



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church

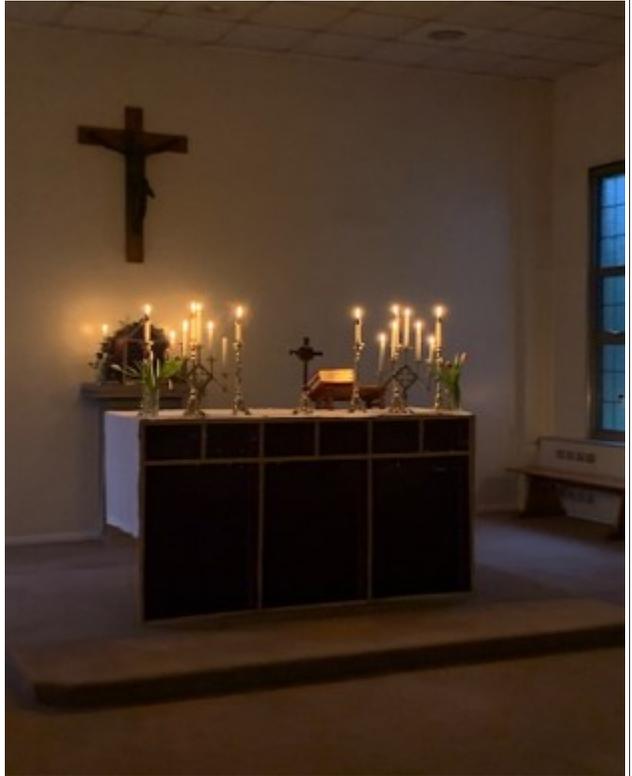
Parish Newsletter

“God walks into your soul with silent step. God comes to you more than you go to Him. Never will his coming be what you expect, and yet never will it disappoint.” *Venerable Fulton Sheen.*

First Sunday of Advent - 28th November 2021 Year C The Year of St Joseph

Dear Friends,

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion popular in many places in Europe and among families, some bring their own lamps to the Mass. The Mass is for the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent and is offered just before dawn. This Mass captures the hearts and minds of many people, the interplay of light and darkness speaking to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the World. The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8 “Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.”
“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.”



The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary’s honour, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet, and the Gloria is said. In the dimly lit setting, the Priest and faithful prepare to honour the Light of the World, who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our faith is illuminated by Christ. The readings and prayers of Advent foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

This Mass will be on Tuesday mornings at 7.00am; please God breakfast will return next year. There will also be a Rorate Mass in Latin on Saturday 4th December at 7.30am.

Our Lady of Advent pray for usFr Gerard

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

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, with tag attached, should be returned over the weekend of 12th December. The beneficiaries will be:

- Abraham Cowley Unit at St.Peter's – Providing care for elderly mental health patients.
- Parish Project - Ahotokurom - Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre, Ghana - a centre of Christian hospitality for the marginalised, disabled and disadvantaged. Dedicated workers provide social care services and education in the broadest sense, encouraging personal growth and independence. You can donate financially via Dona on our website, the device in the narthex or direct via online banking: 'RCD A & B Knaphill' - 40-05-20 - 01247611 *ref PPA*.
- Parish Project - York Road - Providing accommodation, advice and support for anyone who is at risk of homelessness or is homeless in Woking. Again, you can donate financially as above *ref PPYR*
- Woking Lions - Providing for the less fortunate families in the Woking area.
- Parish/School – families known to us.

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 if we would give them a small card, with your christian name only and marked 'St Hugh of Lincoln Parish' and a chocolate bar that would fit into an A5 envelope, also smaller items such as Twix, Mars, Flake, Bounty. Most importantly **anything with tin foil will not be allowed in the prison**. Please put your contribution into the box marked 'Coldingley' in the narthex. Christmas is a hard time in prison and this gesture would be much appreciated. Deadline Friday 10 December.

Admission to St Hugh's School September 2022

Fr Gerard will be available at the Presbytery as follows for the signing of the SIF:

- Friday 3rd December 2021 9.00am - 11.00am,
- Thursday 9th December 2021 9.00am - 11.00am
- Monday 10th January 2022 7.00pm - 8.30pm

New applicant tours run every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

To book a place please call 01483 480441 or email info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk.

PACT: Operation Elf: Bishop Richard writes: 'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through PACT's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.' Register at parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk Thank you.

Parking: Please be considerate to our neighbours and other road users by not parking across drives or on the pavement. Also, bear in mind that buses and delivery trucks pass along Victoria Road during Mass times (even on Sundays) so please do not park opposite a parked car - the road isn't wide enough!

