remember one of her titles is Mother of Hope. He says to her "You shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare" (Lk 2:34-35). Therefore, the Feast of the Presentation is a revelation of Christ as the true Lamb, Priest and Altar. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass on this day that will be used throughout the year, hence the name "Candlemas." Dom Columba Marmion, OSB, says "The Blessed Virgin associates herself yet more directly and deeply with the work of our salvation by presenting Him in the Temple. She is the first to offer to the Eternal Father His Divine Son." At baptism we receive a mini paschal candle, with these words from the traditional rite of baptism "Receive this burning light, and keep the grace of your baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God. Then, when the Lord comes to the heavenly wedding feast, you will be able to meet him with all the saints in the halls of heaven, and live forever and ever. Amen."

Therefore, as we move out of winter and into spring, we can await with hope the paschal mysteries by the Holy seasons of Lent, Passiontide and Easter. Each of us must bear witness to the Lord our light. We must be a beacon that guides others to Christ. Even if we are opposed, especially on issues of the sanctity of human life, Covid, marriage and the family.

Pray for me as on the 1st of February I reach ten years of being His Priest. Pray that I may be his lamp.

Yours in Christ at the age of 41 years old..... Fr Gerard

CHURCH OPENING

Please note that only the following are Public Masses:

Sundays at 8.00am and 10.00am - Booking required for both Masses.

Tuesday 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord, Mass at 6pm - 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 and number attending; you should 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
- 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.

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>

Invited: Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins.

The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a Mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of Mission, helping you to explore God's Invitation to live your life with him.

What is a Mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford.

You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like minded people and discuss what you have learnt. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more. The first episode will be on Monday 22nd February and on Thursday 25th, the content from Monday's episode will be discussed via a Zoom meeting from 7.30pm to 8.45pm. To register your free place email: invited@abdiocese.org.uk. Episodes 2,3,4 and 5 will be on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March respectively, the contents from these episodes will also be discussed via Zoom on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March respectively.

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 ilandallas47@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.

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.

'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).

Woking Foodbank Warehouse has moved - They are now located at Unit 4C & 4F, Lansbury Estate, 102 Lower Guildford Road, Knaphill. Donations of foods can be made direct to them on Monday and Thursday mornings, 10.00am-12.00 noon and on Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Items can be put into a crate outside the warehouse or at the foyer. However, only items left during the opening hours can be accepted and anything left at any other times will have to be thrown away! See their website for details of foods currently needed and for further details: www.woking.foodbank.org.uk.

Knaphill Baptist Church invite us to the Induction of their new Minister, Rev Dr Pieter Lalleman to the office of Minister and Dr Hetty Lalleman to the office of Community Pastor on **Saturday 30th January at 3.00pm** via Zoom.

If you would like to participate, the meeting ID is 923 4747 4671 and the passcode is 334765

The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) at St Dunstan's is Rising to the Challenge of Covid-19 by giving financial help, delivering food parcels, telephoning people and offering friendship. If you can help, or would like help, please contact them via 07947 714139 or email presidentA010112@svp.org.uk.

Retiring Collection THIS SUNDAY is for Catholic Association for Racial Justice

Let us pray for the repose of the soul **Fr Martin Jakubas** who served our Parish so faithfully.

'Grant, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of Fr Martin, your servant and Priest, whom you honoured with sacred office while he lived in this world, may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.' Requiescat in pace. Amen.

Deepening Prayer in our Ordinary Life : Led by David Clayton and Michael Woodward, this is a Worth Abbey online weekend to explore how we can pray more Contemplatively at home. January 29th – 31st. Smart phone, Tablet or computer and Zoom account needed. More information from Michael Woodward: shotwithspirit@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION 2021

Bishop Richard will officiate, as normal, at the Confirmation Mass this 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 this 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 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 via Facebook and Sunday 10am Mass via YouTube.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st January 2021 - Year B

Sun 31	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	Crescenti Fernandes RIP
Mon 01	10.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time Week 3	For the safe arrival of baby Jonah Dixie
Tue 02	6.00pm	The Presentation of the Lord (Public Mass - Booking required)	Baby Eisa' s well being
Wed 03	10.00am	St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr	Mick Colton RIP
Thu 04	7.30pm	St Andrew Corsini - Latin Mass EF	Wesley Jago RIP
Fri 05	10.00am	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	With gratitude from the Olejnik family
Sat 06	10.00am	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	Intentions for Grace O'Mahoney

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th February 2021 - Year B

Sun 07	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	Mr Jim Moore RIP

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions available for the months of **February and March 2021** and can be booked via Email to the Parish Office or Telephone 01483 472404.



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.