



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church

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### **Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Clavis David' 20th December 2020 - Year B The Year of St Joseph**

We are now in the latter part of Advent, so focus is on preparing the manger of our hearts; this is the only way to put Christ back into Christmas. Isaiah (9: 6) tells us that "a child is born for us" whose name would be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace". The Bible and sacred tradition tell us that Jesus was all that and more as a little baby! The Church encourages all her children to make their hearts into a poor crib so that we may have a dwelling that we can offer to the divine Saviour. He will abide in our hearts and fill us with grace in order to bring joy and peace to men of goodwill. Holy Church gives us the spiritual graces to build this manger.

Joseph and Mary cleaned the crib as best they could, making it a little bed. But there is no way to romanticise this; the first bed for the Son of God was not a royal cradle "but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and being made in the likeness of men." Philippians 2: 7. It was a common feeding trough. It was meant to hold scraps to be eaten by the animals. Our Lady will place her Saviour and Her Son into our manger hearts this Christmas. How do we hold on to the Lord and ask to refresh our reception of Holy Communion and all elements of the spiritual life. If we are truly His disciples then we have to discover the meaning of the Church's idea of the Feast after the fast to keep Christ in Christmas; remembering that this Holy season finishes with the Baptism of the Lord and even the Crib can stay up until the Feast of Candlemas.

On Wednesday the 23rd at 7.30pm, if the weather is ok, we will bless the outdoor crib and sing Christmas Carols in a socially distanced manner. No need to book. We are in Tier 3 as of Saturday, but we are allowed to come to Mass and other things, but no mingling after Masses.

With Advent Hope .....Fr Gerard



**Mass Bookings** for Christmas Day onwards can also be requested via email link [Mass Bookings](#) or the [Christmas Masses Bookings Email](#) link on the Parish Website under Current News/This Week tab.

**Mass times:** Christmas Day (8am, 10am & 12 Noon), 26<sup>th</sup> Dec (12Noon), 27<sup>th</sup> Dec (8am, 10am & 5pm)  
Please refer to the Advent Calendar for the other days/Mass times. Please bear with us while we look to accommodate as many requests as we can, whilst adhering to COVID guidelines. We will email you to confirm your booking or, if oversubscribed, to offer an alternative time.

**Unless you have booked, please do not come to the Church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Sad though it is, we will not be able to admit you to the Church as our capacity will have been reached and for the safety of those who have booked and for your own safety.**

**CHURCH OPENING: In line with the guidance, face coverings should be worn in Church covering both the nose and mouth.**

The Church will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass and will close after Mass for cleaning ready for the next Mass. The following are open to the Public:

**Rorate Mass: Tuesday 7.00am - No booking required**

Please note, as part of 'Track and Trace' you will be asked to provide your contact details.

**Masses on Fridays at 6.00pm and Sundays at 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm - Booking required**

To book your place, please email [knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk) or telephone the Parish Office on 01483 472404, stating your preferred time of Mass; you will receive an email confirming your place in due course. Deadline for booking is 3.00pm on the Friday afternoon. It is important to book as we do not want to turn anyone away if capacity is reached. We are unable to allow people to stand in the aisles, at the back or in the Narthex. Please note that the 'Rule of Six' will apply to one slot for booking a place at Mass, unless a single household contains more than six people.

Whilst full guidelines are on display in the Narthex, please remember:

- \* Use the sanitiser provided as you enter and leave the Church and remember social distancing
- \* You will be guided to your place by the Steward and they will also instruct you when to move forward for Holy Communion
- \* Access to the Sacristy and Narthex will not be allowed and toilets will not be available
- \* Straight after receiving the Sacred Host, please depart via the side door
- \* Please remember to wear an extra layer of clothing as windows in the Church will be open to aid ventilation

**Help Wanted:** In order for the Church to open to the public, we are obliged to clean the Church after every service and to record names and contact details of those attending. To enable us to do this we need Stewards and Cleaners, particularly as extra Masses have been scheduled over Christmas. Also needed are Ministers of the Word.

**In line with the guidance, volunteers should NOT participate if you are over 60 years with or without underlying health conditions**

If you are happy to help, please contact Parish Office or Anne: [am.rushton@btopenworld.com](mailto:am.rushton@btopenworld.com) asap.

**Today is Sea Sunday** - Please support the work of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) to make Christmas special for stranded seafarers around the world because of the pandemic; some have not seen their families for up to a year. Chaplains and volunteers will be working tirelessly over Christmas visiting seafarers on the gangway or dockside, handing out small gifts and vital pastoral care. They will provide welfare packages of food and toiletries and faith resources: rosaries, Bibles and prayer books; and they will make videos of Gospel readings and email them out to crews stuck onboard ships.

