



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter - 13th March 2022

I wish Lord to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your Most Holy Mother received You, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

*Spiritual Communion prayed by St Josemaria Escriva*  
**Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent**

Dear Friends,

We were recently asked by Bishop Richard to have a Holy Hour in order to pray for peace, but I realised that most people do not know the practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Of course that's fine, our duty in the parish is to help faith grow. Without guidance, we can easily become bored, fidget, and lose sight of what Adoration is all about. So without some tips of how to make a Holy Hour, we can forget that this precious time with the Lord is more about Him who longs for our company, more than we long for him: He asks us again "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Mark 14:37). And in order to understand what is happening we need to swing back to the Mass where the bread and



wine, through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the help of the Priest, who is the conduit, Jesus Christ is fully present on our Altar. It is the same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, who lived among His people, taught them, died and rose again and went back to heaven to welcome us. He did not leave us alone as He left us His presence in the Holy Eucharist. This is what our faith is all about, it's why we come to church on a Sunday. So Adoration is an extension of the Mass without all the actions and words. In the words of St. John Vianney, it is a time when "I look at Him and He looks at me." It is a time to allow Jesus' heart to speak to ours. St John Henry Newman says it better than me: "heart speaks to heart". However long you stay it doesn't matter, but it's a chance to listen and allow Him to speak to us. This is a time when we can tell Him everything about how we are and how we feel and to ask His help in ways in which we need it. Above all, it is a time to thank the Lord for His presence and action in our lives and to adore Him for His goodness, truth, and mercy. It is also an opportunity to present to Him the things we don't understand, our sins, failings and the worries that burden us. We might also pray for persecuted Christians, for the victims of famine and for an end to conflicts. We might pray for the Church, for the Holy Father or for all missionaries. We might pray for the care of the earth and appreciate His beauty revealed in creation. This is a time to thank God for the sun, moon and stars that were made through His Word present before us in the Eucharist. Finally, we can pray in this time for peace among all nations, and especially in Ukraine, for which Jesus lived and died and that it might become a reality in our troubled world today. We bring the entire human family and the whole universe. That's why the Bishop has asked us to pray for peace and all the other problems of the world, so we could lay them down at Jesus placed on the Altar. We, and our children, can bask in the light of His love that never fails us.

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

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### ***The Crux of the Matter***

*a Chance to Deepen your Faith and Fellowship on Mondays at 8.00pm in the Church hall.*

**Gift Aid Envelope Boxes:** If you use Gift Aid envelopes for your Offertory donations the envelopes for 2022/2023 will be available for collection after all Masses this weekend. If you will be unable to collect your envelopes at this time, or next weekend, but would still like to receive them, please email [iandallas47@gmail.com](mailto:iandallas47@gmail.com) or call 07966 183107. If you would like further information about how Gift Aid benefits the Parish by allowing it to claim an additional 25% from the Inland Revenue for your offertory donations, from the tax you pay, please come and see us after Mass as we distribute the envelopes. This is a very important income and in the last year was around £10,000 and goes to meet the day-to-day costs and ongoing maintenance of the estate.

### **Light Lenten Lunch**

of bread and soup during Lent in the hall after **12 noon Holy Mass on Tuesdays**. For catering purposes, please book your lunch by signing the sheet in the narthex by 11.00am on the Monday.

**Lent Retreat** led by Fr Peter Williams OSB, a member of the community at Worth, **29th - 31st March**,

Cost: £220 pp. Take time out during Lent to review your life and ask where God is calling you to change; to simplify things. Exploring the desert tradition and the writings of John Cassian to examine thoughts and feelings and to see how it talks to us in the 21st century.

To find out more: [www.worth.co.uk/retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats), email: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or Tel: 01342 710318

### **Primary Adviser and Secondary Adviser for Religious Education & Catholic Ethos**

The Diocese is seeking to recruit two part time RE Advisers based in Crawley to support the work of the Education Service; a Secondary RE Adviser 0.8 and a Primary Adviser 0.4. The successful candidates will provide advice and support to schools on Catholic ethos, Religious Education and related areas with the promotion and further development of schools' Catholic ethos and distinctive character integral to both roles. **Closing date for applications is 1st April 2022.** For further details please visit our website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers) or email: [julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **Helpers, Nurses and Doctors wanted**

to assist on the **Lourdes Pilgrimage** which takes place between **29th July - 4th August 2022.**

For further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office: [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org).

