



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church **Parish Newsletter: 14th August - 11th September**

“Now, behold, Mary leaves the earth and calling to mind the many graces she had there received from her Lord, she looks on it affectionately. And now Jesus offers her His Hand and the Blessed Mother rises in the air, passes beyond the clouds and arrives at the gates of heaven.”

St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) Most Zealous Doctor.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear friends,

If I used a spare Tabernacle to put my cocktail hour drinks in it you would be rightly shocked. Well the same is true for the Blessed Virgin Mary (even more so); she carried the Word, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. God would not allow her body, at the end of its life on earth, to be used for something else, something degrading like food or worms. Not only did she carry Jesus in her womb, she shared most perfectly in the Divine Life, so that every part of her body was holy with a holiness that was greater than any other saint.

Her body was too precious a relic to be left upon earth. Jesus leaves His sacramental Body on earth because we need it as our spiritual food to reach heaven. In death, the soul separates from the body. This is an unnatural separation which means that the saints in heaven are not in the greatest state of perfection as their souls are not united to their bodies. The angels in heaven, however, are in their greatest state of perfection and so it would be inappropriate that their Queen, the greatest of creatures, be deprived of her body. Just as Jesus became incarnate so that we could love Him better because we can see Him and imagine Him, the same is true of Mary – we can turn to her more easily if we can imagine her with body and soul next to Jesus.

The greatest way we can celebrate the feast is by joining our hearts to the Holy Sacrifice of the Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Mass today and receiving his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion in her honour. It is through Mary, that Jesus was brought into the world and left us Himself in the Holy Eucharist. It is fitting that on her greatest feast day we honour her by receiving Him. The body of Jesus came from Mary, it is proper that the same body of Jesus, flesh of her flesh, is received by us in her honour. When Mary was assumed into heaven she was united to her Son in the Beatific Vision. It is wholly correct that we celebrate this feast by the closest possible union to her Son by our pious assistance at Mass and our reception of Him in Holy Communion.

Let us therefore lift up our hearts on this wonderful day, renew our faith in this great dogma and renew our devotion to the Mother who loves us best by receiving her Son as food and also in our hearts with all the devotion we can muster. Through Him, we honour her. Through her, we honour Him.

Thank you for your support, love and prayers over the last four years and for a new chapter in both our lives. See you on the 30th of September to bid farewell.

With love..... Fr Gerard

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St Hugh of Lincoln - A New Beginning

Please remember with effect from week beginning 15th August, there will be no weekday Masses and Sunday Masses will be at: 6.00pm (Vigil), 8.00am (EF) and 9.30am. Sadly, weekday Masses and the 11.30am have been suspended until Fr Rob, Fr Nick and Dcn Rob work out what is best for our parish.

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.

Healthcare professionals against assisted suicide

Last year the British Medical Association voted to become neutral on assisted suicide, in June there is an opportunity to revert this stance back to opposition. Please show your support for better palliative care and life until its natural end by signing the Our Duty of Care Declaration.

More information can be found at: www.ourdutyofcare.org.uk

School Volunteers Required

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office, St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Mew, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448
Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Website: www.cafod.org.uk

Pilgrim's Festival, 29 August, 1pm – 4.30pm.

Enjoy a guided walk through the Worth estate with pauses for prayers and reflection, join tours exploring the historic rooms in Worth School, and visit St Bruno's Retreat Centre. Activities for children and delicious afternoon refreshments. Admission is free. Worth Abbey

The Relics of St Bernadette are journeying to our Diocese this Autumn and will be at **St Dunstan's in Woking on 21st/22nd October**, Arundel Cathedral on 22nd/23rd October, and Worth Abbey on 23rd/24th October. Registration is now open with people across our faith family invited to book their free visit on the Relic Tour website here.

St Bernadette Retreat at Worth Abbey 21-24 October.

This is a very special once in a lifetime event that will provide an opportunity for people, of all ages and backgrounds, to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. You can also book to stay at Worth during this time and learn more about St Bernadette. Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy. Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available. For more information and to book and pay for your place/s visit W: www.worth.co.uk or email [E: retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or call T: 01342 710318.

Doug Carr RIP: In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Doug Carr, who recently passed away. He served our parish in so many ways over a number of years and will be greatly missed. We remember in our prayers his family, and especially his wife Maureen. May he rest in peace.

