



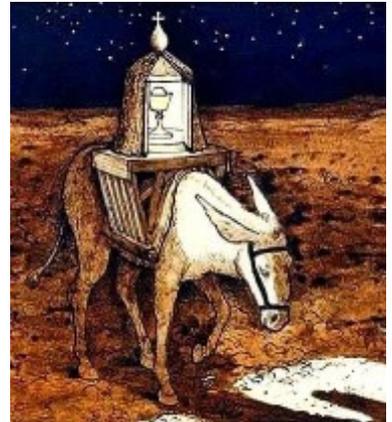
St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter

"Faith walks simply, childlike, between the darkness
of human life and the hope of what is to come."
Servant of God Catherine Doherty

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Radix Jessie' 19th December 2021 Year C

Dear Friends,

There are some quintessential items that we can't live without at this time of year that we don't seem to use at any other time of the year! Nothing marks the season of Christmas like the 'Mince Pie'. Even Paul Hollywood would make note of that buttery, crumbly pastry filled with spiced fruits and nuts and a good measure of alcohol without a soggy bottom. Some people hate mince pies and for those who love them, nearly 800 million mince pies each year are sold for their consumption, not to mention the home baked wonders. But did you know that the humble mincemeat pie has a connection with our Faith?



With England being a Catholic country before the Reformation, these Christmas mince pies were made in oblong form, representing the manger in which Christ was born. Sometimes a little figure of the infant Jesus was placed in a slight depression in the crust. Thus, the pie was served as an object of devotion as well as part of the Christmas feast. That's why the Puritans claimed that the custom of eating Christmas pies was "an abomination, a cause of idolatry and superstition, and a popish observance," consequently it was condemned at the same time as the Puritans condemned Christmas itself. Needless to say, the condemnation didn't last long and the mince pie still has pride of place. It's a little story that we can all use to put Christ back into Christmas. The simplest of things can teach the faith, like a mince pie. A simple image can explain profound truth as I recently found a unique image of the Holy Family through the connection of each person of the Holy Family which should not only be with us for Christmas, but through our life. The image is of a donkey and strapped onto it a Tabernacle. The painting is clear that the Blessed Virgin Mary, as the first Tabernacle with her womb, which held Our Saviour Jesus Christ who is the Most Blessed Sacrament within and St Joseph protecting them both is the Tabernacle Veil. Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem was nothing unusual or even spectacular just like everyone else who was doing the same. The life they had was now different to others, yet their outlook was totally different as they were in perfect union with the Will of God, the Father, and bearing His Son not only the Light of the World, but our only Hope.

In Jesus, Mary and JosephFr Gerard.

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Church Christmas Flower Collection: There will be a collection at the end of all Sunday Masses this week for Christmas flowers. Donations can also be made via Dona or our Bank Account: HSBC / 40 05 20 / 01247611 / RCD A&B Knaphill *ref flowers*. Please give generously to help make our church beautiful for Christmas.

Christmas Collection for the support of the Clergy

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 blue 'Christmas Collection envelope' as you leave the Church
- Via the Offertory basket after Mass for cash and your weekly envelopes
- Via our handheld contactless device after Mass - you just swipe your debit or credit card
- Via the static contactless device in the Narthex - this device also accepts Gift Aid donations
- Directly into our Bank Account: HSBC / 40 05 20 / 01247611 / RCD A&B Knaphill *ref Clergy*
- Via Gift Aid (tax payer) see parish website for full details or contact Ian Dallas on 07966183107 or 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

Admission to St Hugh's Primary School September 2022

A reminder that the national closing date for Reception Class applications for September 2022 entry is **15th January 2022**. Online applications are encouraged via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Parents can apply online from a smartphone, tablet or laptop. If unable to apply online, you will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (Quadrant Court address) by 15th January; allow time for the post to reach them. If parents need to apply on paper, it is recommended that applications are sent by recorded post. Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without an exceptional reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed.

This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

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Fr Gerard will be available at the Presbytery for the signing of the SIF on

Monday 10th January 2022, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Jackpot Club - Nigel O'Coffey, £49.50 and Frances Hancock, £24.50 won in the November Draw. You have to be in it to win it. Please contact Anne am.rushton@btopenworld.com.

