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### OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Solemnity of Our Patron Saint Hugh of Lincoln

**St Hugh our Patron**, was a monk first and always. For him, the presence of God and his confidence in the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, helped him survive the attacks of the devil; for as often as he remembered the presence of the Almighty, and called on the Blessed Virgin, he felt strength, that he was able to withstand temptations and the storms of life.

Even in his hidden life as a monk in the monastery of Chartreuse, the fruits of it hit the ear of the King of England and he chose him as Prior for the cloister at Witham. As Prior he brought calm to the house, which he did with talent and modesty, so much so that the clergy, after the death of the Bishop of Lincoln, they elected him to that 'See' which he did not want. St Hugh, being a servant of God, begged them with tears not to choose him. By the second election, every voice was for him, and he had to accept it with dignity. As Bishop, his virtues stood out more brightly, and he did everything with a true apostolic zeal, to labour for the honour of God and the salvation of souls. His approach to looking after the Diocese was different as he surrounded himself with holy and learned men, in order to make use of their counsel. He did not accept the bribes of anyone including the King himself.

He was considered a model and a living mirror of holiness. He was extremely compassionate to all who were needy, sick or forsaken. He often knelt down before lepers and kissed their ulcers and washed the feet of beggars. The dead he accompanied to the grave, as a work of Christian charity. In abolishing abuses and protecting the rights of the Church, he manifested great strength of mind, and opposed even the royal commands when they were against the divine laws or the rights of the Church or Clergy. He found himself, under the scrutiny of King Henry II, that orders were issued for his banishment, but he was saved. Through the protection of heaven, and his fervor in prayer, that changed the King's heart.

The sacrifice of Holy Mass he always offered with such devotion, that he had several times been given the grace to see the Lord, in the form of a lovely Baby, in the Host. His faith in the presence of Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament was so strong, that when one day blood was seen miraculously streaming from a sacred Host on the altar, the Saint having been called to see the miracle, said: "To confirm my faith, I need not see this miracle; for I have never doubted that Christ was substantially present in the Holy Eucharist." He took a retreat every year in his beloved monastery at Witham, in order to renew his spiritual life.

At last, in the year 1200, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, God called His faithful servant, by a happy death, to receive the reward prepared for him in heaven. The priests who were present recited aloud the Office of Compline, and when they came to the words of Saint Simeon: "O Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace," the holy bishop, who was lying upon sackcloth, gave his soul to the Almighty, in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of his life.

In Jesus and Mary. ....Fr Gerard



This is our **new Icon of St Hugh of Lincoln**, which will help us to figure out the path that we are to be led on and to restore devotion and love to our Patron Saint; the image will replace the old one made of tiles at the back of the church. A thousand pounds was given in a legacy two years ago, a thousand I will give and then I would appreciate you, as a Parish, to give, I would say, three pounds from each person to cover it.

### Dates for your Diary

|     |    |     |  |             |
|-----|----|-----|--|-------------|
| Thu | 21 | Nov | Luncheon Club - 11.15am to 1.15pm                          | Parish Hall |
| Sat | 23 | Nov | Christmas Bazaar - 11.00am to 2.00pm                       | Parish Hall |
| Tue | 26 | Nov | First Holy Communion - Session 3: 6.15pm - 8.00pm          | Parish Hall |
| Thu | 28 | Nov | Funeral of Mrs Anne Marie Blair at St Hugh's               | 11.00am     |
| Sat | 30 | Nov | Pilgrimage to Arundel has been cancelled                   |             |
| Mon | 2  | Dec | "Manifesto of Faith" film with discussion: 7.30pm - 9.00pm | Parish Hall |
| Tue | 3  | Dec | 'Rorate Mass' at 6.30am, followed by Breakfast             | Parish Hall |

**Confirmation programme 2020:** It is time to consider joining the Parish Confirmation programme, which will begin in January for young people in Year 10 and above. An application form is available at the back of the church and on the website, along with details of the dates of the sessions. Please complete and return your form to the Presbytery by **1st December**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Thorn on [confirmation.sthughs@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.sthughs@gmail.com).

### St. Dunstan's School is currently advertising for the following Teaching Assistant vacancies: Start Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

- Post 1 - 9.00am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday for 38.6 weeks per year
  - Post 2 - 12.15pm to 3.15pm Monday to Friday for 38.6 weeks per year
- (Both Posts are Part Time and include 3 Inset Days)*

Salary: Grade S3(dependent on experience) £17,316 - £18,242 (full-time equivalent).

**Closing date for both applications: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.** Application forms and the job description are available to download on the school website under vacancies. Alternatively please contact Mrs A. Murray at [amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk).

