

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

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November 15th 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we enter this uncertain period when the churches are once more being closed for Mass and only opened for private prayer, we may be tempted towards resignation or despair. Don't!

For 2000 years the Church has faced all sorts of difficulties, obstacles, crises and "bad news". Because Jesus said "that the gates of hell will never prevail against it" we are confident that all will be well.

Thank you for being so positive, resilient and strong. Keep faithful to the Word because He is always faithful.

Fr Peter

VISITING ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

Under the current COVID-19 restrictions St Dunstan's Church is now closed for public services. The church will be open for private prayer on weekdays only from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm, unless there is a funeral when the church will be closed all day. We regret that the church will not be open at the weekend, and that this week the church will be closed all day on Friday.

If you would like to visit the church to pray, please remember to sanitise your hands when you arrive and leave, wear a face mask at all times while within the building, and take a sheet of paper to mark the pew where you sat in order that the church can be cleaned effectively each day.



St Dunstan's Catholic Church
St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Worthing Road, Woking, Surrey, GU24 0JF

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOULS OF

**Ian Francis RIP (Husband of Frances and
father of Donna),**

**Baby Lenny Marshall Grennan RIP (son of
Kayleigh and Brandon),**

Peter Wallace RIP

and Blandine Yelkouni RIP

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
May they rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially **Deryck Mitchell and Ralph
Morris.**

Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the '[Submit Online Petition](#)' link on the website.
Thank you.

COVID-19 Indulgence:
press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer at 9.45 am Monday - Saturday

Saturday 14th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Louise Marie-R, in thanksgiving*
6.00 pm *The Garvey family*
7.30 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 15th November - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9.00 am *Mary Ryan RIP*
10.30 am *For the friends and helpers of Evelyn Hopkins*
12 noon Mass in Italian
3.00 pm Mass of Remembrance
5.30 pm *All Parishioners*
7.30 pm Adoration in Italian until 8.00 pm

Monday 16th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Ralph Morris*
Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Tuesday 17th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Peter Hewitt RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Wednesday 18th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *John Clarke RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Thursday 19th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Andrew and Anna Larkham Wedding Anniversary*
Rosary and Adoration
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Friday 20th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Anna John RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
12.00 noon Requiem Mass for Carl Powell RIP (not open to Parishioners)
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Saturday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 am *The Intentions of Amanda Vassell*
6.00 pm *Teresa and Mick Bullen, 50th Wedding Anniversary*
7.30 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King Youth Day

- 9.00 am *All Parishioners*
10.30 am *John Jake Donovan*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *The souls of the Do and Tran families*
7.30 pm Adoration in Italian until 8.00 pm

We regret that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not currently available

All services will be Live Streamed at st-dunstans.org/streaming

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15th 2020

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 As with all scripture, this passage needs to be read in the context of the time it was written. While the text may be uneasy to read today, it has a message about using our gifts well and recognising we have them in the first place.

Psalm 127 O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 St Paul tells us not to worry about the date of Christ's second coming but to live as though he could come at any moment. For the community of believers are children of the light, they do not belong to darkness.

Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus calls us to respond to God with the same generosity which God gave to us in our gifts, and not to react with fear that paralyses us.

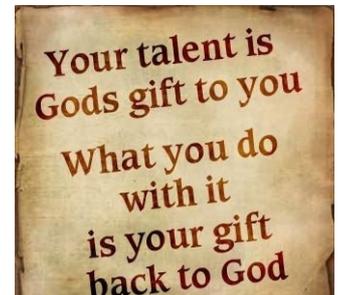
Readings Next Weekend: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22: 1-3a, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46.

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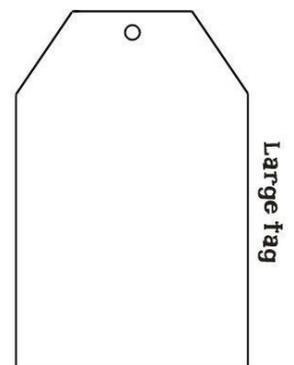
CHILDREN

Introduction God is overwhelmingly generous in the gifts he gives us – our calling is to use those gifts in his service.

