



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” *Lamentations 3:22-23*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 20th MARCH 2022**

Dear Friends,

On Friday 25th March at 5pm in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis will preside in the Celebration of Penance, during which he will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Bishops of Ukraine requested that the Holy Father make this consecration; they are asking the whole world to join the people of Ukraine in prayer leading up to the day of consecration. Please join us in the church that evening, which will be the Annunciation of the Lord, for Stations of the Cross and Mass. It will start at 6pm, the same time as the Pope's Consecration.

The consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart was requested by Our Lady on several occasions beginning in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. In Fatima, the children, Lucy, Francisco and Jacinta said that in the apparition on the 17th June 1917, the Virgin said to them: "I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. If people attend to my requests, Russia will be converted, and the world will have peace."

She warned what life would be like after the First World War. She said "If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world."

Later Lucy, who became a nun, said that Our Lady appeared to her on 13th June 1929, and said: "This is the moment when God asks the Holy Father to make, in union with all the bishops of the world, the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. He promises to save it by that means. So many are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against me that I come to ask for reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray."

Sr. Lucy asked Our Lord why He would not convert Russia without the solemn public consecration of that nation specifically? Jesus answered: "because I want My whole Church to acknowledge this consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that it may extend its homage later on, and put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart."

In response, Popes Pius XII (1942), John Paul II (1984) and Francis (2013) consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart, with Pius XII also specifically consecrating "the peoples of Russia" in 1952. However, one can dispute whether a valid consecration of Russia, fulfilling the requirements has happened. Consecration means setting something apart, dedicating it to a sacred purpose. The practice of a personal consecration to Mary has roots in the early centuries of Christianity, and was popular in many parts of the Church by the ninth century. As early as the ninth century, bishops and priests began to consecrate cities to the Blessed Virgin Mary as well, as a way of asking for her intercessory protection. Louis XIII consecrated France to Mary in 1638, and other countries have done the same.

Through Mary to Jesus .....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.*

### 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.

### 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, 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.

### Easyfundraising

Please support our parish by doing your online everyday shopping via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), create an account and the cause to support is 'St Hugh's Church, Knaphill' and then log on to the shop of your choice! We currently have 15 supporters who have raised £372.84 over the last fourteen months; thank you!

**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.

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 29th July – 4th August

Would you be willing to travel with us in late July this year to help those who, without our help, could never make the journey? **We are seeking helpers aged 18 + and Redshirts (especially students in Year 12) to serve our pilgrimage family and become part of our "love in action" week.** Travelling to Lourdes, as a helper is a wonderful experience full of fun, companionship, friendship and laughter. Each person on our pilgrimage brings distinctive gifts and graces with them, benefitting those they meet during the week. Subsidies are available for all helpers and Redshirts, if you will struggle to pay the full price. All you need do is ask! "There are moments and places in life where you can touch God's love in a more direct way... Although you may be assisting someone, in some way you get a gift back" *Fr David Parmiter, Pilgrimage Spiritual Director.* "The pilgrimage to Lourdes in many people's lives has a very special significance. We can focus in a very profound way on the journey that we find ourselves on." *Bishop Richard Moth.* If you have ever wanted to go to Lourdes or are looking for some way of supporting others it would be wonderful to have you join us this summer.

Please note that we also need **Nurses and Doctors** to assist on the **Lourdes Pilgrimage**.

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>.

## **Fundraising for Ukraine - A Message to Parishes**

People across our faith community have been deeply affected by the conflict in Ukraine, with Holy Hours and prayers for peace offered across our many parishes. Since the start of the war more than 2 million people have been forced to leave their homes including, according to UNICEF, a number of children travelling alone. Many diocesan parishes and schools have already undertaken fundraising initiatives for Ukraine, with others enquiring about the steps they might take to help our brothers and sisters at this extremely difficult time. Giving to established registered charities with experience of delivering humanitarian aid in challenging environments is often the most efficient and helpful way to support those in need. In light of this, and following advice from Bishops' Conference (CBCEW), Bishop Richard recommends parishes wishing to give financially support CAFOD, who are part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee response to the conflict and have experienced charitable partners already working in Ukraine. You can find out more about CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal here: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>. At a local level Bishop Richard and our diocesan central office team are exploring the measures we can take to offer practical help and support to Ukrainian refugees due to arrive in Sussex and Surrey in the coming weeks - we will keep you fully updated on these plans moving forward. As ever, we would ask for your continued prayers for the people of the region, and a peaceful end to the conflict.

## **Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Lent Appeal**

Your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts, like Sister Anthonia in Sierra Leone, can support families with training in growing and making healthy food so that children can grow up big and strong. You can still donate on the CAFOD website ([cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/lent))

## **Headteacher at St Paul's**

The Governing Body of St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, Thames Ditton is looking to appoint a dynamic, forward-thinking headteacher to start in September 2022. If you would like further information, please email [clerk@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk) or alternatively please go to <https://www.eteach.com/job/headteacher-1216606> to apply. The closing date for applications is **24th March**.

**Thank you received from Woking Foodbank** for our recent support. A copy of their Spring Newsletter can be found in the narthex. Please have a look and see where our donations are being used.

## **Singers wanted for the Easter Triduum**

If you would like to be part of the choir over the Triduum and are available on **Sunday 10th April between 1.30pm-4.30pm** for a music practice, please let the Parish Office know asap.

**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.

## **Jackpot Club**

The lucky February Draw winners were Rose O'Riordan and Katie Rushton who won £50 and £25 respectively. Their winnings represent 50% of the February subs, the other 50% will go to parish funds to pay for the running and maintenance of our parish i.e. utilities, sacramental programmes, flowers, candles, repairs, annual servicing etc.

If you would like to be a member of the Jackpot Club at £12 per annum, please contact the Parish Office or Anne [am.rushton@btopenworld.com](mailto:am.rushton@btopenworld.com). *You have to be in it to win it!*

In your charity, please pray for **Melanie Mullins**, who sadly passed away last week.

Date for your diary - **St Hugh's Summer Fair - Saturday 25th June**

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

### 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 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

**\*Monday 21st March - \*Monday of the Third Week in Lent\***

10.00am Holy Mass John Docherty RIP

**\*Tuesday 22nd March - \*Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent\***

12.00pm Holy Mass followed by Lenten Lunch Stephen Sarangabani RIP

**\*Wednesday 23rd March - \*Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent\***

Private Holy Mass \*\*\*\*

**\*Thursday 24th March - \*St Gabriel Archangel III\***

7.00pm Holy Mass Latin EF Carmen Banos RIP

**\*Friday 25th March - \*The Annunciation of the Lord\***

10.00am Holy Mass Andy Higgins RIP  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass Anne Brown RIP

**\*Saturday 26th March - \*Saturday of the Third Week in Lent\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the O'Riordan Family RIP

**\*SUNDAY 27TH MARCH - FOURTH 'LÆTARE' SUNDAY OF LENT\* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass EF People of the Parish  
9.30am Holy Mass **followed by Holy Hour** In thanksgiving for Luke  
11.30am Holy Mass Carolina and Luigi Natale 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.

