

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

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February 14th 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

COVID 19 UPDATE

St Hugh of Lincoln Church will reopen on Ash Wednesday, 17th February.

If you live in the area of Woking where testing for COVID variants has been taking place, *please do not come to Mass at St Dunstan's until St Hugh's has reopened.* This applies whether you are a parishioner of St Dunstan's or St Hugh's.
Fr Peter

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

There will be two Masses at St Dunstan's on Ash Wednesday, 17th February.

The 10.00am Mass is FULLY BOOKED. The 7.30pm Mass has only a handful of tickets available. (Please follow the link on the St Dunstan's home page, st-dunstans.org if you would like to try and book.) PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS UNLESS YOU HAVE BOOKED. It is difficult for us when we have to turn people away, but for the health and safety of everyone we will have to do so if you do not have a booking.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food (e.g. meat) or drink, or form of amusement. Those over 18 are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their 60th year, while all over 14 are bound by the law of abstinence.

LENT 2021

As you know, you are all 'Invited' to join the Diocesan Mission for Lent 2021. However, we would also like to give you the opportunity to subscribe to two other things during this Lent. Both are written to help you in your spiritual preparation for the celebration of the events of Holy Week and Easter.

The first, '**Lenten Challenge**' is a series of 25 short emails, each with a daily challenge to help you to focus on what is important during this season of Lent. We also have available a weekly series of '**Lent Reflections**' on the season of Lent and its practices by Bishop Robert Barron.

Please email the parish office if you would like to receive the emails from either of these series.

Stations of the Cross will be Live Streamed from St Dunstan's at 7.00pm each Friday evening during Lent. Sadly, the Church will not be open. A recording will be available by clicking on the 'Featured Video' tab on the streaming page during the following week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOULS OF

Romeo Minnella RIP
and **Michael Roche RIP.**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially for *Frances Francis, Peter Keane* and
Ena Penny.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th February, Weekday

10.00 am *Holy Souls*

Rosary and Adoration

6.00 pm *Emmanuel Wilson, Birthday, and Wilson and Beena, 27th Wedding Anniversary*

7.45 pm *Mass in Portuguese*

Sunday 14th February, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Day for the Unemployed*

9.00 am *Mrs Beryl Bittleston RIP*

10.30 am *Francis Selvadurai RIP*

12 noon *Mass in Italian*

5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

Monday 15th February, Weekday

10.00 am *Johnny O'Malley RIP*

Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm

Tuesday 16th February, Weekday

10.00 am *Mary Peaple RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

3.00 pm *Crematorium Service for Derrick Fudge RIP*

Wednesday 17th February, Ash Wednesday

10.00 am *Christine Gosney RIP*

7.30 pm *The Stewart Family*

Thursday 18th February, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

10.00 am *Margaret Gunn RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

Friday 19th February, Friday after Ash Wednesday

10.00 am *Gordon Redrup RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

12 noon *Requiem Mass for Romeo Minnella RIP*

7.00 pm *Stations of the Cross (Streamed only)*

Saturday 20th February, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

10.00 am *Maura O'Reilly RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

6.00 pm *Zdzislaw Marczewski RIP*

7.45 pm *Mass in Portuguese*

Sunday 21st February, First Sunday of Lent

9.00 am *All Parishioners*

10.30 am *Frances Dwyer and family*

12 noon *Mass in Italian*

5.30 pm *Fabienne Wright RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment only.

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

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14th 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 This reading recalls the rules regarding leprosy, which the Hebrews regarded as contagious and a punishment by God. For the person afflicted, the consequence was exclusion for society. The priesthood was intrinsically linked to the process of exclusion.

Psalms 31:1-2, 5, 11 You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Paul wants to totally imitate Christ and asks us to live in similar imitation. He enters into communion with all cultures, not to advance his own popularity, but because he hungers for the salvation of all; he seeks to be the minister of Christ's healing to all.