Reflection We often do not appreciate how much God has given us. The master (God) in today's Gospel parable gave his servants (us) various amounts of money or talents. As just one talent contained more than 43,000g of silver, the amounts involved are staggering. After a long absence, the master wanted to know how his immense generosity had been used. None of his servants had been given the same amount at the start or returned the same quantity at the end. However, God the master was pleased with all, except the servant who had done nothing at all with his gift. Similarly, we have each been given different skills and gifts. Comparison with others is pointless and ungrateful, as the amounts involved are so huge. How well do we use what God has given us to serve him and help others?



Activity Find, make, or draw a large gift tag – you may like to use the one here. On one side, write or draw the things that God has given you that make you special. Perhaps you enjoy singing or drawing or making things. On the other side, write or draw how you could use one of those gifts to serve God and others this week. Perhaps you could join in the hymns, when live-streaming Mass, or make a card or cake for someone who lives alone.



Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for all
That you have given to us.
Help us to be grateful
And to use our gifts,
To help others and to build your kingdom.
Amen.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CATECHISM SAYS...?

THE BATTLE OF PRAYER

III. FILIAL TRUST

How is our prayer efficacious?

2738 The revelation of prayer in the economy of salvation teaches us that faith rests on God's action in history. Our filial trust is enkindled by his supreme act: the Passion and Resurrection of his Son. Christian prayer is cooperation with his providence, his plan of love for men.

2739 For St Paul, this trust is bold, founded on the prayer of the Spirit in us and on the faithful love of the Father who has given us his only Son. Transformation of the praying heart is the first response to our petition.

ST DUNSTAN'S MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday November 15th, 3.00 pm

Due to the current Government legislation we can no longer invite relatives and friends of those who have died during the last 12 months to come to this Mass. The Mass is going ahead, and will be Live Streamed at www.st-dunstans.org/streaming. During the Mass we will read out the names of your relatives and friends who have died since last November. Before the names are read a candle will be lit in memory of all those who are being remembered, and we invite you to light a candle in your home at the same time.

ADORATION

Adoration will still take place on Mondays during the time of lock-down, starting after the 10 am Mass and continuing until 2 pm. In accordance with government restrictions the church will be opened to parishioners following the Rosary, at around 11 am.

PRAYER - A MINI COURSE FOR ADVENT

As part of your spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas we are offering you the opportunity to join a mini-course on prayer. By clicking on the button below you will automatically receive, on each Monday of Advent, a note which includes a short film to watch (no more than 10 minutes) and some questions for you to reflect on during that week. The course is presented by Bishop Robert Barron of the Word on Fire Institute in Chicago. You do not have to do anything other than sign-up by emailing us at the parish office, watch and reflect. In these sad times when we cannot meet, we hope that in this small way you will feel connected to other parishioners as they too prepare to celebrate The Incarnation. We regret that this course can only be offered online in the current circumstances.

VIGIL OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday November 21st

Bishop Richard shall be leading a period of Eucharistic Adoration, live-streamed from the Cathedral, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This will be an important moment for us all to join with the Church across the world, since this initiative is a part of the journey towards the next International Eucharistic Congress and will be a graced time of prayer together in the midst of this time of pandemic.

DEANERY BEREAVEMENT MASS

On Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm St Dunstan's will be hosting a Live Streamed Deanery Bereavement Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard. Live Stream at www.st-dunstans.org/streaming.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine is now accepting contributions in the form of stories, comments, letters, reflective accounts, prayers or photos for the Christmas edition. Additionally, if you would like to share your Christmas messages within the pages of Parish Magazine, please contact us. We do not charge for this service but suggest a discretionary donation to CAFOD. Please send via the church office for the attention of the editor. Or alternatively email zjlightfoot@gmail.com. Deadline 30th November 2020.

SIGN UP FOR SOCIALLY DISTANCED POSADA

Please email Barbara McManus two dates after 3rd December (when lock-down ends) if you would like to participate in this year's Posada during Advent.

