

# ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

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*May 2nd 2021*

***Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B***

## **SATURDAYS MAY 1st, 8th and 15th - NO ROSARY OR ADORATION**

There will be no Rosary or Adoration after Mass on Saturday for the next three weeks: May 1st, 8th and 15th, because children will be celebrating their First Reconciliation.

## **ADORATION - MONDAY MAY 3rd**

Monday May 3rd is a Bank Holiday, and so Adoration will finish at the end of the Rosary.

## **ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH CLOSED THURSDAY MAY 6th - LOCAL ELECTIONS**

On Thursday May 6th St Dunstan's Church will be used as a Polling Station for the local elections. We are sorry that **the church will have to be closed to parishioners all day**, and Mass will be Livestreamed only.

## **BOOKING FOR MASS - SUNDAY MAY 9th**

If you would like to come to Mass at either 9.00 or 10.30 am next Sunday – 9th May – please consider whether you could come to the Saturday or Sunday evening Masses instead. There is still spare capacity at both of these Masses.

If you wish to attend either the 9.00 or 10.30 am Mass then you must book in advance. This can be done by clicking on [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-morning-masses-tickets-152496030733](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-morning-masses-tickets-152496030733). Bookings for each Sunday will open at about 7.00 pm on the previous Sunday evening and close at 4.00 pm on the Friday so that the lists can be printed for the Sunday. If you know of someone who would like to come to the Sunday morning Masses but cannot book online then please offer to book a place for them. If you do book and then cannot come, please cancel your ticket so that you do not prevent someone else from attending. You can do this by going to your email confirmation and click on "view and manage your order online" and then click on "cancel order". We all hope and pray that these measures will be short-lived but until that time when sufficient restrictions have been lifted we must do what is necessary to follow the law and guidelines in place.

## **THE MONTH OF MAY - A TIME OF PRAYER FOR THE ENDING OF THE PANDEMIC**

Pope Francis has invited Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including the Shrine at Walsingham, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham has been selected to start the month of prayer on Saturday May 1st. The recitation of the rosary will be live streamed from Walsingham so that Pope Francis can join in live. The Walsingham Intention is for those who have died from the pandemic across the world. The broadcast will be streamed on the Walsingham Facebook page and their You Tube channel. To find out more visit [www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/04/26/pope-francis-to-join-walsingham-in-pandemic-prayers/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/04/26/pope-francis-to-join-walsingham-in-pandemic-prayers/).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE  
SOULS OF

**John Dennis RIP,**

**Sue Dring RIP** (mother of Fr Kevin) and

**Gina Festa RIP** (mother of Patricia Crossley).

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,*

*May they rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK  
especially for **those whose names are on our  
prayer board.**

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 1, Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year B

### **Saturday 1st May, Saturday of the fourth week of Eastertide**

10.00 am *In Thanksgiving, from Cathy Emerson*

#### **No Rosary or Adoration**

6.00 pm *Marie Edwards RIP*

7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

### **Sunday 2nd May, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am *The Hays family*

10.30 am *For Vocations*

12 noon Mass in Italian

5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

### **Monday 3rd May, Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

10.00 am *Brendan Drohan RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

### **Tuesday 4th May, The English Martyrs, Feast**

10.00 am *Louisa Witham*

Rosary and Adoration

### **Wednesday 5th May, Wednesday of the fifth week of Eastertide**

10.00 am *Eileen Hobbs RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

***The Church will be closed today for Council Elections, but Mass will be Livestreamed***

### **Thursday 6th May, Thursday of the fifth week of Eastertide**

10.00 am *Brendan McKinley*

Rosary and Adoration

### **Friday 7th May, Friday of the fifth week of Eastertide**

10.00 am *Mr and Mrs Victor Neal*

Rosary and Adoration

### **Saturday 8th May, Saturday of the fifth week of Eastertide**

10.00 am *Liz Horne RIP*

#### **No Rosary or Adoration**

6.00 pm *The Intentions of the Armstrong family*

7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

### **Sunday 9th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am *Frank and Maura Crawshaw RIP*

10.30 am *Dawn Bullock RIP*

12 noon Mass in Italian

5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

All services will be Live Streamed at [st-dunstans.org/streaming](http://st-dunstans.org/streaming)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By appointment only.

