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Second Sunday of Advent Year C

1st Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9** Psalm: **125**

Psalm Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11** Gospel: **Luke 3:1-6**

Fr Gerard writes: Advent helps us to make room for Jesus again in our lives as He will be placed into our hearts by His Mother this Christmas. As we spend time getting ready for the festive season let us together make ready our hearts for His Coming, and prepare a gift for Jesus: our Confession. As your pastor I cannot make any one go to confession, but I do know the power of Confession in my life. It helps me to be free from my ego and my sin, and it sets me back on the right course.

The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the "prodigal son" and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest. God is love and it is the greatest act of love we know. Modern society has lost a sense of sin. The Gospels show us the importance of forgiveness of our sins. And as a Catholic follower of Christ, I must make an effort to recognize sin in my daily actions, words and omissions.

As a result of Original Sin human nature is weakened. Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ's grace, takes away Original Sin, and turns us back toward God. But this weakness is still there, and we commit sin which destroys the life of grace within us, and causes separation in the body of Christ, the Church. Don't panic or worry about what you will say. Fear of judgment can stop us from going. If you haven't been to confession for years, don't worry. Just go, and the priest will help you. The scriptures remind us to be reconciled with God. If you think that you don't need to go to Confession, then maybe you should. All that is needed is to be truly sorry for your sins. The essential act of Penance, on the part of the penitent, is contrition, a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed, together with a resolution not to commit it again. But even when we come with the same sins the Lord is gracious to us. A resolution to avoid the near occasions of sin suffices for true repentance. God's grace, in co-operation with the intention to rectify your life, will give you the strength to resist and overcome temptation in the future.

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**.

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.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when the priests' vestments are Rose. Since the Pontificate of St Pope John Paul the Great, **Gaudete Sunday** is also called *Bambinelli Sunday* to commemorate the blessing of the Gesu Bambino (Baby Jesus).

Children of Rome flock to St Peter's Piazza, where the Pope blesses the figurines of the Baby Jesus which the children bring from their homes and then place the Christ Child in the Christmas Crib at Christmas. According to tradition, in 1223 in the little town of Greccio, Italy, St. Francis created the first representation of the birth of Christ.

Many parishes across the globe now honour Bambinelli Sunday by having the priest bless the 'Baby Jesus'. Normally the youngest child brings up the figurine, and is sometimes accompanied by their siblings. Even the adults bring their little baby Jesus from their Nativity Sets, and get them blessed. So this year at St Hugh's, let us start this beautiful tradition. Please bring your Baby Jesus to Mass next Sunday for blessing.

We will also bless straw for you to take home for your cribs.

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.
- ◆ **LinkAble:** helps children & adults with learning disabilities in Woking and Surrey Heath.
- ◆ **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.

Christmas Bazaar - £3084.86 is the final amount raised at the Bazaar. Thank you to all who supported the Bazaar in so many different ways. 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.**

Thank you for supporting the **Traidcraft Stall**; £308.40 worth of goods were sold. All Traidcraft goods are fairly traded and buying them supports some of the world's poorest communities.

'Tea & Talents' - Sunday **16th December from 3.00pm-5.00pm** in the parish hall. Still not too late to do a 'turn' at our informal afternoon of entertainment for all the family. Singing, dancing, telling jokes, playing an instrument, comic act etc. If you would like to join in, contact Nicola 01483 762615 or Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com asap. Or why not just come along and be entertained whilst having a cuppa and a piece of cake! Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. All ages welcome to join in the fun; why not wear your Christmas jumper or hat.

Any monies raised will go to defray the cost of sending a sick pilgrim to Lourdes.

Congratulations to Christian Leslie on winning one of the two

Woking Junior Musician of the Year Awards. Well done, Christian!

Christian will be playing the organ at both Christmas Eve Masses this year : 5pm & 7pm.

Family Christmas Nativity Service with Carols on Saturday **22nd December at 4pm.**

Sign up sheet in the Narthex for children who would like to take part. **Rehearsal from 2.30pm**

There will be a Special Collection after all Masses next Sunday for Christmas Flowers

DIVINE RENOVATION: 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon	10	Dec	Discussion on 'Divine Renovation' in the Church Hall at 8pm
Thu	13	Dec	Rorate Mass at 6:30am followed by Breakfast
Thu	13	Dec	RCIA meeting - Session 9 in the Church Hall at 8pm
Fri	14	Dec	Reconciliation Service at St Dunstan's, Woking at 8pm
Sun	16	Dec	'Tea & Talents': Entertainment for all the family 3pm-5pm in the Church Hall
Mon	17	Dec	Reconciliation Service in our Church at 7.30 pm
Thu	20	Dec	Rorate Mass at 6:30am followed by Breakfast
Thu	20	Dec	RCIA meeting - Session 10 in the Church Hall at 8pm
Sat	22	Dec	Family Nativity & Carol Service 4pm : Rehearsal 2.30pm. Refreshments 4.30pm

Please collect your Christmas Card, made and printed by the monks of Farnborough Abbey, with our Parish Mass times over the Christmas Season,

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 Wyne. See poster at back of church for more details or speak to Roger (01483 481944).

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,

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. Please hand in to the sacristy once completed. Voting on the various projects will take place in the New Year.

'Catholicism - A journey to the heart of the faith', by Bishop Barron: This is a Chilworth Abbey Study Day given by Fr John Seddon OSB on Saturday **15th December 2018** at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR. The day begins with Mass at 9.00am followed by coffee. The fourth film investigating *'Mary, the Mother of God'* will be shown, followed by teaching and discussion. Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day and concludes at 4.00 pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. For more information please visit: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

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 December**

Parish Parking: A reminder again to please consider neighbouring residents when using road parking for Mass, and to park considerately without obstructing entrances or the passage for oversized or emergency vehicles on this narrow road.
The parking bays immediately in front of the church are for the exclusive use of Blue Badge holders and for parishioners with mobility difficulties.

Mass Intentions for December 2018

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
Tue	11	10am	Tuesday of 2nd Week of Advent	The Cassidy Family
Wed	12		No Mass	****
Thu	13	6.30am	Rorate Mass	For Vocations
Thu	13	9am	Mass at the School	Andrew D Higgins RIP
Thu	13	7pm	Latin Mass	For Peace
Fri	14	10am	St John of the Cross	Deceased Members of the Vaughan Family
Sat	15	10am	Saturday of 2nd Week of Advent	Yves de Pazanan RIP
Sat	15	6.30pm	3 rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent	For the People of the Parish
Sun	16	9.30am	3 rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Punchard Family
Sun	16	11.30am	3 rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent	Intentions of Eileen Kennel

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: £1,269.98 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.