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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER - 29th September 2019 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

As human beings we have many things that we just have to do, they are called Obligations.

If I had a cat I would have to feed it, if I were a parent, I would have to make sure my children are happy and healthy, and so on. Does it cost me? Yes! Is it always easy? No! As Catholics we have obligations. Are we forced into them by the Church? No. Is Jesus nagging at us to live our life in Him? No! Freedom is what He gives, the choice is ours, and we know the benefits of going His Way, which gives us endless, Hope, Love and Joy, which comes from knowing that we are His, and that He leads us to eternal life that is Faith. Baptism and the other Sacraments are not meal tickets to heaven. We have to work for that Salvation, and Sunday Mass helps us to set our hearts on fire. This obligation is foreshadowed in the Book of Exodus, God commanded the Israelites “to keep holy the sabbath day.”

- Catholics are obligated to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Catholics are obligated to rest (spiritually and physically) from labour on these same days.
- Catholics are obligated to receive Holy Communion once a year (Easter Duty).

So, it isn't that we have to receive Holy Communion every time we go to Mass, because not every Catholic is spiritually disposed to receive Communion. To receive Communion we must be in good standing with the Church, free from any impediments to receiving Communion (e.g. divorced and remarried without Church annulment), be baptized, and be in the state of grace, no unconfessed sins. It sounds harsh in a modern world, but it is the truth. The Church, and what She offers us is not a buffet to pick what you want and leave what you don't like.

Holy Mass is not the 'get out of jail' card because we fear hell (yes, we can go to hell). We have to fight with love and passion to make Jesus our all. We need the Mass, and we should go with love as without love it makes no sense. In Holy Mass we experience the joy of Christ and the necessity of being with others who believe as we all are taken to Calvary itself. Entering into the Sacred, receiving Our Lord from the mountain which is the Holy Eucharist, he gives us all the strength and sustenance to face the trials and challenges of life. We can all fall into legalism; being human and sinful; or suiting the Mass to our own wishes, I want my favourite hymn, Father is doing things I don't like etc.; but as we advance in the Christian life we have to progress beyond that. The Mass obligation is not about rules or getting our children into Catholic schools. What's the point? Yes, Mass can be dull, but we can change that by our Prayer, by making ourselves present, as we see Christ in the Mystery. Then the Mass will mean everything to us and express everything we believe. Lets treat it well, by being open to making it Holy. Let us worship, and live out the joy of our Lord's Resurrection. As St John Paul II says “Sunday becomes the soul of the other days, as we recall the first Christians who did everything to always be in the Lord's Day, and celebrate the perpetual Sunday”.

What can we do to make this day for the Lord?In Jesus and Mary. Fr Gerard

To mark the **Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman** by Pope Francis at St Peter's Basilica on Sunday 13th October, we will have a **half hour of Adoration and Night Prayer after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 12th October** followed by drinks in the Presbytery. Let's celebrate, rejoice and enjoy our wonderful catholic faith.

Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. **Special Collection for CAFOD next Sunday**

Dates for your Diary

Tue	1	Oct	First Holy Communion - Session 1: 6.15pm-8.00pm - Parish Hall
Tue	1	Oct	Baptism Course - Week 2 - at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall
Thu	3	Oct	Luncheon Club 11.00am - 1.15pm in the Parish Hall
Sat	5	Oct	Gardening Party at 1.00pm - Bring your gardening implements
Sat	5	Oct	Charity Coffee Morning at Knaphill Methodist Church : 10am - 12noon
Sat	5	Oct	Praying of the Rosary after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun	6	Oct	Praying of the Rosary after 9.30am and 11.30am Masses
Sun	6	Oct	First Holy Communion 11.30am Mass followed by shared lunch
Tue	8	Oct	Open Morning for Prospective Parents at 9.30am in School
Tue	8	Oct	Holy Mass, Adoration & Healing Service, St Dunstan's at 7.30pm
Sat	12	Oct	Wedding Anniversary Mass at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard for those Celebrating a Special Marriage Anniversary
Sun	13	Oct	Vespers at Arundel Cathedral at 4.00pm to celebrate the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman
Sun	13	Oct	Care Mass at St Dunstan's at 3.00pm
Sun	23	Nov	Christmas Bazaar

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Stewardship Sunday - Thank you to all who came into the hall and had a look at the various groups within the parish, but special thanks to all who signed up to contribute to the life of the parish; thank you!

