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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1ST DECEMBER 2019

“It is good to wait with silence for the salvation of God” (Lam. 3:26). Who had the first Advent? It was Our Lady. She can also help us to wait for the memorial of the birth of our Emmanuel and improve our Advent. To help us to truly become one with Jesus like her. Simply put, become holy; to be full of grace like her. As She said to St Gabriel “Be it be done unto me according to your word.” This is the fullness of time that St. Paul talks about and as the Church’s liturgy assures us that, Mary is the “dawn” of Christ’s “perfect day,” then her freedom from sin is the first bright ray of that glorious dawn. So Jesus who is, God-with-us her precious Son, is with us because He shares our nature, a human body with bones and muscles, and a human soul with intellect and will.

If she were not silent, how could she ponder in her heart. No doubt, she recalled the lessons she had learnt as a little girl in the Temple, when she heard these words “Be still and see that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.” (Psalms 45:11) The most sacred part of the Mass takes place in total silence. One should be able to hear a pin drop. That the Incarnate Word descends upon the altar amid this *intense and fruitful* silence recalls those inspired words the Church applies to the Nativity: “For while all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy Almighty word leaped down from heaven from thy royal throne” (Wisdom 18:14-15).

Our Lady appeared to Alphonse Ratisbonne, an unbeliever who was suddenly and dramatically converted by the silent Virgin. As he later testified, “She did not speak, but I understood everything.” One of the great parts of Our Christian faith is silence. For Silence gives us an opportunity to be in His presence and hear him. Silence is necessary for an interior life. A noisy life drowns out the two voices that are most necessary, they can be demanding, but they are amazing too: the voice of God, and the voice of conscience. We are uncomfortable with silence, even though when we were in the womb it was our comfort and when we put our children to sleep, silence is our joy. If we want this treasure again, Our Lady can help us. What can we do? Try to find some time in the day to be silent, use the phone less. In church try to be silent before Mass, teach your children that church is a silent place where all our friends and family come to talk to Jesus. Talking to our neighbours is for after Mass. If your child is noisy please take them out to the back of the church. At Holy Communion remember to let Mary be in our Communion, the more Jesus, will be glorified in our life; the more we humble ourselves and listen to Jesus and spend time in Adoration. Our Lady who is with us in peace and silence will let us see her Son and lead us out of the darkness we sometimes find ourselves in. Come to confession this Advent with an open heart. Come to the Rorate Mass in honour of Our Lady to see, taste and feel the presence of Her Son, the one we look forward to welcoming this Christmas as we straighten up the manger of our hearts.

Our Lady of Silence, pray for us!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Christina Bruce**, a long standing parishioner, and **Angela Mahoney**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Sun	1	Dec	Confirmation programme 2020 - final date to return the completed form
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	5	Dec	Luncheon Club Christmas Party - 11.15am - 1.15pm - Parish Hall
Fri	6	Dec	St Nicholas, Bishop - Adoration at 7.00 pm
Sun	8	Dec	C4K Carol Singing - Mizens Farm Railway - 2.00pm
Mon	9	Dec	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue	10	Dec	'Rorate Mass' at 6.30am, followed by Breakfast - Parish Hall
Tue	10	Dec	Advent Reflection KS2 - 7.00pm
Sun	22	Dec	Carol Service at 3pm in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Hall. All family, friends and members of the community that are lapsed are invited.

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

Please note slight amendments to times

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

CAFOD - A 'thank you' letter has been received for our donation of £327.77.

This letter is on the noticeboard in the Narthex detailing how our donation has made a real difference to the lives of children in Uganda.

PARKING - A number of complaints from our neighbours have been made recently regarding the parking of our parishioners. The police have been consulted about parking in Victoria Road and they have told us to ensure that we park legally, as well as be considerate to our neighbours and avoid parking on the pavement and blocking drives.

Do think about walking or parking in the village car park. Inconsiderate parking prevents the emergency services getting through to someone in need.

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

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office open from 10.00am - 2.00pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
If you wish to contact the Parish Office, email: sthughoflincoln.office@gmail.com

MANIFESTO OF FAITH

Come and experience Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller's "Manifesto of Faith" presented in a beautiful 20 minute film on Monday 2nd December, 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Parish Hall. A discussion will take place after the film, with refreshments.

What a great way to start Advent.

Advent Breakfast following 6.30am Rorate Mass

If you would like to stay for a cooked breakfast after Mass **on Tuesday 3rd December**, it would be helpful for catering purposes, if you could sign up on the sheet in the Narthex .

Feast of St Nicholas: Friday 6th December at 7.00pm Adoration

preceded by sweets at the presbytery

Christmas Bazaar - Thank you to all who supported the Bazaar in so many different ways, both on the day and behind the scenes. To date, £3124.54 has been raised - a great result!

A stall breakdown and list of winners can be found in the narthex

Details of the following are displayed on our Notice Board

- * Parish Accounts - A few people have enquired about parish finances, the accounts are in the Narthex
- * The Knights of St Columba stickers
- * The Nativity at Wintershall Holly Barn from Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd December
- * Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland - 16th March 2020

Catholic Herald - We have been monitoring this particular periodical and due to poor sales, it has been decided to cancel the parish subscription with effect from the January issues. However, if you would like to take out a private subscription and have the magazine delivered to your door weekly, go to: <http://subscriptions.catholicherald.co.uk> and enter code 'CHRISTMAS19' and you will receive a very nice free gift.

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 chocolate 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.

Carol Singing in the Village: During Advent why not join Christians from other churches in Knaphill for carol singing in and around the village as a reminder to others of the true meaning of Christmas. Venues will be: Mizens Railway, Memorial Wall High St., Garibaldi Pub, The Vyne and the Cygnet Hospital. See poster in Narthex for more details or speak to Roger (01483 481944).

Retiring Collection This Sunday is £20 Sunday

Sunday 1st December - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Readings

1st Reading: **Isaiah 2:1-5** Psalm: **121**

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

2nd Reading: **Romans 13:12-20** Gospel: **Matthew 24:37-44**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Mon	02	12noon	First week in Advent	Phyllis McGurdy RIP
Tue	03	6.30am	Rorate St Francis Xavier, Priest	Elizabeth & Lawrence RIP
Thu	05	8.50am	School Mass - All Welcome	Year 4 Class Mass
Thu	05	7.30pm	Feria in Advent	Sisters of Mary Morning Star
Fri	06	12noon	St Nicholas, Bishop	Andrew Carr RIP
Sat	07	11.15am	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor	Christina Bruce RIP

Second Sunday of Advent - 8th December 2019 - Cycle A

Sat	07	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	For the People the Parish
Sun	08	9.30am	Morning Mass	Arthur Whelan RIP
Sun	08	11.30am	Morning Mass	Carolina & Luigi Natalie 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

£1097.23 of which £588.33 was Gift Aided. Many Thanks.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary....*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary....*

V. And the Word was made Flesh (Genuflect)

R. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray : Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

