

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Morning Prayer - 9.45am

Sunday 15th March 6.00pm (<i>Vigil of Sunday</i>)	Third Sunday of Lent (<i>First Scrutiny for RCIA Candidates</i>) Mary Agar RIP Andrew Cunningham RIP Clive Young Mass in Italian Stations of the Cross All Parishioners
9.00am 10.30am 12 noon 4.00pm 5.30pm	
Monday 16th March 8.00am-5.00pm 10.00am	Monday of the Third Week in Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Abraham Selvadurai RIP
Tuesday 17th March 7.00am 10.00am	St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Feast Mrs Beena Wilson and Blessy Wilson, in Thanksgiving Requiem Mass for Anne Russell RIP
<i>No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
Wednesday 18th March 10.00am	Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent Nellie King RIP Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross in Italian
7.15pm	
Thursday 19th March 10.00am	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity Asimo Dalakoura RIP
<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11am</i>	
Friday 20th March 10.00am	Friday of the Third Week in Lent Rev Joseph Livesay
3.00pm	<i>Crematorium Service for John Allison RIP</i>
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 21st March 10.00am 6.00pm (<i>Vigil of Sunday</i>)	Saturday of the Third Week in Lent John Heaney RIP (<i>Second Scrutiny for RCIA Candidates</i>) All Parishioners
7.45pm	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday 22nd March 9.00am	Fourth 'Lætare' Sunday of Lent Victoria Di Michele RIP
10.30am 12 noon 4.00pm 5.30pm	The Intentions of Kathy Emerson Mass in Italian Stations of the Cross Alan Thompson RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 10.00am and 6.00pm Masses or by appointment.
Tuesdays and Thursdays during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Readings: Cycle A for Sundays & Solemnities Year 2 for Weekdays

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 15th March	Cancelled Refreshments after the 5.30pm Mass
Monday 16th March	
Tuesday 17th March	Film Club, 2pm, Downtown Abbey—The Movie Restored, Liturgy Room, 7.30pm Baptism Preparation, Function Room, 7.45pm
Wednesday 18th March	Cancelled Grandparents Group Meeting Icon Painting, Liturgy Room, 10.30am-1pm
Thursday 19th March	Postponed Parish Day Out Toddler Group, Function Room, 10am-12 noon RCIA, Liturgy Room, 7.30pm
Friday 20th March	Cancelled Lent Lunch Youth Alive Night, 7-9pm— No refreshments
Saturday 21st March	Alpha, Function Room, 8am— No Breakfast
Sunday 22nd March	

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**15th March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent**

Coronavirus—COVID-19

For updated information on the steps taken in response to COVID-19, please see the note overleaf. As a result of the new advice the **following events have been cancelled or changed:**

- Alpha—*will go ahead but no breakfast*
- Refreshments after the Sunday 5.30pm Mass on March 15th—*cancelled*.
- Early Tuesday Mass—Mass will go ahead but *breakfast will no longer be available*
- Grandparents' Group Coffee Morning, planned for Wednesday 18th March—*cancelled*.
- Lent Lunches, planned for each Friday during Lent—*cancelled*.
- Parish Day Trip to the Weald and Downland Living Museum, originally planned for Thursday 19th March—*postponed* until circumstances have improved. All cheques already received will be destroyed. If you paid by cash, please could you collect it from the Parish Office. Thank you.
- Youth Alive Night—*will go ahead but no refreshments*.
- Needles and Craft Club, Thursday 26th March—*will go ahead but no refreshments*.
- Senior Lunch, planned for Tuesday March 31st—*cancelled*.

St Dunstan's Parish 'GIVING CROSS' GIVING UP FOR LENT ...? or GIVING FOR LENT ...?

Is there someone you will commit to pray for, someone you can commit to help in some way or some cause that you could commit to give money or time to over the weeks of Lent?

To help us, as a parish, to focus on 'giving' as well as 'giving up' there is a wooden cross in the Narthex for the whole of Lent, with sticky paper strips, to form paper chains. You are all encouraged to write your commitment on a paper strip and join it to the chain hanging from the cross.

Families are welcome to take strips home and create a chain which they can bring back and add to the rest. On Easter Sunday the box will be processed into church in a public affirmation of prayer and outreach to all.