Altar Frontal: We are delighted we have a donor for the purple Frontal. Just rose and green to go. They cost in the region of £800 each; if you would like to buy one or donate to their purchase in memory of a loved one or as a gift to the parish, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Altar Frontal' and pop it through the Presbytery door. Many thanks for people's generosity.

Gardening Party Saturday 5th October at 1.00pm. If you would be willing to help with some gardening in the parish grounds, please come along and join us. It would be useful if you could bring your own favourite gardening implements i.e. secateurs, fork, trowel, bin bags etc that would be great.

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

St John the Baptist School Form Signing

Fr Gerard will sign forms for admission to SJB 2020 as follows:

Mon	30	Sep	St Hugh's School :	8.30am - 9.15am
Tue	1	Oct	St Hugh's School :	8.30am - 9.15am
Fri	4	Oct	Presbytery :	7.00pm - 8.15pm
Tue	8	Oct	Presbytery :	6.00pm - 7.30pm
Fri	11	Oct	Presbytery :	2.15pm - 3.00pm

Open Days for prospective parents

St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School, Five Oaks Close, St John's.

Tuesday 8th October at 9.30am and Wednesday 13th November at 1.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Woking Foodbank Collection on 5th/6th October: There will be a collection point in the Narthex over this weekend. Supplies are running quite low during the summer months and all donations of non-perishable foodstuff and toiletries will be very much appreciated. However they do have plenty of baked beans, canned peas, soups & jams. Thank you.

Coffee Morning at Knaphill Methodist Church Saturday, **5th October 10am – 12noon** in aid of 'Your Sanctuary' which is a charity supporting survivors of domestic abuse. All are welcome.

The Big Encounter 2019 - Youth and Young Adults Festival

Our Annual Diocesan Festival for Young People and Young Adults (15-35) will be held at St Dunstan's Church, Woking on **Saturday 9th November**, starting at 4pm and ends with Mass at 6pm, celebrated by Bishop Richard.

For more information, contact Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral Saturday 30th November.

During the course of 2019 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020.

Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex for full details of the Parish Pilgrimage.

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

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Our Lady invites us all in a very special way to contemplate with her, the mysteries of Jesus' life that she shared so fully, through our praying of the Rosary. We will try and pray the Rosary after every Mass in October. Fr Dominic and I will lead the Rosary on some of the days and please sign up to participate to lead the Rosary as and when needed.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Sunday 29th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings

1st Reading: **Amos 6:1,4-7** Psalm: **145**

Psalm Response: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

2nd Reading: **Timothy 6:11-16** Gospel: **Luke 16:19-31**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th September 2019

Sat	28	11.15am	St Wenceslaus, Martyr	Private Intention
Sat	28	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	For the People of the Parish
Sun	29	9.30am	Morning Mass	Private Intention
Sun	29	11.30am	Morning Mass	Private Intention
Mon	30	12noon	St Jerome, Priest, Dr,	Donald Dunne RIP
Tue	1	12noon	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Tereza Vermeulen
Thu	3	7.30pm	The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex	Private Intention
Fri	4	12noon	St Francis of Assisi	Didi & Bill Bond RIP

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th October 2019

Sat	5	11.15am	Our Lady on Saturday	For the Holy Souls
Sat	5	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Moore RIP
Sun	6	9.30am	Morning Mass	Daniel Dunning RIP
Sun	6	11.30am	Morning Mass	For the People the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament one hour before 12noon Mass on Weekdays and half an hour before 11.15am Mass on Saturdays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.30am - 11.00am & 5.30pm - 5.50pm on Saturdays

Vespers and Benediction: 5.00pm Sundays.

Mass Intentions are available for the Month of October and November

Offertory Collection (cash & standing orders) for last week was £1,063.72 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.