You can donate in one of three ways: **Use the giving envelope provided; text SEA to 70460 to donate £5 ; give via the website: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate)**

**Christmas Collection** - The Christmas collection is applied to the parish fund for the support of clergy, this fund provides income for clergy. The maintenance of parish clergy is an inherent part of our charitable objectives. We are entitled to claim Gift Aid on these charitable donations; Gift Aid recovered on the Christmas collection will be applied to the parish fund for the support of clergy.

If you would like to contribute, you can do so as follows:

Collect a 'Christmas Collection envelope' as you leave the Church

Via the Offertory basket after Mass for cash and your weekly envelopes

Via our NEW contactless device after Mass - you just swipe your debit or credit card

Via our JustGiving page: see Parish website

Directly into our Bank Account:

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St Hugh of Lincoln Knaphill General Account

Via Gift Aid (tax payer) see parish website for full details or contact Ian Dallas

on 07966183107 or [iandallas47@gmail.com](mailto:iandallas47@gmail.com)

Via cash / cheque payable as above through the Presbytery door or post to the Parish Office at 95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, Woking GU21 2AA.

### Notification of Proposed Variation of the admission arrangements of **St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School, Knaphill for 2021-22**

Please note that the St Hugh of Lincoln school has applied to the Regional Schools Commissioner to vary its admission arrangements for September 2021. This is for the following reasons:

During the COVID 19 pandemic churches have been closed and the Bishops of England & Wales have suspended the obligation for Sunday Mass. Since the school's originally determined admission arrangements for 2021-22 have oversubscription criteria that include church attendance (at a specified frequency and period of time), it creates difficulties for Catholic applicants to clearly identify how they meet the criteria and how church attendance will be determined. Clergy also face uncertainty in these matters.

The requested variation will provide clarification that will enable parents and others concerned in admissions matters to clearly identify how church attendance is determined for admission where these oversubscription criteria are relevant.

Attendance at Mass before the suspension of the Sunday obligation on 18th March 2020 will be taken into account when applying the oversubscription criteria for September 2021.

The proposed in year variation to the admissions policy reads:

On the advice of the Diocesan Education Service the governing board of St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted whilst churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to

COVID19. This statement has been shared widely with local parishes in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a certain frequency at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) at the same frequency since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

[Once approved, the new admission policy and SIF will be published on our school website. If you have already submitted your application for 2021/22, there is nothing further you need to do.

**Jackpot Club** Winners of the November Draw, which took place at the Zoom Coffee Morning last Sunday, were Denis Naughton (£52) and Maureen Thomas (£25.50); congratulations to them both! If you would like to join the Club, contact Anne [am.rushton@bopenworld.com](mailto:am.rushton@bopenworld.com). Subs are £3/qr & £12/yr and only 50% goes into parish funds (covers utility bills, maintenance, hosts/wine, office supplies etc).

The '**RORATE CÆLI MASS**' is a beautiful Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered, by candlelight, just before dawn and the final Mass will be on Tuesday 22nd at 7.00am.

**Christmas Shopping** - Have you started your online shopping yet? The Parish has just registered with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. Search St Hugh's Church, Knaphill to create your FREE account. Your daily online shopping turns into free donations for our Parish. Just start your online shopping first at 'easyfundraising', then shop as normal; retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

**Christmas Eve:** There will be Vespers and Benediction on 24th December at 3.00pm via Facebook

### 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.

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Clavis David' - 20th December 2020, Year B**

Sun	20	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Morning Mass ( <a href="#">Zoom Coffee</a> )	Robert and Beatrice Attard RIP
		5.00pm	Evening Mass	Pasquale Russo RIP
Mon	21	10.00am	In Greater Advent, 'O Oriens'	Intentions of Maureen Harper
Tue	22	7.00am	Rorate Mass, 'O Rex Gentium'	Jim Breen RIP
Wed	23	10.00am	In Greater Advent, 'O Emmanuel'	In Thanksgiving
Thu	24	4.00pm	Christmas Eve - Family Mass	Dell Murphy RIP
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass of <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	Andy Higgins RIP
		8.00pm	Christmas Eve - Family Mass	Peter & Pam Clark RIP
		11.45pm	Blessing of the Crib followed by Solemn Midnight Mass	Noel and Ida Bird and all members of our deceased families
Fri	25	8.00am	<b>Christmas Day</b> - Dawn Mass - Latin EF	Intentions of Lemuel Cassidy
		10.00am	Solemn Mass of the Day	Margaret Crawley RIP
		12 Noon	Christmas Midday Mass	People of the Parish
Sat	26	12 Noon	St Stephen, First Martyr	Altar Servers
<b>The Feast of the Holy Family - 27th December 2020, Year B</b>				
Sun	27	8.00am	Latin Mass	Intentions of Jenny Cassidy
		10.00am	Morning Mass ( <a href="#">Zoom Coffee</a> )	People of the Parish
		5.00pm	Evening Mass	Francis Hall RIP

#### **Offertory Collections for the last 2 weeks**

Baskets £264.93, Contactless £156.09 and £1176.66 Standing Orders, which were 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,  
 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.