RESTORED: STORIES OF ENCOUNTER

At the first meeting we heard of two individuals whose lives have been radically changed following an encounter with Christ and who are now helping in a very concrete way to restore the lives of others. The first, Connie, started a group 'Rustic Hope' in southwestern Ohio (the 'heroine belt') which helps, in practical ways, young pregnant women and their children – often born addicts. The second, Deacon Pablo, a former gang member who survived drugs, alcohol and violence and is now a prison minister, bringing hope and healing to those behind bars in Chicago. Both were compelling and inspiring stories.

This Tuesday (17th), at 7.30pm, we will hear two more stories. The first will be about Fr Bob Lombardo who ministers in one of Chicago's poorest neighbourhoods. His 'Mission of Our Lady of the Angels' aims to help the poor and evangelise through an apostolate of retreats and preaching. The second will be about Alan Graham, founder of 'Community first Village', a development in Austin, Texas, that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness. Do come and hear about these inspirational individuals who are living out the Social Teaching of the Church in so many ways. The final meeting is on Tuesday 31st March.

We are planning a **Parish Retreat and Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from September 21st—25th 2020. Brochures are now available from the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS!

St Dunstan's School has been rated **OUTSTANDING** in every category following their Ofstead Inspection two weeks ago. The report can be found at www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/index.html. We are absolutely delighted for them. All involved have been rightly rewarded for their hard work, commitment and love.
Fr Peter

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:**

Eunice Connelly RIP
(mother of Christine and Fr Paul).
*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.
May she rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially for Joan Upton..

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

In light of the fast-evolving situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued concise advice for parishes titled 'The Liturgy, Parish Events and Coronavirus: Steps to take'. The advice comes from Public Health officials working with Bishops' Conference Healthcare Reference Group. On 12th March, they announced that we are now officially at Stage 2 of the guidelines and they have asked parishes to implement these changes with immediate effect.

We will continue to monitor the advice from the Bishops' Conference and will update you of any changes. In summary, the effects of this advice for St Dunstan's Parish are:

- Holy Communion will be received under one kind only (no chalice) and to be received in the hand and not in the mouth.
- The sign of peace will be suspended.
- The Holy Water stoop in the Baptistry will be emptied.
- Parishioners who feel unwell should remain at home (services are available via the live streaming through the website).
- Hymnals and Mass leaflets will be withdrawn from use. Where possible words of the hymns will be displayed on the screens.
- The books normally available for children to use will be removed from the Narthex.
- Parishioners should continue to ensure that their hands are clean.
- The collection plates will not be passed around during Mass but will be available after Mass at the door for the collection.
- Second collections will be suspended.
- Ministers of the Eucharist will ensure that their hands are cleaned before distributing the hosts.
- All refreshments and catering will be suspended.
- Pastoral visits to any parishioners who are self-isolating will be suspended but support will be offered where possible.

Altar Servers

If you would like to serve at the Easter Services and YOU CAN ATTEND THE PRACTICE SESSIONS in the Church, please put your name on the lists on the noticeboard in the Sacristy.

- Holy Thursday Practice, Thursday April 9th, 2.30pm (*The Lord's Supper, 8pm*)
- Good Friday Practice, Friday April 10th, 12 noon (*Passion of the Lord, 3pm*)
- Holy Saturday Practice, Saturday April 11th, 12 noon (*the Easter Vigil, 8pm*)

RISE! Take up your mat and walk

You are invited on Monday 23rd March at 10.30 am to come together at St Mary's Church, Church Hill, Horsell, GU21 4QQ to pray for and consider the commitments made at the recent World Day of Prayer service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. All are welcome and you don't have to have attended the Day of Prayer previously. Jane Potter 01483 772981

Woking People of Faith

Walking Pilgrimage, Byfleet, Saturday 21st March
From Byfleet Methodist Church, to St Mary's Church, to St Mary's Centre for the Community, ending at Byfleet Village Hall. Registration, 10.30am at Byfleet Methodist Church, finish at 3.15 pm. To book please email: administrator@wpof.org.uk or phone 0785 6052176. Further information at www.wpof.org.uk.

Epworth Choir

The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace, Karl Jenkins
Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, in aid of the York Road Project.
Tickets £5-£20 from www.epworthchoir.org.

