

## ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, WOKING NEWSLETTER

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**March 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, Fourth 'Lætare' Sunday of Lent**

### BECOMING LIGHT

This Sunday we hear one of the key Gospel images for understanding what it means to come to faith in Jesus Christ: it is like being cured of a blindness! The story (Jn 9:1-41) operates on three different levels. It recalls a specific incident during Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem. It encourages members of the evangelist's own community in a time of persecution. More than half-a-century after the original event, they now face being "expelled from the synagogue". Like the blind man's parents, they must decide whether or not to witness to the fact that it is Jesus who has given them new sight. Finally, John offers a challenge to all later readers: "What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?"

How would we answer that question? How would we summarise his message and his relevance to our day and age? Would we be any more courageous than the parents of the blind man in the story? And what is it that we can now "see" because of our faith in Jesus Christ and which we would not otherwise grasp?

While we are blessed with the richness of two thousand years of Christian Tradition to help us voice our faith, we also need to find our own words and actions to express the "something understood" that is given in a faith-filled encounter with Jesus. The light Christ brings needs to be seen in our own lives and struggles: in the way we speak to each other at home; in our engagement with world events such as the war in Ukraine or the global environmental crisis; in how we do domestic political debate and ensure the health of our own society.

Coming to faith is not simply about having a "light-bulb moment" when we see one more thing in our crowded Universe ("And, by the way, God exists"). Faith is about seeing everything and everyone differently – seeing the Cosmos as Creation and fellow creatures as our brothers and sisters, made in the image and likeness of God. The Letter to the Ephesians expresses well (in Eph 5:8-14) the difference believing in the Gospel needs to make to our behaviour: "the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth... anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light." And then Paul delivers his punchline: "Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Let's do that. Let's make our community a place where others also can find (and become) Gospel light. *Fr Rob*

### TO ALL OUR MUMS – THANK YOU!

Mothering Sunday was a Medieval festival when people visited their 'Mother Church' – either the place of their baptism or the local cathedral – on the Fourth ('Laetare') Sunday of Lent. It's secularised and commercialised revival as Mother's Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate the role of all the mothers and grandmothers in our community and to remember in prayer those who have gone to the Lord. We give thanks for the children you have borne and the love that you share in your families. May God bless you this day and always.

### LENT

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Wednesday at 10.00 am and every Sunday afternoon at 4.00 pm. There will be no stations of the cross on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>, or on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> when a Parish Reconciliation Service will be held at 7.30 pm. Recordings made last year of Stations of the Cross are available to watch at <https://st-dunstans.org/streaming/> under Featured Videos.

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 5.30 pm MASS

There will be refreshments after the Sunday 5.30 pm Mass this Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY – 31<sup>st</sup> JULY TO 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023 - LISBON, PORTUGAL

World Youth Day is an international event for young Catholics (aged 18-35) from all over the World and a group from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton will be travelling to Lisbon this summer. If there are any parishioners who would be interested in joining the group, there is more information at [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/experience-the-adventure-of-a-lifetime-this-world-youth-day](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/experience-the-adventure-of-a-lifetime-this-world-youth-day). Support with the cost of the trip is available from the parish, so if you are interested in joining the trip, please contact the parish office at [woking@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:woking@abdiocese.org.uk). The deadline for booking is March 31st.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF  
**Walter Mazuruk RIP.**  
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
May he rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially  
for **David Humfrey.**

## COME TO OUR LIVE SIMPLY KICK-OFF, 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 28TH MARCH!



There is still time to sign up for the LiveSimply journey and help move our Parish towards a better and more sustainable future.

E-mail your enquiry to the parish office or add your name to the forms - provided in the Narthex after all Masses - and then join us at 7.30pm on 28th March. We are holding a facilitated workshop to take the first step in our parish audit which will inform our planning for Live Simply. Your thoughts and contributions are the key to our success!

If you have already signed up, you will have received a personal invitation.

