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First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021

- The Year of St Joseph -

'What God has joined together, let no man put asunder' Matthew 19:6.

These beautiful words are uttered at the wedding rite and sometimes the Priest's stole is wrapped around the couples hands. Marriage is the beginning of a fascinating, beautiful, tough, lifelong journey for the couples who come to have their love sealed before the presence of God and the Christian community. An essential part of the celebration of marriage is the spiritual preparation of the couple. It is also important to put together all the paperwork that the Church requires for the marriage to be valid, both for the Civil side and the Church side. This is the reason why we ask the couples for a year's notice prior to the date for the wedding. Covid is the time that we need to review what we do and how we do it in the Parish. At present marriage preparation needs a lot of work as I realised that it's not enough for me to do it all on my own, even with a course outside of the Parish. Couples need more; they need to see there is a community for them who not only brings them to Christ, but helps them to build a life in the place they've chosen to live out their married life.

We need members of our Parish to accompany those seeking to marry in Church and help them to be established in our Parish community. The aim is to help them to reflect on the loving actions of God in their lives; on the love they have for each other; on how to sustain a life in common; to see the joys and challenges that come with married life; the blessings of parenthood, and on the commitment they undertake to become one flesh without losing their individuality.

Recently a few of us spoke to Katherine Bergin, who is the Marriage & Family Life Adviser for our Diocese. We asked her to help us in our mission of how we can prepare engaged couples for marriage and help them in their life together after the day itself. It's very obvious that this most beautiful sacrament of marriage is not easy in our modern culture to promote, to explain and to help. It's much easier for a Parish to help the couple in the paperwork which is required and in the planning of the wedding day itself, with a bit of teaching on marriage thrown in. But this is not enough. My lightbulb moment during Katherine's talk was that we are not alone in this Parish. Unity, communion and working together in Christ and for Christ is the heart of what a Parish should be. Relationship is key to evangelisation; we not only welcome and walk with people, but we also show them our relationship with Christ and his Catholic Church. I admit that part is harder, but that's how we will attract souls. A very big part of my own priesthood is friendship and I think this is the key to good catechesis as well because it's more than teaching, it's about being and sharing our life with its ups and downs. New couples moving into the Parish need our support as it's a great way to make new friends. Katherine suggested that we look at this together, so on Tuesday 9th March at 8.00pm we will have a Zoom meeting to discuss how we can help. This model also seems relevant for all the Sacraments and I would like us to think outside the box.

In Jesus Mary and JosephFr Gerard

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO ST. JOSEPH?

Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness and in doing so finding a deeper love for God the Father. St Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance. Jesus and Mary want us to be consecrated to St. Joseph! Remember the hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one. The *Consecration* highlights many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. We started our Consecration on the 15th of February and the next Zoom Meeting will be on Monday the 22nd of February. [Zoom Meeting ID: 853 032 2837 / Passcode: 5weXKF.](#)

- It will take 20-30 minutes a day on a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading, concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph.
- If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation.
- In the book, you will find instructions on how to make the preparation and Consecration as a group. We will have a weekly group meeting on Zoom at 8pm on the 5 Mondays leading up to the Feast. In the book the weekly group meetings are provided for, including discussion questions for each meeting, but the daily preparation prayers will be said in our own time each day.
- We will make the Consecration as a group and recite the same Consecration prayer together. That will be after the Mass at 6pm on the 19th of March in person or on Zoom.

Parish Projects

Over the last two years we have been supporting two charities through donating 5% of our Offertory collections, Woking Mind and The Friends of Ahotokorum. Despite reduced income last year, we have donated £3,601. We wish to continue our support of The Friends of Ahotokorum and would welcome your suggestions for a local charity. Please email these to the Parish Office knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk.

As part of our Lenten almsgiving, the new project will be launched on Maundy Thursday.

Jackpot Club - Congratulations to Leo Magee and Joan Gibney on winning £51.50/£25.50 respectively in the January Draw. This is a great way of supporting the Parish financially and, hopefully, winning a cash sum! 50% of subs go towards the running of the Parish, including utilities, sacramental programmes, insurances, altar wine etc etc. Subs are £12 pa or £3 pq and more info can be sourced via am.rushton@btopenworld.com. You have to be in it to win it!