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](http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html)

**READINGS FOR MAY 2nd 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B**

**Acts 9:26-31**

Not surprisingly the disciples (the young Church) are slow to trust Saul. We're told that Barnabas stepped in and introduced Saul to the apostles and he then started to go around with them (which no doubt gave him credibility) and eased his acceptance into the community. But Saul runs into difficulty and under threat of death "the brothers... sent him off to Tarsus."

**Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32**

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**1 John 3:18-24**

We are already the children of God – with the emphasis on "already" – but there is still more to come. God will not be out-done in wild and lavish generosity.

**John 15:1-8**

The vine and the branches is quite a startling image. It presents an image of the Church that is both dying and rising to new life, continuously: "every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away... every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more." But, and this is critical, all this cutting and pruning, painful as it may be, is not random – it's the work of the vinedresser.

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**Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97:1-4; 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17.

**CHILDREN**

**We are the branches and Jesus is the vine**

**Reflection**

A gardener's job is to make sure that the plants which he or she tends are healthy and strong. One way they can do this is by pruning. ('Pruning' means cutting away any damaged or weak stems or branches of a plant or tree. It encourages new growth by making the other buds and shoots grow strong and healthy). Good pruning encourages good fruit production.

Jesus uses the story of the vine to explain that we are all part of him. It is through Jesus that we have life, and through the work of his Father 'the gardener' that we flourish and grow strong. He 'prunes' away the things in our lives that stop us from growing strong in faith and love. By being kind and loving, ready to forgive and honest and generous, the fruits of His love are there for all to see.

**Activity**

Draw a tree on a sheet of paper. Write 'Jesus is the vine' on the trunk. Add a twig or small sticks, using sticky tape. Add the caption, 'We are the branches.' Then add some drawings of fruit to your picture with the caption: God's love.

**Closing prayer**

We pray for the Church  
and all who follow Christ;  
may we bear the fruits  
of His love in our lives,  
Amen.



## **ST HUGH OF LINCOLN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Reception Entry, September 2021**

Unusually, due to the low birth rate in Knaphill, St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School (a feeder school for SJB) have availability in their reception class for children starting school in September 2021. The school would encourage any families who are interested in joining the school to contact the school office, either by emailing [info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) or by calling 01483 480441. Mrs Harper, the Headteacher, would be very happy to meet with any prospective parents, to show them around the school and answer any questions they may have.

### **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL - FOUNDATION GOVERNORS**

St John the Baptist School is seeking additional Foundation Governors to join our local governing committee. A Foundation Governor is appointed by the Bishop to represent his education policy in the school and to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school. All our governors are drawn from the local community, i.e. the parishes that make up the Woking Deanery which consist of Woking; West Byfleet; Knaphill; Frimley; Camberley and Camberley North with Bagshot. As these parishes have such diverse nationalities and ethnicities amongst their parishioners, we would be especially delighted to hear from people of all ethnic backgrounds, as we are currently looking to increase representation from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. No experience is necessary to become a governor as training will be provided but you must be a practicing Catholic, have an interest in the education of our children, a willingness to support the school at every opportunity and a commitment to attend the three Full Governors' Meetings per year, along with occasional sub-committee meetings. If you are interested in this opportunity, or wish to find out some more information, please get in contact with Ruth Egan, Chair of Governors, or James Granville Hamshar, Headteacher via the email addresses below. We very much look forward to hearing from you. [R.Egan@sjb.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:R.Egan@sjb.surrey.sch.uk) or [j.granville-hamshar@sjb.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:j.granville-hamshar@sjb.surrey.sch.uk).

### **THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION**

The Catenians is an association of Catholic men who are committed to Faith, Family and Friendship. We support the Catholic Church, young people and those in need. The Woking and District Circle is a vibrant and active part of our parish and aims to provide support to our priests, our parish, our schools and those in need. We would like to extend an invitation to all men in our parish to get in touch and find out more about our Circle which provides opportunities to make new friends, develop social bonds and support those less fortunate than ourselves. Please let us know should you like to know more by contacting Leon Caszo our Membership Secretary at [ljaszo@hotmail.com](mailto:ljaszo@hotmail.com) or on 01483 770587.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

For those who are struggling with bereavement or loss and feel it would help to have someone to talk to, our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people. Please contact Fr Peter if you would like to speak to one of the team. To find out more about Bereavement Support please contact the Marriage and Family Life Project Officer: 01293 651155, [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).

