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First Sunday of Advent Year C

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 33:14-16** Psalm: 24

Psalm Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul .**

2nd Reading: 1 **Thessalonians 3:12, 4:2** Gospel: **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Fr Gerard writes: A famous 19th century work by the French painter Jean-Francois Millet, 'The Angelus', depicts a farming couple praying the Angelus at dusk. This prayer is well suited to the artist's subject matter: two humble people paying homage to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother in the Hail Mary, as well as in Gospel verses recalling His Incarnation as the Word entered the World. The prayer's name, **the Angelus**, comes from its opening words in Latin, "Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ - the angel of the Lord declared unto Mary..."

Around the 12th century to its present form, this wonderful prayer evolved from a recitation of three Hail Mary's following an evening bell, to recitations at morning and midday which were added later. In places such as Vatican City and parts of Germany and Ireland it is still accompanied by the ringing of a bell (the Angelus bell).

The Angelus reminds us of the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with great, if somewhat startling news! As we read in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel (Luke 1:26-38) God made Mary a model of humility, free from sin, to be the mother of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although the Angelus has been traditionally said three times daily, at 6am, noon and 6pm, it can be prayed at anytime. It is a perfect prayer for Advent, and as a parish we will pray the Angelus before the 6.30pm Mass on Saturdays. When prayed in a group setting, a leader recites the verses and everyone recites both the responses and the Hail Mary's in between each verse.

When we pray the Angelus with humility and love, we are emulating Mary's faith in His goodness. We are blessed in that we can ask both God and His Blessed Mother for their assistance on our journey towards Eternal Life.

Christmas Cards to Coldingly Prison: Please sign in and take the Christmas card provided at the back of the church and address the card to a prison inmate "Dear brother in Christ" with a message of Christmas Faith, Hope, and Love and sign with first names only. Bring the cards and chocolate donations on **Sunday 8th/9th December** and they will be delivered on Tuesday 11th December to the 75 Roman Catholic prisoners, who find Christmas a very difficult time.

Confessions and Adoration on Monday 17th December

Together with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions will be available from **3pm to 4pm**. Then the priests from the Deanery will join us from **7.30pm till 9pm for Confessions**.

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 8 is on Thursday 8th December 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.

Giving Tree - Our tree is in place and will be there 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.

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.**

Parish Project - As part of our Covenant with the Poor, to which we commit each Maundy Thursday, we have been supporting both the Woking Hospice and Cafod as our home and overseas project. The time has now come for us to review our pledge to 'give more generously' and consider other charities. If you have a project you would like to nominate, you will find a Nomination Form in the Narthex.

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

Woking Foodbank is cancelling the December/January collections and will resume in February. They expect to receive extra donations at this time and it would be better to space things out.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sun	2	Dec	Woking and Sam Beare Hospices annual Christmas event
Wed	5	Dec	Final date for returning Confirmation Forms to the Parish Office
Wed	5	Dec	Grandparents' Group at St Dunstan's. 12 noon Mass, bring and share lunch
Wed	5	Dec	Churches for Knaphill, meeting at Holy Trinity Church 7.30pm
Thu	6	Dec	Advent (Rorate Caeli) Mass: 6.30am, followed by breakfast in the Church Hall
Thu	6	Dec	RCIA meeting - Session 8 in the Church Hall at 8pm
Mon	10	Dec	Discussion on 'Divine Renovation' in the Church Hall at 8pm
Wed	12	Dec	Wintershall Nativity Play - continues till Sunday the 16 th
Thu	13	Dec	RCIA meeting - Session 9 in the Church Hall at 8pm
Sun	16	Dec	'Tea & Talents' - An afternoon of entertainment for all the family
Mon	17	Dec	Reconciliation Service in the Church at 7.30 pm

A Christmas Card with our Parish Mass times over the Christmas Season is being made and printed by the monks of Farnborough Abbey, and will be available for us from the **Second Sunday in Advent**. Please ensure you collect yours!

Churches for Knaphill (C4K): Next Meeting Wednesday, 5th December. If you are interested in ecumenical events you are invited to attend this meeting which will be at Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road at 7.30pm. Speak to Fr Gerard or Roger (01483 481944) for more information.

Carol Singing in the Village: During Advent why not join Christians from other churches in Knaphill for carol singing in and around the village as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Venues will be: Mizzen Railway, High St., Cygnet Hospital, Garibaldi Pub and the Vyne. See poster at back of church for more details or speak to Roger (01483 481944).

Woking Grandparents' Group at St. Dunstan's Church Woking invite grandparents and honorary grandparents to join them for Christmas get-together on **Wednesday 5th December** at 12 noon for Mass followed by a bring and share buffet lunch in the parish room.

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,

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Fr Gerard writes: The Parish is a means for us to know Christ and to be saved by Him so we can take up His call to follow Him in lives being lived in the work places, the home or the wider community.

This is what we need to work on. As the Parish of St Hugh we need to be focused on Mission. Everything we do should help us to know, to love and to serve Him in this world and the next. To be His disciples in our part of Surrey. But it means we all need to try harder. I would like us to read a book, **Divine Renovation**, written in response to Parish Renewal and the New Evangelization.

Fr. James Mallon shares his experience of bringing his people to Life in Christ. Through humorous and colourful stories, Fr Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the Good News with all peoples. Accessible and engaging, **Divine Renovation** turns to the Church's many writings on Evangelization and Mission so as to articulate practical ways for injecting new life.

As Priest and People I pray that this book will inspire us. You can order the book on Amazon or ask me to order it for you. We will meet on **Monday the 10th December at 8pm** to discuss the book and ways forward, and will end the night with Adoration followed by Hot Chocolate

Advent 6.30am Rorate Mass on Thursdays followed by cooked breakfast

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are available to altar serve,
be a Minister of the Word or a Minister of the Eucharist.

Also, to assist with catering, if you wish to have a cooked breakfast.

During Advent there will be **Rosary and Adoration at 7.30pm on Fridays 14th & 21st Dec.**

Christmas Bazaar - Thank you to all who supported the Bazaar in so many different ways. To date we have raised £2867.33. A list of Grand Draw winners and amounts raised on stalls can be found in the narthex. The proceeds will be divided equally between the parish and our parish school. As always, thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Mass Intentions for December 2018

Sat	1	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34	Alice Ledgard RIP
Sat	1	6.30pm	1 st Sunday of Advent	Sr Stephanie Earl RIP
Sun	2	9.30am	1 st Sunday of Advent	For the People of the Parish
Sun	2	11.30am	1 st Sunday of Advent	Intentions of Margaret Scully
Mon	3	10am	No Mass (St Francis Xavier)	****
Tue	4	10am	No Mass (St John Damascene)	****
Wed	5		No Mass	****
Thu	6	6.30am	Thursday of 1st Week in Advent	Special Intentions of Pat Gildea
Thu	6	9am	Mass at the School (St Nicholas)	Andrew D Higgins RIP
Thu	6	7pm	Latin Mass	<i>Available</i>
Fri	7	10am	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor	Intentions of Fiona Williams
Sat	8	10am	Immaculate Conception of BVM	Florence & James RIP
Sat	8	6.30pm	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Nayla Larkham RIP
Sun	9	9.30am	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Arthur Whelan RIP
Sun	9	11.30am	2 nd Sunday of Advent	For the People of the Parish
Mon	10	10am	Monday 2nd week of Advent	Intentions of Ann Canny

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament one hour before 10am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and 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 months of December 2018 and January 2019

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) last weekend: £1,327.40 Many thanks.



THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary....*
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary....*
V. And the Word was made Flesh (Genuflect)
R. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary*
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray : Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.