Thank you for your support, *The Cafod LiveSimply Team*.

For more information about the LiveSimply Award visit [cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award](http://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award). If you would like to view The Letter: Laudato Si Film, here is the link [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII).

### COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

Many thanks to everyone who has offered feedback on the permission given by the English & Welsh Bishops to recommence distribution of holy communion under both kinds beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. We are now consulting with our Ministers of Communion to hear their reflections. If we do follow the Bishops' lead it goes without saying that receiving from the chalice will be optional. Those with poor health would be wise to abstain. Those with cold symptoms, cold sores or other infections spread by contagion should abstain. But the general consensus seems to be that aerosol transmission is the most common way in which Covid-19 is passed on. Further feedback is welcome via the parish office.

### GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS

Everybody is invited - all ages - to attend the Act of Witness in Woking town centre on Good Friday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> April. The event starts at 11.00 am with a procession from Boots in Commercial Way followed, in Jubilee Square, by a Good Friday themed event including mime, song, reflections and prayer. Do come and join with other Christians in this important witness and testimony to our Faith to the people of Woking.

#### Help Needed

Volunteers are urgently needed to help set up early on Good Friday morning (from 7.00 am onwards) and pack up afterwards. We also need stewards to help during the event; (10.15 a.m. briefing on the day). If you are able to help with set-up, please contact Mark Potter: 07981 374117 or [potwok@aol.com](mailto:potwok@aol.com). If you can help with stewarding, please contact Nicole Ribet 07976 679908 or [nicolemribet@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemribet@gmail.com). Thank you.

### SJB LENTEN FUNDRAISING

Some students from SJB will be selling cakes and other goodies after the 9.00 am and 10:30 am Masses this Sunday (March 19<sup>th</sup>) to raise money for the SJB Lenten charities. Why not buy a treat for Mother's Day?



### FILM CLUB – TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2.00 pm

The film to be shown by the SVP in the Function Room is Belfast. This semi-autobiographical movie, released in 2022 and directed by Kenneth Branagh, depicts life during the early years of The Troubles.

### CATHOLIC UNION RELIGION IN THE WORKPLACE SURVEY

The Catholic Union has launched a survey on people's experiences and attitudes towards faith in the workplace in response to a new inquiry into human rights at work from the UK Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights. The results of the survey will be used as the basis for written evidence for this committee submitted by the Catholic Union. Please consider answering the survey which can be found at <https://forms.gle/VhkVDhdRJeRBFMxD8>.

### JUMBULANCE ACCESSIBLE HOLIDAY

There are up to 20 spaces available for a five day holiday to Church Barns, Norfolk, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May offering daily planned trips and disabled friendly accommodation. £570 per person, although financial support might be available. For more information please email [sussexjumbulance@gmail.com](mailto:sussexjumbulance@gmail.com) or phone 07889 761 987.



## ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

### St Dunstan's School – School Caretaker

*Start Date:* Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023, *Hours required:* 6.30am – 6pm, 36 hours per week (52 weeks per year) or a job share.

For full details and an application form please visit [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com) and search for St Dunstan's School, visit [www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Vacancies.html](http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Vacancies.html) or contact the Premises Manager, Mrs S. Saul: email [premises@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:premises@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk) or tel: 01483 715190. For application form/admin queries, please contact the school Bursar: Mrs C. Turner by email: [admin@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk) or tel: 01483 715190.

*Closing date for applications:* Wednesday 22nd March 2023

### St Dunstan's School Full Time Class Teacher – September 2023

*Start Date:* 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

For full details please visit [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com) and search for St Dunstan's School. Please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs A. Murray by email: [amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk) or tel: 01483 715190 (option 3) with administrative questions or contact our Head of School, Mrs Morganti for other job-related questions: [headofschool@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:headofschool@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk).

*Closing date for applications:* 24th March 2023.

