



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church

Parish Newsletter

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."

St. Nicholas of Myra

Second Sunday of Advent - 5th December 2021 Year C The Year of St Joseph

Dear Friends,

Next week is already the Third Sunday of Advent which is more than a pink candle as we are reminded to, "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh". It's also Baminelli Sunday; it was started by St Pope Paul VI and ever since, blessing of the Baby Jesus has been given by the Pope during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square. We ask every household in our parish, young and old, to unpack your Nativity and bring the Baby Jesus to the Church to be blessed at all Sunday Masses on the weekend of **11th /12th December**. Blest hay will also be available to take home for your own manger.

The practice of bringing back to our homes the blest Baby Jesus is powerful, Who by tradition is then placed in the manger on Christmas Day. It helps us to see that devotion to the Christ Child is valuable in our spiritual life and the Baby Jesus is not just for Christmas. This Advent we have an opportunity to come closer to Him and remember as His children we are in God's care. This will help us in having a healthy interior life as St. Therese of the Child Jesus calls it a "spiritual childhood." Our Lord himself says: "Whosoever therefore shall make himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of heaven." Mt 18:3. What Our Lord speaks of is the all-important act of the soul which helps us in our life to be humble.

But most of us fail frequently, yet He gives us chance after chance. Remember to make an Advent confession. **Our Advent Reconciliation service is on Friday 10th December at 7pm**. God the Father wants us to be fruitful and see His Grace active in us. As we recognise being a Child of God and imitating the Christ Child, we are aware of continually being pulled downwards by selfishness and negativity, while the Spirit of God wants and does pour His Grace into our hearts to help us act like sons and daughters.

This Grace is really a sharing in the very life of Christ in His own Childhood. Let's be generous to the work of being little.

St Joseph, foster father of Jesus, Pray for us.....Fr Gerard

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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 by 12.45pm at the latest.** 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.**

Christmas Treats on Sale NOW! Unfortunately, no Christmas Bazaar this year, but why not support the School/Parish by buying, after all Masses this weekend, the following:

- ✦ Traditional Christmas Plum Puddings or Sticky Toffee Puddings, with a School/ Parish community label. Cost: Plum Pudding £3.50 (120g indiv), £8.00 (454g serves 4), £14.00 (908g serves 8) / Sticky Toffee £8.00 (290g serves 3-4). All have long use by dates!
- ✦ Christmas Hamper Raffle: 2 fabulous hampers up for grabs! Cost: £1 per ticket.
- ✦ Plus more!

Assistant Premises Manager Vacancy

The Trustees of St John's Seminary, Womersh, Guildford (GU5 0QX) are looking to appoint, asap, a suitable person to assist the Premises Manager in all that is required to maintain, secure and prepare the building for its closure and sale. This is a fixed-term position, which will run up until December 2022, and attracts a salary of up to £25,000pa for a 37.5 hour working week, over 5 days – including some weekend work and on-call availability. Single occupancy accommodation is provided for the better performance of duties. The closing date for applications is Monday 20 December 2021.

Interviews will take place on Monday 10th January 2022.

Please email CV, plus details of two referees, to Monsignor Gerald Ewing – Rector, at rector@womersh.org from whom further details are available. (Strictly no agencies please.)

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.

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!

Church Christmas Flower Collection

There will be a collection at the end of all Sunday Masses over the next two weeks for Christmas flowers. Please give generously to help make our Church beautiful for Christmas. Donations can be made via Dona or the parish bank account RCD A&B Knaphill : 40-05-20; 01247611.

Right to Life - Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds. We pray for an end to abortion. We pray especially that the Government would see the harm caused by the temporary 'DIY' abortion scheme, and that efforts to end this practice would be successful.

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 online**.

Bookings can be made via the Diocesan website at [Justice & Peace Webinar 2022 \(15-Jan-2022\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#). Details of the webinar login link will be sent to you nearer to the date.

Event runs from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

Details from Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Admission to St Hugh's School September 2022

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

- 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.

Year of St Joseph ends on 8th December 2021

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis explained that the aim of this special year was “to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal,” describing St. Joseph as a “beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.”

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions available for the months of **January and February 2022**, can be booked via email to the Parish Office or telephone 01483 472404.

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 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

Monday 6th December - St Nicholas , Bishop

10.00am	Holy Mass	In memory of the late Gerald (Gerry) Higgins RIP
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Tuesday 7th December - St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

7.00am	Rorate Mass	Margaret Crawley RIP
10.00am	Holy Mass	Andrea Britton RIP

Wednesday 8th December - The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

6.00pm	Holy Mass	In remembrance of deceased family and friends
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Thursday 9th December - St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

7.30pm	Latin Mass EF	Intentions of Santiago and de Los Reyes families
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Friday 10th December - Our Lady of Loreto

6.00pm	Holy Mass	Liam O'Dwyer RIP
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Saturday 11th December - St Damasus I, Pope

6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Moore RIP
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***SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER - THIRD 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT* - YEAR C 2021**

8.00am	Latin Mass EF	People of the Parish
9.30am	Holy Mass	Sue Dethick RIP
11.30am	Holy Mass	Daniela and Jan Dziki 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