Summer Fayre - Many thanks to all who helped in various ways to make the Fayre a great success. The total raised was £3596.90 and this amount will be split equally between the school and the parish. As always, thank you for support and generosity. Have a lovely summer.

After School Club Assistant: A vacancy has arisen at St Hugh's School.
Closing date 31st August. If you are interested in this part time, term time position, visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1259070>

Have you signed up to be part of our **Grandparents' Annual Formation Day** at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on Wednesday **14th September 11am - 3.30pm**
The occasion promises to be both deeply rewarding and exciting with key speaker, Susan Longhurst from the [Sycamore](#) programme, sharing the findings from her research exploring the factors that influence the growth of faith. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am with attendees asked to bring a packed lunch. To register your free place please click [here](#). To find out more [contact](#) our Marriage and Family Life Adviser Katherine, who will be happy to help.

Young Adults (18-35) Events: Starting on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm

Join the Diocesan young adults community as we go on a journey to explore God's call on our lives. Our young adults meet online every fortnight for bible study and good conversation however, we will soon compliment these sessions with a series of guest speakers, joining us bi-monthly to help us discover the plans that God has for us. Starting on 19th September, Dr Pia Matthews discusses Human Flourishing.
E: lizzie.waking@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 8th October

If you are celebrating an anniversary of particular importance to you, please join us at Arundel Cathedral for a celebratory Mass with Bishop Richard. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to recognise the important vocational calling to marriage and to share in your joy. Booking is essential. Contact
E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.
To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar
W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

CAFOD - Step into the Gap Cafod

CAFOD believes in equipping and inspiring young Adults to be able to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a full-time year of volunteering in a UK placement, with immersive and interactive experiences of learning about global justice.
In partnership with our UK placements, we offer opportunities for 18 - 30 year olds to gain experience, develop leadership skills and spend a year in service or others. Enabling them to influence and inspire a generation of younger people and others to make the link between faith and acting for the poorest and most marginalised. To find out more visit cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year.

Fr Gerard's Farewell Rosary and party will be on Friday 30th September at 7pm.

A "bring and share" plate of food, dressed ready to go on the table, would be greatly appreciated. Please remember to put your name and contact number on the back of your plate so we can return it to you. The hall will be open from 6.30pm onwards to receive donations. If you would like to contribute to Fr Gerard's leaving gift from the Parish, envelopes will be available shortly in the narthex. Donations will be collected at the end of all Weekend Masses from **5th September**. As a token of our grateful thanks for his time with us, a cheque will be presented to Fr Gerard at his farewell party.

Mass Intentions for weekend Masses available for the months of **September** and **October**.
and can be booked via email to the Parish Office or telephone 01483 472404.

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses will be livestreamed via You Tube or Facebook

Saturday 13th August - *Sts Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

6.00pm Vigil Mass Private Intention

***SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST - *THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) For Clare Kent on her birthday

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

11.30am Holy Mass Deceased members of the Tiendrebeogo Family

Monday 15th August - *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Holy Mass Latin EF Daphne Doneux RIP

Tuesday 16th August - Friday 19th August - No weekday Masses

Saturday 20th August - *St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

6.00pm Vigil Mass Intentions of Philip Moore

***SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST - *TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) People of the Parish

9.30am Holy Mass Doug Carr RIP

Monday 22nd August - Friday 26th August - No weekday Masses

Saturday 27th August - *St Monica

6.00pm Vigil Mass Andy Higgins RIP

***SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST - *TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) People of the Parish

9.30am Holy Mass In celebration of the life of Jack Doneux

Monday 29th August - Friday 2nd September - No weekday Masses

***Saturday 3rd September - *St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor ***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Jim Moore RIP

***SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER - *TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) People of the Parish

9.30am Holy Mass Tess Friel RIP

Monday 5th September - Friday 9th September - No weekday Masses

Saturday 10th September - *Our Lady on Saturday*

6.00pm Vigil Mass Andy Higgins RIP

***SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER - *TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* - YEAR C 2022**

8.00am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Fr Gerard's intentions in Scotland

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

Last Week's Offertory Collection: Baskets - £285.65, Contactless - £102.00
and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £975.98. Many thanks.

The Angelus

- V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary **R.** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary.....*
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord **R.** Be it done unto me according to Thy Word....*Hail Mary*
V. And the Word was made Flesh **R.** And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary.....*
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts; that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.