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Last Sunday of the Year B - CHRIST THE KING

1st Reading: **Daniel 7:13-14** Psalm: **92**

Psalm Response: **The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.**

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 1:5-8** Gospel: **John 18:33-37**

ADVENT - Begins on the 2nd of December

Fr Gerard writes: I am glad that we have a tradition of early morning Masses in the parish for Advent and Lent. This Advent Mass will be on **Thursday** mornings in Advent at 6.30am followed by breakfast. I would like to make a Rorate Mass I was introduced to this beautiful Advent practice when I was in Crawley. A young German intern was working for the Diocese at DABCEC and asked if we could host the Mass early in the morning in the parish.

The result was beautiful, and I was able to take this Advent practice to Eastbourne and now here. Please find a description of what it is. It really makes my Advent. I hope it will make yours, too.

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion popular in many places in Europe and among families, some bring their own lamps to the Mass. The Mass is for the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent and is offered just before dawn. This Mass captures the hearts and minds of many people, the interplay of light and darkness speaking to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8

“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.”

“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just:
let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.”

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honour, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet, and the Gloria is said. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honour the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. The readings and prayers of Advent foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

Fr Gerard's Induction Mass - Wednesday 28th November at 7.00pm.

A Reception will be held in the hall afterwards and plates of finger food would be much appreciated as we welcome Fr Gerard to our Parish. The Bishop, Deanery clergy and Fr Gerard's friends and family will be joining us in our celebration.

The hall will be open from 6.00pm to receive your donations.

Grease the Musical: SJB will be putting on the fun-filled, nostalgic, toe-tapping show Grease from **28th Wednesday to 30th Friday** November starting at 7.30pm, and we would love to invite your parishioners and staff to come and see the show. It will be a wonderful way of getting to see what goes on at the School and to experience what should be a fantastic production. The students are working extremely hard towards the show and are very excited to be able to transport the audience to 1950s America and give them an unforgettable experience. Tickets are £8 each and can be purchased on trybooking by either searching Grease SJB or following this link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/GWP>. See Poster in the Narthex.

ALTAR SERVERS' GUILD OF St STEPHEN

Training during November for ALL ALTAR SERVERS after every Saturday evening/Sunday morning Mass : 6.30pm; 9.30am and 11.30am. Session IV this weekend: Concluding Rite

RCIA : Every Thursday evening at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of talks and ceremonies designed to prepare adults to be received into the Church. We also seek to grow as friends with Christ, making Him central to our life.

Session 7 is on Thursday 29th November 2018.

Please join us and support those who have started the course.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please speak to Father Gerard.

Parish Maintenance Projects:

There are many projects of maintenance that need to be undertaken in the church, the house and the hall. I am also aware that the sound system in the Church is slowly dying on us. It is losing sound and the loop system for those with hearing aids is not working. Many people have come to me to tell of their frustrations in being unable to fully hear the Sacred Liturgy. This is vital for maintaining a spiritual life so that people can be fed on the Word of God and the language of our Ritual. This requires attention and I request the generosity of the Parish towards the general maintenance costs. A new sound system will cost £18,000 and I would ask you to be generous and donate towards this.

St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School, Woking - Teaching Assistant Vacancies

Start Date: 3rd January 2019 but sooner if possible

Post 1: 9am to 3.15pm Mon to Fri: 38.6 weeks per year (to include 3 Inset days) (full time)

Post 2: 9am to 1pm Mon to Fri: 38.6 weeks per year (to include 3 Inset days) (part time)

Post 3: 1pm to 3.20pm Mon to Fri: 38.6 weeks per year (to include 3 Inset days) (part time)

Salary: Surrey Pay Grade S3 (pay range: £8.70 - £9.51 per hour depending on experience)

Closing date for both applications: Thursday **29th November 2018**

Application forms and the job description are available to download on the school website under Vacancies. Alternatively, please contact the Headteacher's PA

Mrs A. Murray at amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk.

Congratulations to Maureen Carr on winning the St Hugh's Feast Day Jackpot Club draw.

Just in time for Christmas, Maureen has won £100. If you would like to join the Jackpot Club and be one of our lucky monthly winners: contact Anne on 01483 480677 or email: am.rushton@btopenworld.com. You have to be in it to win it!!!

Christmas Bazaar - Thank you to all who supported the Bazaar in so many different ways.

Full details of prize winners etc next week.

Traidcraft Stall - Weekend of 1st & 2nd December in the Parish Hall. All Traidcraft goods are fairly traded and buying them supports some of the world's poorest communities.

Signing of School Forms

Fr Gerard will be available to sign all Supplementary School forms at the Presbytery, 95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, from 2:15pm-3pm on: **Mondays 26th November**
By appointment after these dates. Please do not pre-sign your Primary School form as this must be done in the presence of the priest.

Confirmation Program: If you are in Year 10 and would like to join our Confirmation Program, please take a Confirmation Form available in the Narthex and return the completed form to the Parish Office by the **5th December 2018**.

