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OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER - 24th November 2019

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD CHRIST THE KING

Advent starts in a week it is a time of anticipation but what does it mean? We are not waiting for Christ's birth date on earth. He already came to us in Bethlehem, as did the Holy Spirit for that matter! Additionally, it is also not meant to prepare us for the second and last coming of Christ at the end of time. What then? How are we to prepare for this special coming of Christ? For His invisible coming to our soul. This Christ does by infusing in us His grace, increasing our charity, renewing our desire for Him and making fervent again our reception of Holy Communion. This gives meaning and substance to Advent so we can enjoy and understand the memorial of His Birth. It helps us to see again the importance of Baptism, Penance, and the Eucharist. As a refreshment of our memory, to see how we need conversion and growth to a Godly life free from sin and indifference. This mystery is the greatest drama of our soul that God wants to be part of. Advent has got confused with Christmas which seems to end by Boxing Day if you are lucky. So here are some suggestions. Make an Advent wreath or put one on the front door. Light candles by the window so people can see the light of Christ, who scatters the darkness of evil. As a family read about St. Francis and the first Christmas Nativity, St. Boniface and the first Christmas tree, or St. Nicholas who is Santa Claus. Don't put up the decorations too early. Use greenery and candles for first part of Advent. Put Christ back into Christmas for those around you. Send religious cards and use religious stamps and sign them with "May God bless you" or "I will be praying for you at Christmas." Make a good confession, come to the Rorate Mass and breakfast. Go to Adoration, pray. Invite people to a Christmas Mass and our Carol service. Be happy but not overindulge, do some fasting. Defend the faith, speak the truth clearly and teach with love. Hold a Christmas party in the days from Christmas to Epiphany. Finally, give of yourself by doing good works. It helps to heal hurts caused by sin, including our own. Remember the Advent calendars, where a door is opened each day, showing a little picture. Do it differently, start with a blank calendar. Each day, do a good work, pray for a person in need, help a neighbour or make a sacrifice for a special intention. Whatever the good work, write it in the blank space. At the end of Advent, one will have a beautiful gift for the Lord. Get a Nativity set: make our lives and homes a place where Jesus, Mary and Joseph will find it filled with love. Declutter and give it to a charity shop. "It is in giving that we receive," and through our charity, we will receive the love of Christ Himself. Try and not over spend either, a perfect Christmas is not about money. But striving to live in the presence of Christ during Advent, we will receive the best present, Our Saviour. In Jesus and Mary,Fr Gerard

Dates for your Diary

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
Thu	4	Dec	Luncheon Club Christmas Party - 11.15am - 1.15pm - Parish Hall
Mon	9	Dec	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 5th December 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Monday 9th December 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- Monday 13th January 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Wanted a cook for Advent Breakfasts following Rorate Mass

from 6.00am - 3rd, 10th or 17th December. Contact Anne on 01483 480677 or am.rushton@btopenworld.com for details.

Giving Tree - The tree is in place in the narthex. Please feel free to take a gift tag and buy whatever is noted on the tag. Your wrapped gift should be returned over the weekend of **15th December**. The beneficiaries will be:

- ◆ **LinkAble** - A Woking based charity that supports local people with learning disabilities to build an enhanced quality of life; these disabilities range from global delay to severe autism and cerebral palsy
- ◆ **Alzheimers Unit at St.Peter's** – Caring for the elderly
- ◆ **Woking Lions** - We aim to provide about 150 parcels of food and presents for the less fortunate families in the Woking area
- ◆ **Parish/School** – Supporting families known to us

Parking - A number of complaints from our neighbours have been made in the past week regarding the parking of our parishioners. The police have been consulted about parking in Victoria Road and they have advised us as follows:

- To park legally, as well as considerately and be considerate to our neighbours
- Not to block the road which would prevent buses and other large vehicles getting down Victoria Road
- Not to block the pavements so that mobility scooters and buggies have to go into the road in order to pass
- We are reminded that there is a car park a short walk away in the village, which we are free to use
- Disabled parking bays on the church forecourt should be left for those who need them, of which there are several who come to Mass

If a fire engine comes this way, it may well damage cars that are blocking its path.

Retiring Collection next Sunday is **£20 Sunday**

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.

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

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary: Renewal or start of the consecration to Jesus through Mary began on the 22nd November **and the Consecration Day is 25th 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 - Thank you to all who supported the Bazaar in so many different ways, both on the day and behind the scenes. Full details will be available next week.

Jackpot Club Feast Day Draw

Congratulations to Sandy Blud on winning £100 in our annual draw.

Jackpot Club: Subs are £1 per month and the more members, the bigger the prizes! 50% of the monthly subs go into parish funds and 50% in prize money. £100 annual draw on the Feast of St Hugh. *You have to be in it to win it!!!*
Further details can be found in the porch and to join the Jackpot Club, please contact Anne on 01483 480677 or email: am.rushton@btpopenworld.com.

Coldingley Prison is in our parish and many of the Catholic prisoners there are trying to rebuild their lives. In order to show them that their fellow parishioners have not forgotten them, the Chaplain has asked us if we would give them a choc bar and a small card, written with your Christian name and marked 'St Hugh of Lincoln Parish'. Please put contributions into the box marked 'Coldingley' in the narthex. Christmas is a hard time in prison and this gesture would be much appreciated.

Woking Foodbank Collection on 30th November/1st December: There will be a collection point in the Narthex over this weekend. Supplies are running low and all donations of non-perishable foodstuff and toiletries will be very much appreciated. They do have plenty of baked beans, canned peas, soups & jams. Thank you.

Woking Panto - Aladdin on Sunday 5th January at 5.00pm in the stalls. All tickets discounted to £22.00. Contact friendsofsthugspta@gmail.com asap.

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.

Sunday 24th November - CHRIST THE KING - Readings

1st Reading: **Samuel 5:1-3** Psalm: **121**

Psalm Response: **I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 1:12-20** Gospel: **Luke 23:35-43**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

CHRIST THE KING - Last Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th 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
Mon	25	12noon	St Catherine, Virgin, Martyr	Robert Emberton RIP
Tue	26	12noon	Feria of Ordinary Time Wk 34	Andrew Carr RIP
Thu	28	8.50am	School Mass - All Welcome	Year 1 Class Mass
Thu	28	7.00pm	Latin Mass	Sara-Louis Doneux RIP
Fri	29	12noon	Requiem Mass	Angela Mahoney RIP
Sat	30	11.15am	St Andrew, Apostle	Alice Ledgard RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 1st December 2019 - Cycle A

Sat	30	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	For the People of the Parish
Sun	01	9.30am	Morning Mass	Sr Stephanie RIP
Sun	01	11.30am	Morning Mass	Antonio Coppola RIP

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

Mass Intentions are available for the month of December.

Offertory Collection for last week

£1196.60 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.