The application form is available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**Prayers:** We offer our prayers for the people of Ukraine, for their safety and also for the people in Russia and an end to this devastating conflict. Keep also in your prayers the housebound, those who are in the Hospice and for those who are suffering and we commend them all to our Blessed Mother.

**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

In line with guidance from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, it is important to ensure the following points are followed throughout our churches:

- Face coverings (covering both the nose and mouth) may continue to be worn whilst in the church building
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church
- Hand sanitiser is 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
- Whilst there is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them
- Over the coming weeks we will gradually re-introduce many of the traditions of our parish.

**Family Fast Day:** We remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict.

You can donate by using a CAFOD envelope, by visiting the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/lent), by [using the contactless device in the narthex](#) or [via the retiring collection](#).

**CAFOD** is raising much-needed funds for Ukraine and has joined an appeal launched by the UK Disasters Emergency Committee to help hundreds of thousands of people fleeing conflict in the country. Life for the people of Ukraine has changed completely with homes, schools, and hospitals destroyed. Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe. The United Nations estimate that more than a million people have fled their homes so far - leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones. They desperately need shelter, food, and water. Donations to CAFOD will help local experts in Ukraine to provide: **food, water, healthcare, shelter and clothing**. You can donate to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal here: <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversalttype=single&Appeal=123770>. To find out more please visit CAFOD's [website](#).

## CAFOD's 'Walk Against Hunger' Lent Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days and you will conquer your 200k target in time for Easter - and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to [www.cafod.org.uk/walk](http://www.cafod.org.uk/walk).

## A Quiet Day Retreat

at Storrington Priory in West Sussex, **Wednesday 23rd March**, 10am - 4pm. A guided retreat including spiritual input, personal prayer and common prayer. Participants are invited to contribute c.£20-£25 per person for the day though all are welcome, regardless of their ability to pay. Book your place at <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/event/quiet-days-at-storrington-priory-march/>

**Counters and Bankers:** The Parish urgently needs volunteers to help with counting the cash received by the Parish during the previous week, training will be given but you must be happy with counting money. The Parish also needs volunteers to prepare the counted cash for banking which takes place at the Post Office in Knaphill, again training will be provided. If you feel you can provide this important ministry for the Parish, please provide your details to the Parish Office.

Retiring Collection **This Sunday** is for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

Please note that there will be **HOLY HOUR** following **9.30am Mass on SUNDAYS**, specifically to pray for the people of the Ukraine.

**Mass Intentions:** Mass Intentions available for the months of **March and April 2022**

### MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday and weekday Masses will be livestreamed via YouTube or Facebook

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

**\*Saturday 12th March - \*Saturday of the First Week in Lent\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Get well prayers for Olive Summerville

**\*SUNDAY 13TH MARCH - SECOND 'TRANSFIGURATION' SUNDAY OF LENT\* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass EF People of the Parish

9.30am Holy Mass *followed by Holy Hour* Sue Dethick RIP

11.30am Holy Mass Anne Brown RIP

**\*Monday 14th March - \*Monday of the Second Week in Lent\***

6.00pm Holy Mass Anne Brown RIP

**\*Tuesday 15th March - \*Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent\***

12.00pm Holy Mass followed by Lenten Lunch Maureen and John Knecht RIP

**\*Wednesday 16th March - \*Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent\***

Private Holy Mass \*\*\*\*

**\*Thursday 17th March - \*St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary\***

7.00pm Holy Mass Latin EF Intentions for Kathleen Bright

**\*Friday 18th March - \*Friday of the Second Week in Lent\***

10.00am Holy Mass Liam McKenna RIP

6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass Kazio RIP

**\*Saturday 19th March - \*St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary\***

12.00pm Holy Mass Latin EF For the children of St Joseph's School

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mr James Albert Wheeler RIP

**\*SUNDAY 20TH MARCH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT\* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass EF Mary Vaughan RIP

9.30am Holy Mass *followed by Holy Hour* People of the Parish

11.30am Holy Mass Therese Davis RIP

**Average Weekly Offertory Collections:** Baskets - £355.72 Contactless - £123.67 and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total £1067.72 Many thanks.

### March is the Month of St Joseph

Prayers to be said for Peace and for the protection of the people of Ukraine.

#### Prayer to Holy Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### Ancient Prayer to Our Lady (Sub Tuum Praesidium)

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

