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### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 'Sexagesima' 7th February 2021 - The Year of St Joseph -**

How many almost wasted Lents have passed in our life? I feel the problem for me has been my lack of planning, since, like most, I was used to getting a plan and starting on or just after Ash Wednesday; putting the dreaded moment off until the very last moment. Lent is not my favourite season, but age has shown me the pre Lenten season called "gesima" tide which announces so beautifully that there are 70 days before Easter and three weeks to prepare for Lent. St Paul comes to my mind in 1 Corinthians 9:24. This is aimed to help us to be prudent, to give our Lenten discipline some forethought before we enter the holy and life changing season. This is where our Blessed Mother comes in and her apparition with St Bernadette.

Let's look at the words of Our Lady to Bernadette to help us focus on the task of our work this Lent as we celebrate on the 11th of February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Like in Matthew 20:1-16 the house holder who invites labourers into his vineyard and calls them at all times of the day, gives them work, even though we normally would focus on the unfairness of those labourers who had to work longer, we see God's marvellous plan that whatever work we do for his vineyard, even if it was just an hour, but with a full and contrite heart that work can help us in God's plan for salvation. Mothers do a great deal in conceiving, arranging and preparing; from the big life time events to the daily grind.

At Cana there was a lack of planning on the part of the master of the house and his head servant, and their great party was about to turn into a disaster with no wine. So who steps in and notices the need and obtains its fulfilment? Our Lord's Mother, of course! (John 2:1-12).

This year we need to go to our Blessed Mother and ask her to tell her Son that we have no wine of true contrition, no wine of penance and fasting, no wine of prayer and contemplation, no wine of merciful deeds. And then she will obtain for us the insight to settle on our resolutions in all of those areas, and to keep those resolutions. She will see to it that our vessels are filled to the brim with penance, prayer, and mercy. Our Lady always has an unbroken vessel to fill with new, unbroken resolve! She is a loving mother who wants no one to be left out of the celebration of Easter for lack of preparation. She is the perfect friend and hostess; she wants no one to be ashamed or embarrassed at her Son's victory. She wants to make this Lent a true experience to go through our baptismal vows so we can, with joy, renew those vows of eternal life at Easter.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph .....Fr Gerard

**Fr Gerard writes:** With the news on 2nd February, regarding the new South African variant of the Covid-19 virus circulating in our GU21 post code area, it is with a heavy heart and with the Bishop's advice, for the meantime that we suspend Public Masses for the next 2 weeks. I believe this is the right thing to do given the current advice from the Government for us living in the areas affected by this new variant and to further limit social contact. This temporary closure will be reviewed at the end of this period of suspension. Masses will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

With my continued love and prayers.

**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](mailto:am.rushton@btopenworld.com) asap.

### **That We May Be One: 8-day Intensive Centering Prayer Retreat**

at the House of Prayer, East Molesley, from Sunday 14th to 21st February 2021, led by Jill Benet via Zoom. There will be up to three hours of Centering Prayer each day and time outside meetings is held in silence, with time for personal reflection, contemplative liturgy and Lectio Divina.

We will draw on material from Thomas Keating's last teaching video series, 'That We May Be One'. The retreat is recommended for those who have practiced Centering Prayer for at least six months.

All meetings will be online using the Zoom platform. Retreat from home cost: £290.

For more information or to book, e-mail [admin@christian-retreat.org](mailto:admin@christian-retreat.org) or telephone 020 8941 2313.

### **Open Cloister at Worth Abbey**

Christian-Muslim Friendship: 12th-14th February (online weekend retreat) Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB (a monk of Worth Abbey). Places can be booked online at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

If you need anything else then please contact me, Katrina Doran via email <[kdoran@worth.org.uk](mailto:kdoran@worth.org.uk)>

NOTE: I am currently working from home on Monday and Thursday: 08:30-16:30.

### **Right To Life**

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) which is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. In response to this, we are asking members of the public to contact their MPs, asking them to sign this motion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool at [righttolife.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://righttolife.org.uk/assisted-suicide), which makes it simple to contact your MP.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Consecration to St Joseph

On the 15th of February we will begin the 33 day Consecration to St Joseph ending on His Solemnity. You can order the book "Consecration to St Joseph" by Fr Calloway, online. Let us know when you have the book, so we can be in contact throughout it and make our Consecration together using Zoom.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.woking.foodbank.org.uk).

## The St Vincent de Paul (SVP):

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](mailto:presidentA010112@svp.org.uk).

**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 Programme 2021:** Bishop Richard will officiate, as normal, at the Confirmation Mass this year. He has decided to wait until the Autumn. If you, or a young person you know, in Year 10 or above, would like to start the preparation to pray and think about being Confirmed this year, an application form is available on the parish website. Further details of the dates of the sessions will follow in due course, as will the Confirmation Mass date. Please complete and return your form to the Presbytery, marked Confirmation 2021, or by email to the Parish Office by **28 February 2021**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Thorn on [confirmation.sthughs@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.sthughs@gmail.com).

**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. Donations can be made by Envelope, the Just Giving button on the Parish Website or by payment into the 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 via Facebook and Sunday 10am Mass via YouTube.

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

Sun 07	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass ( <a href="#">Zoom_Coffee</a> )	Mr Jim Moore RIP
Mon 08	10.00am	St Cuthman of Steyning	Intentions for Michel Dalle
Tue 09	10.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time Week 5	Ruth Moss RIP
Wed 10	Private	St Scholastica, Virgin	Mary Farrington RIP
Thu 11	7.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes - Latin Mass EF	Intentions of Facebook Friends
Fri 12	10.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time Week 5	Intentions of Maria Coppola & family
Sat 13	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday	Andrea Britton RIP

#### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th February 2021 - Year B**

Sun 14	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass ( <a href="#">Zoom_Coffee</a> )	Jim Moore RIP

**Offertory Collections for the last 2 weeks:** Baskets £0.00, Contactless £149.95 and £1176.66 Standing Orders, which were Gift Aided. Many Thanks

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

O Joseph, guardian and protector of the Holy Family, pray for us that through the example of your holy obedience all who dwell here may be guided in their daily work and journey of faith.

O Mary, our mother, through you Christ made his home with us on earth and sanctified the life of our homes. Pray for us that we may grow in holiness by your example of compassion and merciful love.

O Jesus, we set before you now our trials and joys. Look graciously upon this home, that it be dedicated to your Holy Family in peace, faith, and the example of your merciful love.

Protect us both here and away, and welcome those who have gone before us into your heavenly home.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (St John Paul II)

