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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER - 8th September 2019 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. In this coming week we have the feast of the Triumph of Holy Cross and the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Both days help us to grow in love and understanding of Jesus and Mary. He is our Redeemer, who we worship and adore; She is His first disciple and our example for being a Christian. In 629 AD the True Cross was found by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, she discovered the True Cross in Jerusalem. Later the Persians captured it and only returned it after Heraclius defeated the Persian King Khosrau II. The emperor returned it to Jerusalem, and this feast recalls that event. As he approached the holy city, dressed in robes and festooned with jewels, the emperor found himself unable to process further until Zacharias, Patriarch of Jerusalem, told Heraclius to humble himself by removing his imperial regalia and proceeding as a barefoot pilgrim.

But it really helps us to see Christ's triumph over death, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" Jn 12:32. It includes both triumph and sorrow since Jesus suffers His passion and also triumphs over sin and death. The Book of Numbers (21:4b-9), recalls the story of Moses and the bronze Seraph, raised on a Pole - when the people of Israel, who had been grumbling against God for their sufferings, looked up to the serpent, they were healed of the serpent bites God had sent to afflict them. Let us too Behold the wood of Cross!

We then remember the sorrows of Our Lady. "Blessed are you, O Blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord." It's always been a very popular Devotion. Pope St. Pius X moved it to September 15 in 1913. The Servite Order gave us the Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows to encourage meditation on the seven sorrows in her life; they also had a Convent here in Knaphill. In art, Our Lady of Sorrows is depicted in three ways: as the Stabat Mater, standing by the cross; in the Pietà as an object of pity most famously in Michelangelo's sculpture and as the Mater Dolorosa, Mother of Sorrows, with seven (sorrows) swords piercing her Immaculate Heart. The Stabat Mater sequence, also sung at Stations of the Cross, has been set to music by many composers; my favourite is by Pergolesi. Even when we mourn and weep, may Our Lady help us and may we "glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered". (Galatians 6:14).

Through Jesus and Mary, Fr Gerard

Please continue your prayers for **Fr Gerard's** return to full health. Also, please keep in your prayers; **Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Fr Martin Jakubas and Canon Brendan McCarthy**, previous Parish Priests of St Hughs' Knaphill, who are also in need of our prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Ann Cross.

Her funeral service will take place on Thursday 12th September at 2.00pm at Woking Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

Temporary Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be manned by members of the Parish Finance Committee on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm, each week.

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.

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton wishes to recruit a highly motivated Office Manager to work on a part time basis in the Parish Office.

The hours of work are currently 6 hours a day from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

As Office Manager you will be experienced and articulate with excellent secretarial and organisational skills. You will take a proactive role as Office Manager to the Parish Priest, Deacon and committee heads (such as the Finance Committee), manage a busy diary, arrange travel, produce a range of documents and be totally confidential and able to communicate effectively at all levels.

Salary: circa £25,480 full time equivalent (£14 per hour)

28 days holiday (including bank holidays) on a pro rata basis.

The Diocese operates a Qualifying Workplace Pension scheme in line with auto-enrolment legislation.

For further information and/or an Application Pack, please contact:

The Parish Office, St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, 95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2AA or email: sthughoflincoln.office@gmail.com.

Closing date Friday 27th September 2019 at noon.

The Diocese is an equal opportunities employer.

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.

St Hugh's Baby & Toddler Group: Fridays at 10am, Parish Hall. £1 per child.

Dates for your Diary:

Thu 12 Sep RCIA, first meeting in the Parish Hall from 8.00 to 9.30pm.
Sat 14 Sep Fr Gerard returns to Parish. Mass at 11.15am, preceded by Adoration & Confessions and the **Vigil Mass will be at 6.00pm**
Mon 16 Sep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.50am & Mass at 12noon
Tue 17 Sep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.50am & Mass at 12noon
Thu 19 Sep Luncheon Club, Parish Hall, 11.15am - 1.15pm
Thu 19 Sep Latin Mass in Church at 7.00pm
Fri 20 Sep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.50am & Mass at 12noon
Sat 21 Sep Stewardship Sunday will be held in the hall after 6.00pm Mass.
Sun 22 Sep Stewardship Sunday will be held in the hall after both Masses.
Sun 13 Oct Care Mass at St Dunstan's, Woking, at 3.00pm

Parish Safeguarding Contact: Mobile - 07914030250

Email - sthugh.safeguarding@virginmedia.com

First Holy Communion Programme 2019/2020

Registration for the 2019/2020 First Holy Communion Programme is now open.

Further information and the registration forms are available on the parish website under the "Children" tab, or in hard copy in the narthex.

For further information please contact Hilton Leslie on 07900 246719 or you can email him at sthugh.fhc@gmail.com."

Meeting for those interested in the Catholic faith

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith then please come to the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meetings, the first of which is taking place on **Thursday 12th September** in the Parish Hall from 8.00 to 9.30pm.

St John The Baptist School - 50th Anniversary Celebrations Day

To all current & former students, teachers, parents and governors of SJB!

Please come and help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary! on **Saturday 21st September from 11.00am to 3.30pm**. Starting with a liturgy and blessing, continuing with music concerts, sports demo matches, archive photo exhibition, school tours and much, much more. Bouncy castles & face painting for the little ones, food and drink available (or bring a picnic).

Come and catch up with old friends and colleagues.

Worth Abbey Retreats

Silent Retreat: 16th - 19th September; Individual self-led retreat: 22nd - 24th October.

For further information or to book your place, contact the Bookings Secretary, Worth Abbey Retreats on 01342 710318 or email: toc@worth.org.uk

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be held in the hall after **all Masses over the weekend of 21st/22nd September**. An opportunity for us all to see how many groups there are in the parish and what they do. It is also an opportunity for you to get involved in parish life by perhaps joining a group.

Please pop in and meet fellow parishioners over a coffee.

Sunday 8th September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings

1st Reading: **Wisdom 9:13-18** Psalm: **89**

Psalm Response: **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

2nd Reading: **Philemon :9-10, 12-17** Gospel: **Luke 14:25-33**

Fr Gerard will celebrate Masses at his Parents' Home

Thu 5 Sep For the Recovery of Timmy Young - *Requested by Audrey Moss*

Fri 6 Sep Vocations to the Priesthood - *Requested by Mary Gilbert*

Sat 7 Sep For the Holy Souls - *Requested by Mary Gilbert*

LITURGY TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th September 2019

Sat 7 6.30pm Vigil Mass Jim Moore RIP

Sun 8 9.30am Morning Mass For the People of the Parish

Sun 8 11.30am Morning Mass Andy Higgins RIP

Weekday Mass at St Dunstan's at 10am on Monday 9th to Friday 13th September

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th September 2019

Sat 14 **6.00pm** Vigil Mass Ints Breege & Tommy Bolger & Family

Sun 15 9.30am Morning Mass Intentions of Fr Gerard

Sun 15 11.30am Morning Mass For the People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.45pm - 6.10pm on Saturdays

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) for week ending 25th August and 1st September are £1,059.51 and £1,095.23 respectively. Many thanks.



O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the grief you experienced and witnessed at the crucifixion and death of your Son, help me to open my eyes with compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender love for all those who suffer, to help me in times of grief, and that I may assist others in moments of sadness. So that I may seek the truth, in thought and deed that they may direct me towards the most desirable object to be with Jesus My Saviour and you my Mother in the heavenly Jerusalem.