**CAFOD Faith in Action Day** at St John's, Womersley on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.00am - 4.00pm** with lunch included. We will be exploring the links between faith and politics through reflection on Scripture and Church teaching. Please book your place early at [cafod.org.uk/events](http://cafod.org.uk/events) or call 0303 303 3030.

### Admission to St Hugh's School September 2020

Fr Gerard will be available at the Presbytery as follows for the signing of the SIF:

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm - 9.00pm

**TODAY:** Retiring Collection is for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)

**Pious Lists** - If you would like the names of deceased relatives and friends to be remembered at all Masses during November, please inscribe their names on one of the sheets in the Narthex and place it in the box provided.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Anne Marie Blair**, whose funeral will take place at St Hugh's on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am.

**Temporary Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm.  
If you wish to contact the Parish Office, email: [sthughoflincoln.office@gmail.com](mailto:sthughoflincoln.office@gmail.com)

**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** Renewal or start of the consecration to Jesus through Mary **begins on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November** as consecration day is 25<sup>th</sup> December. Do it, it's the most amazing thing. Here are some books to help.

- 33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration *by Michael E Gaitley.*
- St. Louis de Montfort's Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary: New, Day-by-Day, Easier-to-Read Translation *by St. Louis de Montfort & Scott L Smith.*
- Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to St. Louis de Montfort *by Fr Hugh Gillespie, SMM.*

### **Christmas Bazaar**

**Next Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 11.00am - 2.00pm in the Parish Hall**

Come along and start your Christmas shopping at the Bazaar. Also, meet and have a photo taken with Father Christmas; he will be arriving with his Elves shortly after 11.00am and is looking forward to meeting you in his NEW grotto.

Lots of games for all and lots to win! More importantly, come along and socialise with your fellow parishioners and stay for lunch.

The proceeds of the Bazaar will be divided equally between the parish (for buildings maintenance) and school (to purchase interactive whiteboards); both very worthy causes.

Donations of multipack sweets would be very welcome.

Look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

**Jackpot Club** - Congratulations to Anne Rushton and Marika Saliba on winning £53.00 and £26.50 in the **October** Draw.  
See details in the narthex if you would like to join the Club.

**Wanted a cook for Advent Breakfasts following Rorate Mass**  
from 6.00am - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> December. Contact Anne on 01483 480677  
or [am.rushton@btopenworld.com](mailto:am.rushton@btopenworld.com) for details.

**Woking Panto** - Aladdin on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm in the stalls. All tickets discounted to £22.00. Contact [friendsofsthughspta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsthughspta@gmail.com) asap.

## SOLEMNITY OF SAINT HUGH OF LINCOLN

Today is our Patronal Feast Day and we will be celebrating this Feast after Mass as follows:

- Sat 6.00pm Vigil Mass - wine and cheese in the Presbytery
- Sun 9.30am Morning Mass - coffee and doughnuts in the hall
- Sun 11.30am Morning Mass - a glass of fizzy in the hall; a plate of finger food would be appreciated for our sharing table

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln - Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-16** Psalm: **22**

Psalm Response: **The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7** Gospel: **John 10:11-16**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

|     |    |         |  |                              |
|-----|----|---------|--|------------------------------|
| Sat | 16 | 6.00pm  | Feast Day Vigil Mass                           | Giovanni & Carolina Yon RIP  |
| Sun | 17 | 9.30am  | Feast Day Morning Mass                         | Leo Cogger RIP               |
| Sun | 17 | 11.30am | Feast Day Morning Mass                         | For the People of the Parish |
| Mon | 18 | 7.00pm  | Dedication of the basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul | Phyllis nee Floodie RIP      |
| Tue | 19 | 12noon  | No Mass  |                              |
| Thu | 21 | 8.50am  | No School Mass                                 |                              |
| Thu | 21 | 7.00pm  | No Mass  |                              |
| Fri | 22 | 7.00pm  | St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr                     | Phyllis nee Floodie RIP      |
| Sat | 23 | 11.15am | St Clement I, Pope, Martyr                     | Intention of Colette Fretton |

#### CHRIST THE KING - Last Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

|     |    |         |              |                                  |
|-----|----|---------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat | 23 | 6.00pm  | Vigil Mass   | Andrew Carr RIP                  |
| Sun | 24 | 9.30am  | Morning Mass | Dec'd Members of Punchard Family |
| Sun | 24 | 11.30am | Morning Mass | For the People of the Parish     |

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 10.30am - 11.00am and 5.30pm - 5.50pm on Saturdays.

**Vespers and Benediction:** Sundays at 5.00pm

**Offertory Collection for last week:** £1,237.88 of which £588.33 was Gift Aided. Many Thanks.



A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, can be obtained when the Eternal Rest (*Requiem aeternam*) is prayed. This is a good prayer to recite especially during the month of November:  
***Eternal rest grant to (him, her, them) O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon (him, her, them). May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***