Mark 1:40-45 The encounter of Jesus with the Leper shows the difference between the ministry of Jesus and the rabbinical traditions, according to which a leper was to be excluded from society, as required by the prescriptions of the Pentateuch. Rabbinic schools believed that leprosy was the result of transgression of the law; the victim of leprosy was to be ostracised. In his encounter with the leper, Jesus does the unspeakable: he touches him. Jesus' touching of the leper occurs only after we are told that he was moved with pity. It should also be noted that Jesus is not afraid of contamination. He will later take on himself the contamination of our sins. Jesus sends the leper to the priests so that they will perceive that he heals the sick. If their eyes are open, they will perceive that the awaited Messiah is in their midst. In publicising the healing of Jesus, the leper hinders the ministry of Jesus, in that Jesus cannot now enter a town openly without being perceived as a medicine man. He remains in deserted places and people come to him. Maybe it is in deserted places that real revelation is possible.

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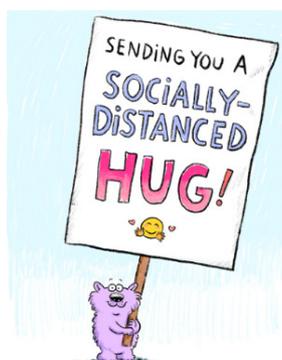
Readings for February 21st, First Sunday of Lent: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24:4-6, 7b-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15.

CHILDREN

Introduction Jesus never judged people by their appearance or paid any attention to what others thought of them. Time and again, he made outcasts feel welcome and loved.

Reflection In today's Gospel, Jesus changed the life of a leper who asked for his help. A leper is the name given to a person suffering from a disease called leprosy. Leprosy is an infectious disease which if untreated can affect the appearance of hands and feet and may cause blindness. Today, this disease can be treated with modern medicines. Jesus' loving touch not only healed the man, but made the man feel accepted. Jesus told the man to create no fuss but simply to make an offering of thanks to God.

Activity Think about how you could help someone feel included. Could you play with a brother or sister? Could you share a treat with someone? Could you raise some money for a local charity? Could you send a note to someone to let them know that they are loved?



Closing prayer Lord Jesus, you are always ready to make time for others, especially those who come to you with worries or troubles. Thank you for your love and goodness, and help me remember to make time to spend alone with you. Amen.

RCIA

Please pray for Heidi McAleese, Guita Rameschandra, Stephen Nolan, Katerina Turitto, Jamie Harle and Louisa Genco, adults who are currently preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Under normal circumstances they would be going to Arundel Cathedral next weekend for the Rite of Election. Sadly, this year, this is not going ahead.



DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON INVITED - LENT 2021 THE MISSION BEGINS: MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY



The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's Invitation to live your life with him.

What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like-minded people and discuss what you have learnt.

Each Monday during Lent an episode of Invited will be premiered on the diocesan website and across their social media channels. This episode will contain teaching and testimony on a particular aspect of that week's theme, with time for prayer and reflection. The episode will then be available on the Diocesan Website throughout the week if you were unable to watch on Monday.

Each Thursday 7.30pm to 8.45pm the content from Monday's episode will be explored during a virtual meeting on Zoom, while reflecting on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Not only will this give people a chance to prepare more prayerfully for Mass, but it will give an opportunity for the diocesan-wide mission to be linked to everyday parish life. To find out more about Invited or to sign up for the Zoom sessions, visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited. There is no need to register if you would like to watch the weekly episodes but not join the Zoom Meetings.

A worship song has been specially commissioned for the mission, and has been composed and recorded by One Hope Project, a wonderful Catholic Worship Band. You can find the Invited theme on YouTube <https://youtu.be/-43A-X6aOcw> together with an accompanying video.

If you are unable to access the material for this on-line and would like to receive it in printed form, please contact Mark on 07981 374117 as soon as possible. Mark will then arrange material to be available to you. If you cannot join the Diocesan Zoom Meetings on Thursday evenings then why not organise a Zoom Meeting with your family/friends to talk about the Monday presentations and consider the questions posed.

You, are Invited.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND

On this weekend there would usually be a collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Under the current circumstances, however, the collection has been delayed until later in the year.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine is seeking contributions for the Easter edition. Of particular interest for this issue are the life and deeds of St. Joseph, as the Holy Father proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph" from December 8th, 2020 to December 8th, 2021, in order to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We also welcome stories, comments, letters, reflective accounts, prayers or photos. These can be sent via the church office for "the attention of the editor" or alternatively to zjlightfoot@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is 10th March.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

At this time of year we would normally be asking envelope donors to indicate whether or not they require a new batch. However, given that the usage of these has significantly declined, in line with mass attendance, in recent times, I would be grateful if you would please let me know only should you need them.