Beginning Experience A weekend for those single again following separation, divorce, or the death of a partner. 3rd-5th April, Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. More information from Freda 01322 838415, Maura 01322 551503 or John johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

ACT OF WITNESS

Everyone is invited: families and friends, from our church and every church, to attend the Act of Witness on Good Friday morning in Woking town centre starting at 11am in Jubilee Square for 45 mins—1 hour. This is a really important witness to our Christian faith to the people of Woking. Do put it in your diary and come!

THE USEFUL WOOD COMPANY

This is a Woking-based enterprise to give those who are marginalised and unable to enter the main stream job market, a chance of a fresh start. Workplace experience, in a non-threatening and nurturing environment, is offered to the long-term unemployed, those with mental health issues that make a working environment a frightening proposition, those in temporary or no accommodation, ex offenders and any other adult who struggles in this area. Training is provided and experience in collecting wood from building sites and making useful items from the collected wood. People are needed to give a half day or a day, once a week or whatever can be managed, getting alongside the participants and encouraging them. Woodworking skills aren't needed (though these can be used as well) just a heart to help people. Some help with admin or driving maybe also needed. Please call George Varney 07432 27828 or Tony Hewat 07964 554373 for more info or to offer help.

DAY OF RENEWAL

For those who couldn't join in the Day of Renewal last Saturday videos have been posted of the main talk by Fr Gareth Leyshon and the Praise and Worship time. These can be accessed through the parish website by clicking on "Watch Webcam" then "Featured Videos".

Lent

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 10am Mass every Wednesday, every Friday evening at 7pm except 3rd April, and every Sunday afternoon at 4pm.

Early Mass for Lent, 7am on Tuesday.

A Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm.

Justice and Peace Group

A new coordinator is needed for the St Dunstan's Parish Justice and Peace Group. If you are interested please contact Kate Levy (Kate.a.levy@gmail.com).

Needles and Craft Club The next meeting is on Thursday 26th March, 2 to 4pm. Come for a pleasant afternoon, knitting, doing crochet and now card making and chatting to friends. Everyone is welcome.

Film Club This week, on Tuesday March 17th we will watch *Downtown Abbey—The Movie*, the 2019 ensemble historical drama film written by Julian Fellowes.

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tuesday 17th March—12 noon Tuesday 24th March to support its work Helping Homeless People to move away from the street to a new home and to return to work. *Double your Donation, Double your impact.* This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 0207 5921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk.

The Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults (18-35s) at Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery

Over the Easter Triduum young adults from across the UK will be gathering from 9th-12th April to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The retreat will be centred around participation in the Triduum liturgy from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, with a programme of talks by monks, discussion, prayer & reflection, and fellowship. To book and pay for your place please visit worth.co.uk/retreats/young-people or email toc@worth.org.uk for a booking form and alternative payment details. Please contact toc@worth.org.uk or youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk for more information or visit the Facebook group (search Easter Retreat for Young Adults 18-35s).

Thank you for last Sunday's Offertory collection of £4,317.65 (*the cash offertory plus the average of the standing orders*) and for £1,698.05 for CAFOD.

Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 Moses had no easy task leading the Israelites through the desert. When there was no water to drink, they demanded that he do something about it. They resorted to the 'blame game', from which even God was not excluded. Moses even feared for his life before he struck the rock and water flowed from it. How self-reliant are we, how convinced are we of God's Providence when we meet difficult challenges? Is our first re-action to blame others?

Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9 O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 The Epistle to the Romans has influenced later Christian theology more than any other book in the New Testament. Scarcely an area of theological development has not been affected by its teaching. Famous commentaries on it were published by the great reformers: Luther, Melancthon and Calvin, and 'Justification by Faith' became the basic doctrine of Protestantism. Faith is important but 'good works' are also important.

John 4:5-42 Samaria, where the Samaritans resided, was in the centre of the Holy Land. There are a number of competing versions of how they came to be there. According to one account they were transferred there, when the whole region was under the aegis of the Assyrian empire. The operation, it seems, was carried out on strategic grounds – the Samaritans were to act as a check on the Jews. Because of their association with the Assyrians, the Samaritans were distrusted and their presence resented by the Jews. Later with the decline of the Assyrian empire the Samaritans, as a powerless minority, were oppressed and discriminated against by the Jews. Hence the antipathy and enmity between the two peoples.

Readings Next Weekend: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Psalm 22, Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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Did you know...? The Catechism says:

2447 The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: *He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?*