



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church

95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, Woking GU21 2AA Tel: 01483 472404

**Parish Priest Rev. Fr Gerard Hatton**

**Rev. Dcn Robert Wellbelove**

gerard.hatton80@gmail.com

Parish Office: knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk

www.sthughoflincoln.com

Newsletter : sthughnewsletter@gmail.com

Twitter@StHughKnaphill

Hall Bookings : Helen Naughton-01483 475922

The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No 252878

### **Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021 - The Year of St Joseph -**

Welcome to the halfway point of Lent; we've made it thus far; so to give some respite Holy Church gives us Laetare Sunday. We ponder the words of Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast." 'Rejoice' in Latin is Laetare. It makes sense that at this point we need a tangible expression of hope and joy in the midst of the fasting and penances in order to enter with true depth the Passion and Death of Our Lord. The Church and her liturgy takes a fast like we do, with unbleached candles and the lack of flowers and other ornaments, it helps us to focus on the essentials. This Sunday a bit of joy fills the air. The flowers and vestments change to rose indicating a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide.

Whilst her Priest might be 'pretty in pink,' (and all the old cliches come out at this time), this has little to do with the Priest's masculinity, but a spiritual maturity that recognises that our fasting is properly a preparation for the heavenly banquet, which we already have access to by virtue of the Paschal Mystery. The joy of Easter Day is close at hand and this is symbolised in a lessening of the mood as the white and gold of Easter shines back into the Penitential Purple, giving us a joyful Rose.

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a 'vaccination' as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It not only helps us to think and pray about the current state of the world, it's an opportunity to ponder and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us, which is the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with His joy.

We also keep Mothering Sunday; notice it's not 'Mother's Day'. Yes, our hearts, our prayers, our thanks, our love, and even our tears, go out to all our mothers and grandmothers living and dead. We also pray for women who never had children; we keep them in our thoughts and prayers today, which is not an easy day for them. We also pray for those mothers who we have fallen out with and do not talk to anymore; all those mothers who felt that they were not good mothers. We can entrust them all to Our Lord's mother through the prayers of Holy Mother the Church. From mediaeval times people would return to their "mother church" on Laetare Sunday. The "mother church" refers to the parish in which one was baptised, the local parish church, or even the cathedral, which was viewed as the "mother church" of all parishes in the diocese. Give thanks for the gift of baptism and help in Lenten work of going back to beauty and holiness of the baptismal state. They would normally visit their mothers afterwards.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph .....Fr Gerard

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO SAINT JOSEPH?

Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness and in doing so finding a deeper love for God the Father. St Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance. Jesus and Mary want us to be consecrated to St Joseph! Remember the hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St Joseph are one. The *Consecration* highlights many of St Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. We started our Consecration on the 15th of February and the last Zoom Meeting will be on Monday the 15th of March at 8.00pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 853 032 2837 / Passcode: 5weXKF.

- It will take 20-30 minutes a day on a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of St Joseph, followed by a reading, concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St Joseph.
- If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation.
- In the book, you will find instructions on how to make the preparation and Consecration as a group. We will have a weekly group meeting on Zoom at 8.00pm on the 5 Mondays leading up to the Feast. In the book the weekly group meetings are provided for, including discussion questions for each meeting, but the daily preparation prayers will be said in our own time each day.
- We will make the Consecration as a group and recite the same Consecration prayer together. That will be after the 6pm Stations of the Cross and Mass on **Friday 19th March** in person or on Zoom.

**Parish Projects:** Over the last two years we have been supporting two charities through donating 5% of our Offertory collections, Woking Mind and The Friends of Ahotokurom. Despite reduced income last year, we have donated £3,601. We wish to continue our support of The Friends of Ahotokurom and would welcome your suggestions for a local charity via email: [knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk). As part of our Lenten almsgiving, the new project will be launched on Maundy Thursday. Closing date for nominations **Tuesday 23rd March**.

**Invited Lent 2021 – The Mission:** The 4th episode is 7.00pm Monday 15th March, and on Thursday 18th, Monday's episode will be discussed via Zoom 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Monday videos can be viewed during Lent via [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk). Transcripts of Speakers and those giving testimony are also available. To find out more [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited). Episode 5 will be on Monday 22nd March, the contents of this episode will also be discussed via Zoom on Thursday 25th March.

**Easter Hamper Raffle** - a joint venture between school and parish and the proceeds shared equally. At least 15 fabulous hampers are up for grabs at £1 a ticket and tickets are now on sale; the Draw will take place at the end of the month. However, to make up a few more we would welcome donations of wine, chocolate eggs, art and craft bits and new children's toys by 18th March, although we will accept pledges if you cannot meet the deadline! Donations can be collected by arrangement or delivered direct to the Church as follows: **Wednesday 17th March** between 10.00am-11.00am or 2.00pm-3.00pm. Please do not leave items unattended outside the Church. For further info and ticket sales, contact Anne [am.rushton@btopenworld.com](mailto:am.rushton@btopenworld.com) or via the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets via PayPal <https://paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3254692>. Please ensure you tick the box to allow your name and contact details to be sent otherwise we cannot send your ticket number(s). Please note: Do not select Gift Aid.

**Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group:** The charity provides emotional and practical support to asylum seekers and other migrants held in immigration detention at Gatwick. In normal times we support about 1,000 people each year through our staff and volunteer visitors. We are looking for a new Treasurer, a qualified Accountant, to replace George Fitzsimons who is retiring from the post. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested. For more information and without any obligation, please contact George Fitzsimons: [gfitz62246@aol.com](mailto:gfitz62246@aol.com)

**CHURCH OPENING: Please note that only the following are Public Masses  
Sundays at 8.00am, 10.00am and Fridays 6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.**

**Booking required for ALL Masses**

- 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 and number attending; you should 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.
- Please note, good ventilation reduces the risks from airborne transmission and so windows will be open in the Church. Please put on an extra layer to keep warm!
- All weekday Masses will be live streamed via Facebook.

**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. If you have the 'Track and Trace' NHS Covid-19 app, please scan the QR code.

We are unable to allow people to stand in the aisles, at the back or in the Narthex. You must not mix with anyone outside your household or support bubble indoors or outdoors. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times.

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
- Do not mingle before or after Mass outside the Church. Please disperse immediately.

**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. Also needed are Ministers of the Word. In line with the guidance, volunteers should NOT participate if they 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.

**FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE PARISH**

**Thank you** to all who have supported our Parish financially during this difficult time. Parishioners have continued with their regular Standing Orders and weekly envelopes and some have offered 'one off' donations; all have been very gratefully received. We rely on your generosity to meet our operational costs and whilst we are not using our buildings to their full capacity, we still need to continue with maintenance etc. At this time we would like you to consider making a regular contribution by Standing Order as this reduces the handling of cash and ensures that our Parish receives a regular income.

Even when Mass is suspended or has a reduced congregation, the Church still incurs regular costs. You can have a Standing Order, whether or not you wish to Gift Aid. A Standing Order can be raised with 40-05-20 / 31077384 / RCD Arundel & Brighton St Hugh of Lincoln Knaphill. If you are a taxpayer, the Parish can greatly benefit from your donation, at no extra cost to yourself, via the Gift Aid scheme.

If you would like your donation to be Gift Aided  
please contact Ian Dallas on 07966 183107 or [ilandallas47@gmail.com](mailto:ilandallas47@gmail.com).

**Fundraising via #easyfundraising:** Thank you to those who have signed up to help raise donations for the Parish. If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use the site at no extra cost to you! Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)  
St Hugh's Church - Knaphill and do your shopping in the usual way via the shop of your choice.

## A Creative Challenge

The lovely saying "Easter is not about the bunny but the lamb" is so true as Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. To celebrate His resurrection, let's think about creating a Lamb of God as a central focus for our homes to go with our eggs, chickens and bunnies. My friend Lizzy made me my Easter lamb many years ago, now it's time for you to have one for your homes too. Take up the challenge and show us your creative ideas as a task for Lent and something to enjoy for the whole Easter Season.

Our **Parish Office Manager** is working from home as per Government restrictions and Parish business continues, albeit remotely. Parish Office hours are 10am-2pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please email [knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk) if you require assistance. Telephone enquiries left at the Parish Office will also be checked and responded to as promptly as possible. Thank you.

**Mass Intentions:** Dates are available for the months of **April and May 2021**, and can be booked via Email to the Parish Office or Telephone 01483 472404.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Parishioners will be able to watch weekday Masses via Facebook and Sunday 10am Mass via YouTube.

### Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021 - Year B

Sun 14	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass ( <a href="#">Zoom Coffee</a> )	In thanksgiving for Baby Caleb Nithin Franklin
Mon 15	10.00am	Monday of the 4th Week in Lent	Anne-Marie Peeroo RIP
Tue 16	7.30pm	Tuesday of the 4th Week in Lent	Intentions of the Larkham Family
Wed 17	Private	St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary	John Stevens RIP
Thu 18	7.30pm	St Cyril of Jerusalem - Latin Mass	Private Intention (HD)
Fri 19	6.30pm	<b>St Joseph, Spouse of the B V M</b>	Repose of the soul of Ann Magee
Sat 20	3.00pm	Saturday of the 4th Week in Lent	Mary Vaughan RIP

### Fifth Sunday of Lent 21st March 2021 - Year B

Sun 21	8.00am	Latin Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Morning Mass ( <a href="#">Zoom Coffee</a> )	Jim Moore RIP

**Offertory Collections for the last 2 weeks:** Baskets £355.00, Contactless £127.77 and £1176.66 Standing Orders, which were Gift Aided. Many Thanks



## Memorare to St Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted.

Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection.

Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

## Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honour and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.