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Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2021 - The Year of St Joseph -



St Paul says “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2) has not been true since life has changed almost a year ago. I could not be more grateful for the support and love of you my friends. It's so important to say thank you often; we have had some beautiful gifts in the last year with the altar frontals, money to restore the Shrines of Our Lady and St Joseph, and the giving of time and labour to build a platform for the organ for the back of our Church and rewiring it, so the choir can have a home. Recently, out of the blue, a very generous donation came to our aid. I am not mentioning this to make you feel guilty if you haven't

given, but joking apart, anything that you give, just like the widow in the temple with her offering of the Penny (Mark 12:41–44) is so appreciated.

I, on behalf of all of the community, appreciate and give thanks to God for the generosity over the last year with the finances, food, kindness, messages of thanks, prayers, sacrifice and the viewing of Masses and devotions and giving to our charities. Also, to those who are helping us by being Stewards, Cleaners, our Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists; with the technical support for the live stream Masses, website, music, gardening, Altar Serving, Readers and the office work. To those also at home, we love you and miss you and we can't wait to see you back safely in Church. A big thank you to you all.

I know life is hard at the moment, but generosity always gives back as it is given from the heart. It is the Lord's work. It is also the care we have for His children. If you haven't given recently, the parish details for our account are below. We have a lot more work that needs to be done, especially the roofs before we can tackle the interior painting of the Church. One of the Lenten tasks is to look back and be grateful. Entrusting all to the Lord for He is good.

In Jesus, Joseph and MaryFr 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 8th 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 via email: knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk. As part of our Lenten almsgiving, the new project will be launched on Maundy Thursday.

Invited Lent 2021 – The Mission: The 3rd episode is 7.00pm Monday 8th March, and on Thursday 11th, Monday's episode will be discussed via Zoom 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Monday videos can be viewed during Lent via www.abdiocese.org.uk. Transcripts of Speakers and those giving testimony are also available. To find out more www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited. Episodes 4 and 5 will be on 15th and 22nd March, the contents of these episodes will also be discussed via Zoom on 18th and 25th March.

Marriage Prep in the Parish

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. They also 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. Would you be happy to welcome, befriend, support and walk with couples as they prepare for marriage. If so, please join us on Tuesday 9th March at 8.00pm on a Zoom meeting, to discuss how you/we can help. Please click on the link <https://zoom.us/j/8530322837?pwd=d3o2STd1YkZLNXU3RkxYRVVdCfHfUT09>

Update from Fr Alexander: The 4th Sunday of Eastertide, which falls on April 25, is the liturgical anniversary of my ordination 25 years ago at the hands of Cardinal Hume in London. We are now, it seems, emerging from lockdown, but planning celebrations is hard, and it is doubtful that many former parishioners and friends will be able to come from a distance, which is a pity. Nevertheless, the date cannot change, and the 11.15am Mass on that day will be one of Thanksgiving. I was hoping to organise some sort of social event outdoors afterwards, but, having consulted various people, it seems that this will not be possible, given the continuing Covid restrictions.

**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.

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.

Easter Hamper Raffle - a joint venture between school and parish and the proceeds shared equally.

At least 15 fabulous hampers are up for grabs at £1 a ticket and tickets are now on sale; the Draw will take place at the end of the month. However, to make up a few more we would welcome donations of wine, chocolate eggs, art and craft bits and new children's toys by 12th March, although we will accept pledges if you cannot meet the deadline! Donations can be collected by arrangement or delivered direct to the Church as follows: Thursday 11th March between 10.00am-11.00am or on Friday 12th March between 2.00pm-3.00pm. Please do not leave items unattended outside the Church.

For further info and ticket sales, contact Anne am.rushton@btoopenworld.com or via the Parish Office.

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.

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 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. 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.

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
Mon 08	10.00am	Monday of the 3rd Week in Lent	Mary Richards RIP
Tue 09	10.00am	Tuesday of the 3rd Week in Lent	Margaret Hansford RIP
Wed 10	Private	Wednesday of the 3rd Week in Lent	Raymond Collins RIP
Thu 11	7.30pm	Latin Mass EF	Intentions of Benedict Jones
Fri 12	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm	Saliba family for the grace of Peace and Harmony
Sat 13	10.00am	Saturday of the Third Week in Lent	Fr Martin Jakubas RIP

Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021 - Year

Sun 14	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	In thanksgiving for Baby Caleb Nithin Franklin



Memorare to St Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted.

Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection.

Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honour and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.