Covid-19 Update reflecting the emergence of the Omicron variant with effect from Friday 10th December

In line with Government measures it is important to ensure the following points are followed throughout our churches:

- Face coverings (covering both the nose and mouth) will become **compulsory** in places of worship
- People displaying any **symptoms of Covid-19** should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person
- Hand sanitiser should be available for use on entering and leaving the church
- Good ventilation and air throughout the building; as a result of colder weather conditions, it will be important to wrap up well
- Premises should be kept clean, including common touch points
- Please support NHS Test and Trace by checking in via the NHS QR Code Poster or provide your contact details to the Welcomer (details will be kept for 21 days)

Carol Singing in the Community

Due to public demand the C4K carol singers have added an extra date to their Knaphill tour and will be singing from 8-9pm on Wednesday **22nd December** at the Garibaldi Pub. The C4K singers will be in the carpark with the pub customers joining in from the gazebo outside. In previous years this has been a very popular community carol singing event and you will be very welcome to join the C4K singers or the customer singers. For more information speak to Roger (07501056679).

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.

Churches for Knaphill (C4K) next meeting Wednesday, 5th January 2022

If you are interested in ecumenical events and have ideas on how the Christian Churches in Knaphill can work together to witness our faith in our community, you will be very welcome to attend our next meeting which will be at Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road at 7.30pm where we will review how Christmas/Advent went and look forward to Lent. Please contact Roger via 07501056679 / rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com. for more information.

Justice & Peace Assembly Webinar: 'To a Safer Shore?: 15th January, from 9.45am for 10.00 am to 1.00pm, will now take place online. More details and to book at To a Safer Shore? Spotlights refugees, highlighting what we can do to help: Arundel & Brighton Catholic Diocese (abdiocese.org.uk) or contact Tessa Ricketts at Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal.

In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. Please pray for the people of Afghanistan and you can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal.

An **'appeal for greenery'**: Please bring greenery to help decorate our church for Christmas and leave in the narthex by noon Thursday 23rd December. Many thanks.

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

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

There will be *half an hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* prior to weekday Masses

Saturday 18th December - December in Greater Advent 'O Adonai'

6.00pm Vigil Mass Intentions of Bruna Moore

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'O RADIX JESSE' - YEAR C 2021

8.00am Latin Mass EF People of the Parish

9.30am Holy Mass Bill Collins RIP

11.30am Holy Mass Michael Parry RIP

Monday 20th December - December in Greater Advent, 'O Clavis David'

10.00am Holy Mass Jim Breen RIP

Tuesday 21st December - December in Greater Advent, 'O Oriens'

7.00am Rorate Mass Sue Dethick RIP

10.00am Holy Mass In thanksgiving for Emily

Wednesday 22nd December - December in Greater Advent, 'O Rex Gentium'

10.00am Holy Mass James Samathar RIP

Thursday 23rd December - December in Greater Advent, 'O Emmanuel'

7.30pm Latin Mass EF Andrea Britton RIP

Friday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

9.00am Holy Mass Graham Camplin RIP

3.00pm First Vespers and Benediction

5.00pm Family Mass Tom and Enid Collins RIP

7.00pm **Vigil Mass of the Nativity** Andy Higgins RIP

12.00am **Midnight Mass** preceded by Carols with Blessing of Crib at 11.45pm
Ida, Noel and all the deceased members of the Bird family RIP

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8.00am **'Shepherds' Mass at Dawn - Latin EF** Private Intentions

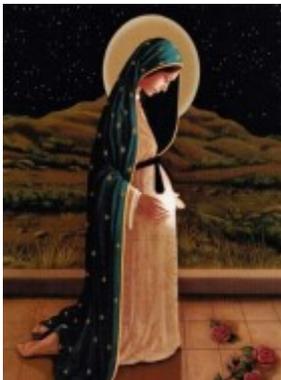
9.30am **Solemn Mass of the Day** People of the Parish

11.30am **Midday Holy Mass** Margaret and Albert Crawley RIP

SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER - THE HOLY FAMILY - YEAR C 2021

8.30am Latin Mass EF People of the Parish

10.30am Holy Mass Alexandra Peaston RIP



The Christmas Novena started 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*