Invited: Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins

Lent may have begun, but you have not missed the start of the Diocesan Mission *Invited*. The first film premiers on the Diocesan Website at 7.00pm on **Monday 22nd February**, and will be available for you to watch for the whole of Lent and on Thursday 25th, the content from Monday's episode will be discussed via a Zoom meeting from 7.30pm to 8.45pm. If you have not already signed up to a discussion group, there are still places available for the Thursday evening Diocesan wide conversations. The really exciting news is that we have a number of international participants who would like to join our Diocesan community for this extraordinary opportunity, with people registering in Switzerland, Nigeria, the USA and indeed Somerset! We have the incredible problem of having to accommodate more people than we had ever dared to hope! Head to www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more. 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 the contents from these episodes will also be discussed via Zoom on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March.

Upcoming events at the House of Prayer, East Molesey: Wondrous Doings: Praying the Psalms on Saturday, **27th February 2021** Led by Antonia Lynn via Zoom Starts at 10am and ends at 4pm. Come and explore! It will be helpful to bring a Bible, psalter or prayer book/breviary with you. Cost: £30 For more information or to book, e-mail admin@christian-retreat.org or Telephone 020 8941 2313.

**CHURCH OPENING: Please note that only the following are Public Masses
Sundays at 8.00am, 10.00am and Fridays 6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Booking required for ALL Masses**

- 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, good ventilation reduces the risks from airborne transmission and so windows will be open in the Church. Please put on an extra layer to keep warm!
- 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.

FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE PARISH: Thank you to all who have supported our Parish financially during this difficult time. Parishioners have continued with their regular Standing Orders and weekly envelopes and some have offered 'one off' donations; all have been very gratefully received. We rely on your generosity to meet our operational costs and whilst we are not using our buildings to their full capacity, we still need to continue with maintenance etc. At this time we would like you to consider making a regular contribution by Standing Order as this reduces the handling of cash and ensures that our Parish receives a regular income. Even when Mass is suspended or has a reduced congregation, the Church still incurs regular costs. You can have a Standing Order, whether or not you wish to Gift Aid. A Standing Order can be raised with 40-05-20 / 31077384 / RCD Arundel & Brighton St Hugh of Lincoln Knaphill. If you are a taxpayer, the Parish can greatly benefit from your donation, at no extra cost to yourself, via the Gift Aid scheme. If you would like your donation to be Gift Aided please contact Ian Dallas on 07966 183107 or ilandallas47@gmail.com.

St Hugh's School have a vacancy for a Playworker. Follow the link for further information:
<https://www.eteach.com/careers/sthugh-of-lincoln-surrey/job/playworker---after-school-club-1132096>

Friday 26th February is Family Fast Day.

Donate via <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

Thank you very much for your prayers, wishes and gifts for my Birthday and my 10th year Anniversary of my Priesthood. My Prayers are always with you..... Fr Gerard

THE SEASON OF LENT: During Lent we are asked to pray for the following intentions. Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy and Hungry of the World, Penitents and the Wanderers.
The Retiring Collection **Next Week** is for Cafod Lenten Fast Day

Confirmation Programme 2021: An Application Form to join the Programme is available on the Parish website under 'Young Adults'. Completed forms to be sent to the Presbytery, or by email to the Parish Office by **28th February 2021**. Bishop Richard will officiate, as normal, at the Confirmation Mass this year. Any questions, please contact David Thorn on confirmation.sthughs@gmail.com.

Our **Parish Office Manager** is working from home as per Government restrictions and Parish business continues, albeit remotely. Parish Office hours are 10am-2pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please email knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk if you require assistance. Telephone enquiries left at the Parish Office will also be checked and responded to as promptly as possible. Thank you.

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.

First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021 - Year B

Sun 21	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	Vincenzo Arnajel RIP
Mon 22	10.00am	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	Intentions of Adrienne Sherry
Tue 23	10.00am	Tuesday of the First Week in Lent	Intentions of Andrew Larkham
Wed 24	Private	Wednesday of the First Week in Lent	Private Intention
Thu 25	7.30pm	Latin Mass EF	Intentions of Facebook Friends
Fri 26	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm	Saliba Family for grace of Peace & Harmony
Sat 27	10.00am	Saturday of the First Week in Lent	For the Family and Friends of Peter Doneux

Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent 28th February 2021 - Year B

Sun 28	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	Margaret Earley RIP



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)