Dear Friends,

Last Sunday before Mass at my parents home my cousin’s daughter wanted to know about the vestments I was about to put on. Even my brother was amazed at their meaning, every thing we use or do in the church has a deeper meaning to explain the faith without speaking. Vestments have been used since the early days of the Church even the priests of the Old Testament wore vestments and officials in the Graeco-Roman would use similar clothes to show their authority. Over time the Church has refined why, when and who wears these sacred clothes for the Lord’s work, which basically remains the same today. For the celebration of Holy Mass, the priest wears the amice, alb, cincture, maniple, stole, and chasuble. The Priest hides his personality so Christ can work through him. The fabrics used should also be natural, linen, cotton, silk, and full of beauty. A vestment is part of the work of our hands which we give back in our worship to the Blessed Trinity.

1. The amice is a piece of white linen, rectangular in shape, with two long cloth ribbons. The priest places it around his neck, covering his clerical collar, and then ties it by the ribbons around his back, to the waist and tying them in a bow. The practical purpose of the amice is to absorb any sweat. The spiritual purpose is to remind the priest that he is a soldier in battle to fight all evil. St. Paul says: “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, the Word of God”.

2. The alb is a long, white garment, that was once a common outer garment. The Spiritual purpose reminds us of our baptism, the day we were clothed in white which signifies freedom from sin, Holy purity and dignity that we have in Christ. The book of Revelation reminds us of heaven where the saints “who have survived the great period of trial; who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (7:14). It also reminds the priest to offer the Mass with purity of body, heart and soul, and with the dignity befitting Christ’s priesthood. The explanation of the other vestments will come over the next few weeks.

Much love and prayers, Fr Gerard.
Please continue your prayers for Fr Gerard’s return to full health.

**Prayers and Help for the Sick and the Housebound:** We offer our prayers for all the sick and the housebound. Additionally, many people are in desperate need of food, clothing and shelter. Please remember in your prayers all these people, and assist by your generous contributions to all our Parish charity events.

**Please pray for the Recently Deceased** Miss Carol Hills, Mrs Elizabeth Sawyer, Mrs Maureen Stanley and Mr David Haseldine.

**Petitions for Our Lady of Lourdes:** Please place your Petitions in a sealed envelope and post them into the Priest’s House by **Monday 22nd July**. Fr. Dominic will put them in the Grotto on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Parish Office Restructure**
The Parish Office will be manned by members of the Parish Finance Committee. The temporary schedule is: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm.

If you wish to contact us at any time, please use this temporary email: sthughoflincoln.office@gmail.com

In case of emergency, please contact St Dunstan’s Parish on 01483 760652.

It is our intention to maintain these arrangements over the summer, during which time the new Office Manager post will be advertised.

**Thank you** to all who supported the **Summer Fayre**, despite the weather! There is still some income and expenses to go through so a final figure is still not known. However, there is a list of prizewinners in the narthex and school porch - were you one of the lucky winners?

**Knaphill Village Show – Saturday 20th July**
We will be having a stall at the Knaphill Village Show again this year. The Show will be held at Mizens Miniature Railway, Barrs Lane, Knaphill on Saturday, 20th July from 1.00-5.00pm and will be a fun day for all the family. This year on our stall we will have some simple outdoor games for young children to amuse themselves with and a selection of CTS leaflets on the Catholic Faith for anyone interested. If you are able to help on the day either setting up, clearing-up or on the stall itself for an hour or so it would be most appreciated, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For further details please contact Roger at rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com (01483 481944).

**Parish Parking** - Please be considerate to our neighbours and avoid Double parking and blocking drives. Do think about walking or parking in the village car park, Double parking prevents the emergency services getting through to someone in need.
See the Posters at the back of the Church for information relating to Events in 2019 below and many more……

13th & 14th Jul: Catholic Charismatic Event Serving the Church - Brighton
Sat 20th Jul: Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration - West Grinstead
Sun 21st Jul: National Grandparents Pilgrimage at our Lady in Walsingham
26th Aug: Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland-Contact Patricia on 07740175557
Jul to Aug: Upcoming Retreats - Worth Abbey The Open Cloister
Jul - Dec: A Day with Mary - More details on www.adaywithmary.org

The governors of St Hugh of Lincoln School are looking to appoint playworkers for their Breakfast Club and their After-School Club, opening this September. Successful applicants will work term-time only, Monday to Friday. Breakfast Club playworkers will work from 7.45am-8.45am, and after-school playworkers from 3.00pm-6.00pm. Please see the school website for further information and application forms: http://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/

Parish Project Ahotokurom Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre, Ghana: The latest newsletter is now available at https://www.ahoto.org/newsletters. Do have a look and follow the great work that is being carried out at the Centre.

Church Cleaning and Sunday Coffee rotas are about to be updated and we would love to include new members. If you would like to know more about joining either rota, contact Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com or Helen, Hall Administrator on 01483 475922.

Care Mass - The next Mass will take place at St Hugh’s on Sunday 21st July at 4.00pm. Adults/children with physical/learning disabilities and their families and carers are very welcome. Also, we would love the sick and the homebound to join us; if you need transport please contact Anne on 01483 480677 asap.
If you would like to prepare a bidding prayer to be read at Mass, please bring it with you. All very welcome to come and celebrate with us and join us for refreshments afterwards.

Anniversaries Mass 2019: Saturday 12th October, Arundel Cathedral, with Bishop Richard for couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Booking essential. For an invitation please contact Rosie Read at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk or 01293 651161.

St Hugh’s Baby & Toddler Group
Fridays at 10am, Parish Hall. Toys, Craft & snack. £1 per child.
IMPORTANT DATES

Sat 20 Jul Knaphill Village Show at Mizens Farm 1.00 - 5pm; St Hugh’s will be running a stall
Sun 21 Jul Care Mass at 4pm followed by refreshments in the Parish hall
Thu 25 Jul Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes till 2nd August
Thu 15 Aug Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr Gerard will celebrate Masses at his Parents’ Home

Intentions Requested By
Wed 17 Jul In celebration of the life of Robert Doneux Peter Doneux
Fri 19 Jul Wally Lock RIP Maureen Lock

Liturgy Times & Mass Intentions

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th July 2019

Sat 13 6.30pm Vigil Mass 50th Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Rodrick & Maureen O’Connor
Sun 14 9.30am Morning Mass For the People of the Parish
Sun 14 11.30am Morning Mass Therese Davis RIP
Tue 16 10am Our lady of Mount Carmel ++++
Mass at St Dunstan’s at 10am on Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th & Friday 19th July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st July 2019

Sat 20 6.30pm Vigil Mass James and Edith Moore RIP
Sun 21 9.30am Morning Mass For the People of the Parish
Sun 21 11.30am Morning Mass Therese Davis RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders)
last weekend: £1,184.14. Many thanks.