CAFOD World Gifts – the true spirit of Christmas Giving

Give a gift that will change a life . There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries .
Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Giving Tree - Our tree will be in place from Saturday 24th November until Sunday 16th December. This year, as well as families known to us, we are supporting:

- ✦ Edge of Care and Homelessness Prevention Service: Supporting teenagers and their families where there is a risk of family breakdown. They prevent young people going into local authority care. They also work with 16-18 year olds who are at risk of homelessness. The Service supports them when they go into supported accommodation or independent living.
- ✦ LinkAble: helps children and adults with learning disabilities in Woking and Surrey Heath. They offer people activities and experiences that they struggle to access in the wider community, supporting them to learn new skills, form lasting friendships, and lead fulfilling, independent lives. Whilst they have a fully accessible centre in Woking, they also work in the local community. They provide weekly groups for children, young people and adults, and holiday schemes, providing vital respite for exhausted parents and carers.
- ✦ Woking Lions: Supporting less fortunate families and the elderly in the Woking area.
- ✦ Abraham Cowley Unit at St Peter's: This is a 20 bed acute assessment and treatment inpatient unit for people over 65 experiencing a functional mental health illness which necessitates an admission into hospital.

Please take a gift tag from the tree and buy the item described on the tag.
Gifts should be returned over the weekend of **15th/16th December**.

'Tea & Talents' - Sunday 16th December. We need YOU! An afternoon of entertainment for all the family. Could you do a 'turn'? Singing, dancing, telling jokes, playing an instrument, comic act etc. If so, contact Nicola 01483 762615 or Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap. If you don't have a 'turn' to do, come along and watch others over a cuppa! Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. All ages welcome to join in the fun and any monies raised will go to defray the cost of sending a sick pilgrim to Lourdes.

Wintershall Nativity Play for all the family - Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th December. For further details visit www.wintershall-estate.com or 01793418299. See Poster in the Narthex,

Woking Foodbank - Please note, we have received a letter from the Foodbank asking "if you would mind if we cancel the December/January collections and resume in February. We predict we will receive a lot of *extra* donations at this time and it would be better to space things out."

Fr Gerard writes : On a rota basis with other priests of the diocese, I have recently begun celebrating Mass on Saturday mornings at nearby Coldingly Prison. When it is my turn to do so, our 10am Saturday Mass for that week will need to move to 12 noon, with Adoration and Confessions before Mass. The dates and times will be notified. The Prison Lay Chaplain is very grateful for the two volunteers from our parish who add so much to the faith life of the prisoners, and she would like to strengthen our links and make us more aware of their presence in our parish community. She has liaised with Security and the Deputy Governor, and they are happy for Christmas cards and chocolate bars (e.g. KitKat, Twix, Bounty, etc.) to be brought in from our Parish. It is a lovely way for us as a Parish community to reach out to the 75 Roman Catholic prisoners here who find Christmas a very difficult time.

So, from this Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet so that you can write to a prison inmate.

The cards can be addressed "Dear brother in Christ" with a message of Christmas Faith, Hope, and Love, and then signed with first names only. Bring the cards and chocolate donations on Sunday 8th/9th December and they will be delivered to Coldingly on Tuesday 11th December.

Thank you in advance for the generous response which I know will be forthcoming.

Yours in Jesus and Mary, Fr Gerard.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	26	Nov	Signing of School Forms - in the Presbytery - 2:15 to 3:00pm
Wed	28	Nov	Fr Gerard's Induction by Bishop Richard - 7pm Mass followed by Reception
Thu	29	Nov	RCIA meeting : Session 7 in the Church Hall at 8pm
Sat	1	Dec	Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Horsham at 1pm
Sun	2	Dec	Woking and Sam Beare Hospices annual Christmas event
Wed	5	Dec	Grandparents' Group at St Dunstan's. 12 noon Mass, bring and share lunch
Mon	10	Dec	Divine Renovation meeting at 8pm
Wed	12	Dec	Wintershall Nativity Play - continues till Sunday the 16 th
Sun	16	Dec	'Tea & Talents' - An afternoon of entertainment for all the family

Mass Intentions for November 2018

Sat	24	10am	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Stuart Rumsey
Sat	24	6.30pm	Christ the King	Jim Moore RIP
Sun	25	9.30am	Christ the King	For the People of the Parish
Sun	25	11.30am	Christ the King	Beatrice & Robert Attard RIP
Mon	26	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34	Ints Dominges, Concicao, Maria da Silva & Jose Abrev
Tue	27	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34	Ann Marie Peeroo RIP
Wed	28	7pm	Induction of Fr Gerard	
Thu	29	9am	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34	Thanksgiving Sara-Louise Doneux
Thu	29	7pm	Latin Mass	George Hughes RIP
Fri	30	10am	St Andrew, Apostle	Doll Pring RIP
Sat	1	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34	Alice Ledgard RIP
Sat	1	6.30pm	First Sunday of Advent	Sr Stephanie Earl RIP
Sun	2	9.30am	First Sunday of Advent	For the People of the Parish
Sun	2	11.30am	First Sunday of Advent	Intentions of Margaret Scully

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament half hour after the 10am Mass on Saturdays

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30am-11am & 5.45pm-6.10pm on Saturdays

Vespers and Benediction - 6pm Sunday

Mass Intentions are available for the month of December

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,160.64 Many thanks.