### **ONLINE RETREATS: THE OPEN CLOISTER @ WORTH ABBEY**

#### **Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream'**

##### **Led by Austen Ivereigh**

The retreat will take two recent texts by Pope Francis that lay out a vision of a post-pandemic future in which fraternity, rather than individualism, can be the organising principle of our world. Let Us Dream, which came out in December 2020, is the first ever book by a pope in response to a crisis. In it, Francis offers us a three-step way of changing so that we emerge better from the pandemic: by learning to contemplate, discern and take action. Fratelli Tutti ('Brothers and Sisters All') is the title of Pope Francis' October, 2020 encyclical letter on human fraternity and social friendship.

#### **Saturday 5th June: The Wisdom of St Benedict – Fr Martin McGee**

Three talks exploring the riches of St Benedict's rule which seeks to help us live out the Christian life in all its fullness.

For further information and to book your place online please visit [worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats). For enquiries please email: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk).

## **CALLING ALL PARENTS AND THOSE SUPPORTING FAMILIES ON THE ADVENTURE OF FAITH**

The Colour and Shape Online community is a new way to resource, inspire, and connect families looking for support as they accompany their children on their own faith journey. Together we are exploring how to live a joy-filled life of faith that creates sacred space in the home and celebrates the liturgical seasons of the church creatively and sustainably. But it's not just for parents! The network is for all those supporting families and gathers together grandparents, godparents, teachers, youth workers, clergy, children's liturgy leaders, and catechists so that we can all inspire and learn from each other.

Throughout the year we run courses online (such as the 'Parenting for Faith' course) and beginning May 4th we will be starting 'The Prayer Course' (from 24/7 Prayer) – an eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer which discusses a wide variety of prayer practices and themes. There will be optional Zoom meetings on Thursday evenings, beginning May 6th, and all are welcome! Visit [www.colourandshapeonline.com](http://www.colourandshapeonline.com) to find out more about the community and to sign up. It's free and we can't wait to meet you!

### **WINTERSHALL**

#### **Walking the Parables of Jesus, 28th June - 3rd July**

Wintershall are unable to perform the Life of Christ this year but will instead be offering a new experience, Walking the Parables of Jesus from 28th June to 3rd July. There will be 5 Parable scenes with the audience walking from scene to scene. There will be limited numbers and this will allow more social distancing.

Schools will join them during the week, with adult groups and families invited for Friday 2nd July or Saturday 3rd July, who will be allocated into groups of a maximum of 60. There will be resources available to help you reflect on what the Parables might mean for us today, in our changing world.

Walking the Parables of Jesus can be booked on the Wintershall website at [www.wintershall.org.uk/](http://www.wintershall.org.uk/). Please book without delay as numbers are limited. Due to the nature of this event, walking from scene to scene, this is not suitable for audience members with limited mobility.

Wintershall are also looking for people to join their cast as an extra or to act as a guide. Please email [admin@wintershall.org.uk](mailto:admin@wintershall.org.uk) if you can help.

### **HOSPITALITY TEAM MEMBER APPRENTICES**

#### **Neat2Eat CIC - FoodWise**

There are two openings for a Hospitality Team Member Apprentice at Cafés run by Neat2Eat, one in Guildford, and one in Westfield. For more information visit [www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk) and search for jobs in 'Guildford, Surrey' with the employer 'Neat2Eat'.

### **ORIGIN BOOKSHOP, CHRIST CHURCH, WOKING**

Origin Bookshop at Christ Church Woking is open – 10.00 am-4.00 pm, Monday to Saturday. We need your second-hand or unwanted general children's books please. Please hand your pre-loved books in to the Bookshop. Thank you.

### **RETRouvaille**

#### **Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages**

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 1st -4th July 2021 Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443. Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

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