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Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent 28th February 2021 - The Year of St Joseph -

On the 90th anniversary of Our Lord revealing the image of the Divine Mercy to St Faustina, during a vision that occurred in her cell in the convent of Plock, Poland on the 22nd of February 1931, St Faustina wrote in her diary "In the evening, when I was in my cell I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me: 'Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world'" (Diary, 47).

This is also an anniversary of the Revelation of the Merciful Jesus, which in its way, Lent is all about. A season to ponder on our own acceptance of the Merciful Jesus in our own lives. Mercy is simply love, which continues to love in the face of rejection. It is unmerited, unwarranted love. God, who is love itself, is the perfect combination of both justice and mercy. Scripture shows over and over again His merciful plan of salvation. People in our life have also shown us His mercy. We are called to gaze even more attentively on His mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. This Lent let us encounter the Mercy of God more deeply in order to live as witnesses of mercy, love and joy. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, will help us as we strive, to accept mercy and be mercy.

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. To admonish the sinner.
2. To instruct the ignorant.
3. To counsel the doubtful.
4. To comfort the sorrowful.
5. To bear wrongs patiently.
6. To forgive all injuries.
7. To pray for the living and the dead.

Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To visit the imprisoned.
5. To shelter the homeless.
6. To visit the sick.
7. To bury the dead.

How do we accept and live out mercy? I hope this helps as we reflect on our confession and reconciliation with God this Lent. Go to confession and if you don't go often, maybe it's time to make a heartfelt confession and if you haven't been for years, it's really not that bad. You don't have to go to me, you can find another Priest in another Church. Mercy has reached the entire world, and it is none other than the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, and who gives us His Father's mercy. Let us open our heart, saying with faith, "Jesus, I trust in You."

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 1st of March at 8.00pm. [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 8.00pm 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 6.00pm 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 Ahotokurom. Despite reduced income last year, we have donated £3,601. We wish to continue our support of The Friends of Ahotokurom 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.

Invited: Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins

The first film premiered on the Diocesan website on 22nd February and the 2nd episode will be at 7.00pm on Monday 1st of March, and will be available for you to watch for the whole of Lent and on Thursday 4th, the content from Monday's episode will be discussed via a Zoom meeting from 7.30pm to 8.45pm. The weekly Thursday conversation groups are now fully booked but the Monday videos can be viewed via www.abdiocese.org.uk. Transcripts of Speakers and those giving testimony are also available. The really exciting news is that we have a number of participants registering from Switzerland, Nigeria, the USA and indeed Somerset! Thank you to all who have signed up. Head to www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more, Episodes 3,4 and 5 will be on 8th, 15th and 22nd March, the contents of these episodes will also be discussed via Zoom on 11th, 18th and 25th March.

Online Retreats: The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey 12th - 14th March - Romero and the Salvadorian Martyrs. Book your place on line at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>. Further information available from email: toc@worth.co.uk. Also 26th - 28th March - The Holy Shroud.

Father Alexander writes: On the 4th Sunday of Easter, it will be 25 years since my ordination. Because of Covid there may well be restrictions on gatherings in force, but I am determined not to change the date. The 11.15am Mass on that Sunday 25th April, at St Peter's Hove will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, and anyone who wishes to come is invited. There may be drinks afterwards, and there may be some sort of (possibly outdoor) party. As the situation evolves, the arrangements will be clearer, one hopes. In the meantime, if you would like to come, please note the date. All parishioners of Knaphill will be very welcome. I hope to see you in the day, and I very much hope that by then we will all have lots to be cheerful about.

**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.

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.

During **The Season of Lent**, we are asked to pray for the Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy and the Hungry of the World, Penitents and the Wanderers.

The Retiring Collection **This Week** is for Cafod Lenten Fast Day

A Creative Challenge

The lovely saying "Easter is not about the bunny but the lamb" is so true as Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. To celebrate His resurrection, let's think about creating a Lamb of God as a central focus for our homes to go with our eggs, chickens and bunnies.

My friend Lizzy made me my Easter lamb many years ago, now it's time for you to have one for your homes too. Take up the challenge and show us your creative ideas as a task for Lent and something to enjoy for the whole Easter Season.

Mass Intentions: Dates are available for the months of **March and April 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.

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
Mon 01	10.00am	St David	Amy Hopkins RIP
Tue 02	10.00am	Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent	Giovanni Coppola RIP
Wed 03	Private	Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent	Holy Souls
Thu 04	7.30pm	St Casimir, C St Lucius I - Latin Mass EF	For the safe delivery of Baby Freestone
Fri 05	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm	Intentions of Pierre and Denise Chevillard
Sat 06	10.00am	Saturday of the Second Week in Lent	For the intentions of those becoming Catholic this year

Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2021 - Year B

Sun 07	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	Warnford McLeod 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)