Covid-19 Route Map Stage 4 Guidance

- Please register with the Welcomer for all Sunday Masses or use the 'Track and Trace' NHS Covid-19 App - QR code in the narthex.
 - Please move forward for Holy Communion guided by the Welcomer a row at a time
- The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales ask:**
- As face coverings help to mitigate the risk of spreading Covid, they are still strongly recommended to be worn in church covering both the nose and mouth.
 - Please use hand sanitiser provided as you enter and leave the church and please also consider social distance.
 - The church will continue to be well ventilated (*put on an extra layer as the colder weather approaches*) to reduce the risk of spreading the virus and will continue to be cleaned.

Prayers for the Sick, the Housebound and the Underprivileged: We offer our prayers for all who are ill as well as those unable to attend church due to Covid-19. Following the recent relaxed regulations, we urge all who are able, but undecided and hesitant to reconsider joining our congregation to participate in the Holy Eucharist and in preparation for the forthcoming Season of Advent. Also please pray for all in need of humanitarian help around the world, especially the people in Afghanistan.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a series of talks and ceremonies designed to prepare adults to be received into the Church, which is planned to start soon. Join us and support those who intend to start the course. Interested, and would like to know more, please speak to Father Gerard.

From Cafod: "Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." **Thank you for your support** which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our World Gift catalogues or website worldgifts.cafod.org.uk. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Sign up for our daily Advent reflections: These reflections have been very popular and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit our [Interactive online Advent calendar](#) | [CAFOD](#) for more details.

December 2nd is the **United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.**

Modern slavery is an international trade in human misery.

Could you offer 1 minute of silent prayer on the 2nd for the estimated 40 million slaves in the world today, for the 136,000 of those slaves in the United Kingdom, and for the end of Modern Slavery?

Justice & Peace Assembly with Bishop Richard

'*To a Safer Shore?*' Focussing on the challenges faced by people compelled to leave their homes and seek refuge in other countries. **Why must and how can we** respond to their needs, especially in light of Fratelli Tutti? Taking place on **Saturday 15th January**, at St Francis School, Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Speakers, stalls, refreshments. **Doors open 9.30 am.**

Event runs from **10 am until 1 pm**. Please wear a **mask, dress warmly**, and **bring your own mug or flask**. Seating spaced out, therefore places limited.

[Book here for Justice & Peace Assembly](#) or E: Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Synod 2023: Please join Deacon Rob for the first of our two Zoom meetings on this subject this Monday 29th November at 7.30pm. The meeting can be accessed via the following link [Synod 2023 Zoom](#)

Fundraising: Have you started your online shopping yet? The Parish is 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". To date, 13 parishioners have raised £303.42 just by doing their ordinary online shopping!

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions available for the months of **January and February 2022.**

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday and weekday Masses will be livestreamed via YouTube or Facebook,

Weekday Masses, except Thursday, will be preceded by half an hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 27th November - Our Lady on Saturday

6.00pm Vigil Mass Beatrice and Robert Attard RIP

***SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT* - YEAR C 2021**

8.00am Latin Mass EF In celebration of the life of Sara-Louis Doneux

9.30am Holy Mass Joe Bill Collins RIP

11.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

Monday 29th November - Monday of the First Week in Advent

10.00am Holy Mass Pious List

Tuesday 30th November - St Andrew, Apostle

10.00am Holy Mass Repose of the soul of Alice Ledgard

Wednesday 1st December - Wednesday of the First Week in Advent

Private Holy Mass Mary Kirk RIP

Thursday 2nd December - Thursday of the First Week in Advent

10.00am Requiem Mass Stephen Sarangabani RIP

7.30pm Latin Mass EF Margaret Pullen RIP

Friday 3rd December - St Francis Xavier, Priest

6.00pm Holy Mass Saliba Family for the grace of Peace and Harmony

Saturday 4th December - St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor

7.30am Rorate Mass EF In Thanksgiving

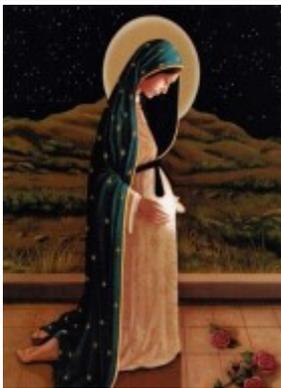
6.00pm Vigil Mass Sr Stephanie Earle RIP

***SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT* - YEAR C 2021**

8.00am Latin Mass EF Luigi Loche RIP

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

11.30am Holy Mass Krystyna and Jan Prelewicz RIP



The Christmas Novena starts on November 30th, the Feast of St. Andrew, and finishes on Christmas Day. The Novena prayer is said 15 times each day, this persistent prayer has been used to request special help from St. Andrew for any cause, but it has been particularly used by couples trying to conceive a child and other important intentions.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen. *Repeat 15 times. Pause; then mention your intentions and then say:* one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be. Our Lady of Advent pray for us. Saint Joseph pray for us