Posada means "Inn" in Spanish and you are invited to receive Mary, Joseph and Jesus into your home for one night during Advent. This is in the form of a (very small) crib set. The following day/evening you take the crib to another home, put it on the doorstep and wait for someone to answer the door. You can then do a handover keeping 2 metres apart. You could say a little prayer together or just wish each other Merry Christmas.

Email your dates, name, address, postcode and phone number today to Barbara McManus bmcmc64@icloud.com. If you can not email, you can text or call on 07710652235.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021

Applicants for St Dunstan's School are requested to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as part of the admission process. Details around the application process are available on the [school website www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk). The SIF must be signed by a Priest, normally from St Dunstan's Parish. In order for SIFs to be signed by Priests it will be necessary this year (due to Covid-19) to submit the completed SIF, in an envelope marked "St Dunstan's SIF", to the letterbox directly outside the main doors to the Church by **November 30th**. The SIF will then be reviewed by the Priests and if any details require clarification before it receives their signature then a phone call will be made to the Parent/Carer involved

The originals of the documents required for the SIF (checklist on the final page) will need to be taken to the school office for photocopying as has been the case in previous years. The school will match the photocopies to the signed SIFs as part of the normal process. However, please note that from Thursday 5th November 2020 there will be no access for visitors to the school office. At this point in time therefore, admission forms and associated papers (evidence of child's date of birth, baptismal certificate, proof of address) will not be accepted by the school until after 2nd December 2020. Should the lock down continue after this time, further advice will be given as to how applications can be submitted. In the meantime, parents can apply online to Surrey: surreycc.gov.uk/admissions prior to submitting their Supplementary Information Forms to the school office in December. The closing date for admissions is 15th January 2021.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADORE)

Saturday 28th November 10.00 am-12.45 pm

Mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "Do whatever He tells you" from Catholic evangelist Ros Powell. Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link: bit.ly/ADORENOV20. For more information go to the ADoRE website www.altonrenewal.com



CAFOD VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Now that churches have had to suspend public worship again, some families might find this link to the CAFOD virtual children's liturgy helpful. You can watch live at 10 am on Sundays, or catch up later. It comes highly recommended and is a good way to help children stay engaged with their faith.



WOKING LIONS CLUB - CHRISTMAS DAY AND HAMPERS

Woking Lions Club, having been unable to carry out their usual fundraising activities this year because of the COVID 19 pandemic, is struggling to find sufficient funds to enable it to provide "Goody bags" with food vouchers and other treats for 'local families in need this Christmas'. We expect to deliver these to more than 70 families and elderly on or shortly before Christmas Day, as well as providing our local Council's Meals on Wheels service with more than 150 smaller 'goody bags' to be delivered with their Meal on Christmas Day.

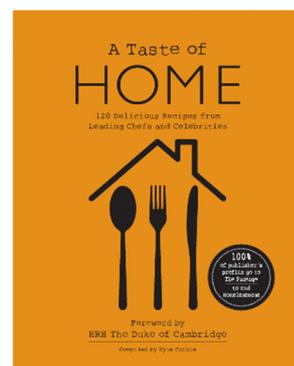


You can donate following the link on their website at www.wokinglions.org.uk. All contributions will be gratefully received. If you can include Gift Aid, that would increase your donation by 25% and you can do this by completing the relevant section on the form. Please accept our sincere thanks for your donation to help us help those in need this Christmas time.

THE PASSAGE

40th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

To commemorate 40 years of The Passage's charitable work and the homeless people that they have supported during this time, they have launched a very special cookbook, featuring a Foreword from HRH The Duke of Cambridge, and exclusive recipes from over 100 well known names including: Gino D'Acampo, Nigella Lawson, Sir Paul McCartney, Stephen Fry, Yotam Ottolenghi, and many more. Inside the beautifully presented book are 40 first courses, 40 main courses and 40 desserts, each one unique and waiting to be served up to loved ones at the dinner table in the lead up to Christmas! Clients who use the charity's services have also contributed to the book by sharing their stories of homelessness. All profits will go directly towards the vital services of The Passage, helping people in housing crisis this winter. Copies of the book can be ordered from The Passage website passage.org.uk.



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