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First Sunday of Advent - 29th November 2020



Dear Friends,

It's a New Liturgical Year and it's a shock to the world that the Advent season is more about preparing for the second coming of Christ and the latter part of December is when we turn our minds towards Christmas. Advent is simply the Latin word for "coming." However strange this December will look in a pandemic, we are not ready yet to ponder Christ's coming in the stable in Bethlehem.

The liturgy of the first three weeks of Advent speak about another coming, the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time when He will be seen. From the earliest days of the Church, many have claimed to recognise the signs of His imminent return and even have tried to predict the actual date. Imagine the embarrassment when He failed to show up. The point is, we are living in the end times. Because we've been living in the last days since Jesus has ascended into heaven and we hear in 1 Peter 4:7 "The end of all things is near; therefore be alert and sober-minded for prayer." Should we fear? No, if we have faith, hope and love. We realise our life is centred on Him who will judge the living and the dead. How should we live in the light of the four last things. We do not need to be frightened, but with an open and loving heart, follow Christ! Repent of our sins! Go to Mass, love our neighbour as ourself! It's only by God's grace in Jesus Christ that we can face death and judgement, gain heaven, and avoid hell.

Our Advent will be very different. Please download our Advent Calendar, it is very sparse, but helpful as it has our Christmas plans and remember to book for Masses this Friday evening and Sunday 6th December.

Through Jesus and Mary.Fr Gerard

St Hugh's Catholic Primary School Applications for starting September 2021

During November; any SIFs to be signed, should be dropped off, with required documents, at the Parish Office (Tue, Thu and Fri 10am - 2pm). We will phone the Parent/Carer for the collection of the Forms.

Giving Tree 2020

This year our Giving Tree is being done differently due to the Covid restrictions. However, we are still able to support those in need during these challenging times at this special time of year with gifts of money or (supermarket) gift cards/vouchers. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Donations can be made as follows:

- * Cash/cheque/supermarket gift cards through the Presbytery door
- * JustGiving page on the Parish website <https://sthughoflincoln.com>
- * Directly into the Parish bank account: HSBC / 40 05 20 / 01247611 / RCD Arundel & Brighton
- * St Hugh of Lincoln Knaphill

Remember to state which cause you would like your donation to go to or state 'General' if you have no preference

The recipients will be:

- * Abraham Cowley Unit at St Peter's - Elderly, mental health patients
- * Woking Mind - Supporting those struggling to cope with mental health issues
- * Ahotokurum, Ghana - Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre - Providing care and support for people who have leprosy and disability
- * Families known to us
- * Coldingley Prison - Providing gifts of chocolate for the prisoners

Your donations will be distributed accordingly and each will buy according to their needs.

Closing date Friday 11th December.

Deanery Care Mass for those who have died

Bishop Richard is offering a live streamed Deanery Mass for those who have died during this difficult year. We will add the names of those whom we have given the Funeral rites too but if there is anyone else please let us know by Monday evening. The Woking Deanery Mass will be livestreamed from St. Dunstan's, Woking, Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm <http://stdunstan.wpengine.com/streaming/>

CONFIRMATION 2021: Bishop Richard will officiate, as normal, at the Confirmation Mass next year.

He has decided that with all the challenges of Covid he will wait until the Autumn. If you or a young person you know would like to start the preparation to pray and think about being Confirmed next year we will set the process in February and the forms will go out in January, so please watch this space.

Candidates for Confirmation should already be in Year 10 or above.

Christmas Shopping - Have you started your online shopping yet? The Parish has just registered with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>, which means you can raise free donations every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and will greatly help our income at this difficult time, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. Go to the 'easyfundraising' website and search 'St Hugh's Church, Knaphill' - you will then be guided through to 'create your account' process.

Once registered, you have to remember to access the 'easyfundraising' site and then do your shopping as normal via the many well known retail outlets. Many thanks, as always, for your support.

Virgin Media Maintenance: on Friday 4th December between 9.00-15.00 hours, the Parish internet/telephone service may be affected as a result of this maintenance work.

The 'RORATE CÆLI MASS' is a beautiful Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn. The Mass takes its title ('Rorate Cæli') from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon, 'Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour' (Isaiah 45:8). The 'Rorate Cæli Mass' will be offered at 7.00am on the Tuesdays of Advent. For the first of these Masses, at least, we may still be in lockdown, in which case, why not participate by candlelight at home? Make a little Altar wherever your computer is, light a lantern or put a candle in a jar, and be like those in Psalm 130:6 'waiting for dawn to break', and like those happy servants of Luke 12:35 watching for their Master's return 'with their lamps lit'. Whether we're able to be in the Church or not, I'm afraid you'll have to make your own fried Breakfasts this year.

Advent talks by Bishop Richard - December 2020: Bishop Richard is offering a series of Advent talks from Arundel Cathedral. The programme started on 11th November and the next talk will be on **Friday 4th December: John the Baptist - Witness**. Also on 11th and 18th December. Each evening will begin at 7.00pm and be livestreamed via <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> .

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Father Gerard will be saying all the Masses with their Intentions on Sundays and weekdays.

Parishioners will be able to watch on the live stream through YouTube or Facebook.

First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2020 - Year B

Sun	29	8.00am	Latin Mass	Sister Stephanie Earl RIP
		10.00am	Morning Mass (Zoom Coffee)	People of the Parish
Mon	30	10.00am	St Andrew, Apostle	Alice Ledgard RIP
Tue	01	7.00am	Rorate Mass (Facebook Live)	Margaret Veronica Curren RIP
Wed	02	10.00am	Wednesday of the First Week in Advent	Raymond Scott RIP
Thu	03	7.30pm	St Francis Xavier - Latin Mass EF	Robert Omasta RIP
Fri	04	6.00pm	St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor	Andrew Higgins RIP
Sat	05	10.00am	Saturday of the First Week in Advent	Jim Moore RIP

Second Sunday of Advent 6th December 2020 - Year B

Sun	06	8.00am	Latin Mass	Molly Kendrick RIP
		10.00am	Morning Mass	Gerry Higgins RIP
		5.00pm	Evening Mass	People of the Parish

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions available for the months of **January and February 2021** and can be booked via Email to Parish Office or Telephone 01483 472404. Donations can be provided by Envelope, Just Giving button on the Parish Website or by payment into Parish Bank Account.



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,
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 His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.