The preferred method of donating is by monthly Standing Order as this ensures a regular income for the parish and saves you having to use cash. To set this up please go to the **Donate page on the parish website www.st-dunstans.org**, print and complete the Standing Order form and send the original, signed copy to me at: 6, Golf Close, Woking, GU22 8PE. Alternatively, this can be returned via the parish office in an envelope with my name on please. Copies of these forms are also available on the table next to the office in the narthex. The donation sum shown on the Standing Order can be increased, reduced or cancelled by you direct with your bank at any time.

Please contact me should you have any queries on the above. Many thanks for helping parish finances remain in good health by being a GiftAid donor. Best Wishes, Ian White, Parish Gift Aid Organiser ianwh236@gmail.com : 01932 340747.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP

The Grandparents Group would like to try a Zoom meeting get together. If you don't have your own internet access maybe a family bubble member could help you? We would love to hear from you and let you know of future dates planned for the group in our diocese. Best wishes Sue and Ray rayandsuegrimmer@gmail.com.

ST DUNSTAN'S SVP

If you are lonely or have other concerns and need help, we can be contacted by leaving a message on our mobile 07947 714139.



FROM RAINBOWS TO READING

To celebrate World Book Day, St Dunstan's Primary School would like to invite parishioners to display children's books in their windows ready for a book hunt.

Please do this at your earliest convenience, so we can spread the joy of reading within our St Dunstan's community and beyond!

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL OFFICE ASSISTANT VACANCY (PART TIME)

The school is currently advertising for the following vacancy:

School office Assistant – Monday and Tuesdays: 8.30am – 12.00pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8.30am – 3.45pm (with 1 hour unpaid lunch break)

Surrey Pay Grade 3 – (starting point dependent on relevant experience): £11,141.06 – £11,937.12 (actual salary)

Closing date for applications: Friday 26th February 2021

Start date: Monday 19th April 2021 (at the latest)

Term time only plus 5 Inset days, plus one day before the beginning of new academic school year.

Application forms and job description are available to download on the school website under vacancies or through the eteach website. Alternatively please contact the Headteacher's PA Mrs A. Murray at amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk.

St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its care and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure and sign the Catholic Education Service contract of employment.



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ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL ENTRY 2022/23 - SIGNING IN AT MASS

Signing in at Mass for those seeking entry to St Dunstan's school in 2022 is not currently available. Please do not contact the Parish Office but see the note below which explains the position. If signing-in becomes available, this will be announced in the newsletter.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022/23 ADMISSIONS

St Dunstan's School will, as is normally the case, require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be prepared as part of the application process for school entry in September 2022. Normally there would be "Mass sign in sheets" available on Sundays during calendar year 2021 to help the Priests of the Parish sign the SIFs. Due to the pandemic the sign in sheets will not be available for at least the earlier part of calendar 2021. This position will be kept under review. Until then St Dunstan's Parish has adopted the position of Parishes throughout the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton which is summarised as follows:

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

IF YOU COULD ASK ANY QUESTION ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

The diocesan Vocations Team is organising a new series of online talks on this subject to take place later in the year. We're asking everyone around the diocese to submit questions they would like to ask a panel of priests about their vocation, the Church's teaching on priesthood, the life of parish ministry - anything! Please e-mail your burning questions to tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org.uk by Thursday 11th March and the best ones will be picked to be answered in the talks. Please keep vocations in your prayers, too: we need more priests!

THE OPEN CLOISTER - WORTH ABBEY

There are the following upcoming online events:

Finding Silence 2: The Prayer of Meditation (online day retreat)

Saturday 20th February – 9am-4:30pm. Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB (a monk of Worth Abbey).

The Lent Journey: (online weekend retreat)

26th-28th February. Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB.

Places can be booked online at worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats.

HOME START - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To offer practical & emotional support to local families who are struggling with the challenges that parenting young children can bring (routines, multiple birth, disability, post natal depression, isolation or lack of a parenting role model in their lives).

If you have parenting experience and 2-3 hours a week to spare, contact Home-Start Runnymede & Woking on 01483 740367, email info@homestartraw.org or visit www.homestartraw.org for more information.



Our next preparation course for new volunteers starts mid March via Zoom.

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