### St Dunstan's School Teaching Assistant Vacancy

*Start Date:* Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (or as soon as possible after that date), 8.40am – 1.10pm Monday to Friday for 38.6 weeks per year (to include 3 Inset days); 22 hours 30 minutes per week.

For full details please visit [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com) and search for St Dunstan's School. Please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs A. Murray by email: [amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk) or tel: 01483 715190 (option 3) with administrative questions or contact our Head of School, Mrs Morganti for other job-related questions: [headofschool@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:headofschool@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk).

*Closing date for applications:* Friday 24th March 2023.

*Interviews to take place on:* Wednesday 29th March 2023.

**Application forms are available to download from the school's website: [www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Vacancies.html](http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Vacancies.html)**

*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 or currently hold an enhanced DBS disclosure.*

### WEBINAR FOR POTENTIAL HOMES FOR UKRAINE HOSTS

SJOG Homes for Ukraine provide online training for hosts and guests, transfer from the Polish-Ukrainian border, a welcome box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, a multilingual team to support the needs of both parties, and thoroughly developed resources for both hosts and guests to help navigate the process. Additionally, they ensure support from local communities to make the experience as seamless and fulfilling as possible. They will be holding a webinar for UK residents interested in hosting a Ukrainian guest or family under the Homes for Ukraine scheme on Wednesday, March 29th, at 7 pm. You can find more details about the event <https://fb.me/e/N9EtGqhe>.

### ST HUGH OF LINCOLN CHURCH – MASS TIMES

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday of the Third Week in Lent

6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Denis and Helen Naughton-Emerald Wedding Anniversary*

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Fourth 'Lætare' Sunday of Lent

9.30 am Mass *People of the Parish*

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

10.00 am Mass *Intentions for Olive Summerville*

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent

7.00 pm Mass *Alice Connors RIP*

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity

6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Suzie and Geoff Lintell RIP*

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30 am Mass *People of the Parish*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturdays 5.15 – 5.45 pm**

## ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH - MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer at 9.45 am, Mon – Sat, Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 1, Fourth Week of Lent;  
Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year A

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday of the Third Week in Lent

10.00 am	Mass	<i>Katherine Riley, Birthday</i>	Rosary
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Frances Marczewski RIP</i>	
7.15 pm	Mass in Portuguese		

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Fourth 'Lætare' Sunday of Lent

9.00 am	Mass	<i>Sheila Rickard RIP</i>	
10.30 am	Mass	<i>Ray and Sue Grimmer</i>	
12.00 noon	Mass in Italian		
4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross		
5.30 pm	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>	

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

10.00 am	Mass	<i>Sean Flaherty RIP</i>	Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm
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### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Lent

10.00 am	Mass	<i>Rev Joseph Livesay</i>	Rosary
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### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent

#### No Morning Mass

10.00 am	Stations of the Cross		
1.00 pm	Requiem Mass for Gareth Barnbrook RIP		
7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross in Italian		

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Thursday of the Fourth Week in Lent

10.00 am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>	Rosary
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### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Friday of the Fourth Week in Lent

10.00 am	Mass	<i>Patrick Craig Waller RIP</i>	Rosary
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### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity

10.00 am	Mass	<i>Linda Lupton RIP</i>	Rosary
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>	
7.15 pm	Mass in Portuguese		

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.00 am	Mass	<i>Richard Williams RIP</i>	
10.30 am	Mass	<i>Paul Espitalier-Noël RIP</i>	
12.00 noon	Mass in Italian		
4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross		
5.30 pm	Mass	<i>St-John Richardson</i>	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** After the 10.00 am Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for last Sunday's Offertory collection of £4,771.06 (the cash offertory, contactless donations and average standing orders). Please consider setting up a monthly standing order and adding a further 25% via GiftAid at no cost to you if you are a UK taxpayer. The forms for this are available on the GiftAid table in the narthex and on the parish website. Thank you also for your donations to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund of £721.41, to the Cafod Fast Day of £1,599.44 and £550.77 for Leprosy on World Leprosy Day.