



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter: 4th September 2022

"You have to trust God." "Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts." "God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the word in body as well as spirit." *Pope Francis.*

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all accustomed to thinking of September as a time of new beginnings. Most of us have memories of our first day at school (even if we edit out the bit when we either tearfully refused to let go of Mum and Dad or were disappointingly undisturbed by their departure). At the other end of childhood, another generation of students is preparing to leave the parental nest. But even if we have no involvement in schools, colleges and universities (and even if we've not been away) most of us still have that sense of refocusing after the 'summer hols' as autumn arrives.

That's certainly true of parishes. You can read about some of the events and initiatives planned for the term ahead in the newsletter - and it's very encouraging to see how much is already going on at St. Hugh's. For this community, the sense of new beginnings is compounded by my arrival, the ordination of Fr. Nick Harden and the new relationship between St. Hugh's and St. Dunstan's. Things are inevitably going to be different, but let's see that as opportunity, rather than threat.

This week's Gospel (Lk 14.25-33) is helpful. Jesus demands (with typical semitic over-emphasis!) that his disciples prefer nothing and no one to him. 'Take up your cross' was literally a dangerous invitation in first century Palestine, as Good Friday amply demonstrated. Following Jesus should still be costly today, even if – thank God – it won't put our physical safety in jeopardy, at least in the UK. So the cross becomes a question-mark: are we willing to let the demands (and the joy) of the Gospel change our hopes and dreams? Jesus uses the image of preparing to build a tower. We are to 'count the cost' of seeking the Kingdom of God in the best sense; to ask ourselves: Are we up for it?

The Gospel is not an abstract theory or a set of rules. It's about the way we choose to live – choosing love rather than hate; working for hope. It's about following Jesus' example in creating spaces where the excluded are included, the past is forgiven and a different future is both dreamed and begun. It's about facing the major issues of our day – including the undeniable Climate Crisis, which we shall hold in our prayer throughout this 'Season of Creation' up to the feast of St. Francis (October 4), and responding to the floods which global warming has caused in Pakistan (for which we are taking up a special Cafod collection this weekend). Are we up for it? I hope so. Let's build something beautiful together, a sign of God's Kingdom here in Knaphill.

Fr. Rob

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Please remember there will be no weekday Masses and Sunday Masses will be at: 6.00pm (Vigil), 8.00am (EF) and 9.30am.

Sadly, 11.30am and the weekday Masses have been suspended until Fr Rob, Fr Nick and Dcn Rob work out what is best for our parish.

From Fr Rob: 'Listen to the voice of Creation' is the title of the 2022 Season of Creation, a time of prayer established by Pope Francis to encourage us to reflect on our care for 'our common home' (as he calls the earth in his great encyclical letter 'Laudato Si'). It runs from September 1st to the feast of St Francis and we shall be including it in our worship throughout the coming month.

See <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>, where you can find prayers and reflections and the Pope's message for this year's celebration.

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,

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Helping Ukrainian Refugees: The Diocese continues to promote **CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal** to parishes and people wishing to give financially. You can give to CAFOD's Appeal [here](https://www.cafod.org.uk). You can access **Reset's website** at: <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk> with the site also available in Ukrainian.

You can find out more about the Government's **Homes for Ukraine** initiative [here](https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk).

To find out about the **Family Scheme Visa** click on [this link](#).

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.

CAFOD SE Region World Food Crisis Harvest Meeting

with Catherine Ogolla on Saturday 10th September 10.30 -12.30. Learn more about our World Food Crisis appeal and hear first-hand how it is affecting the communities we work with in Kenya. Right now, millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through. Here's the link to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cafod-se-region-world-good-crisis-harvest-meeting-with-catherine-ogolla-tickets-374126300837>

FHC Programme 2022/23

On-line Registration for the First Holy Communion Programme for 2022/23 is now available on the parish website under the "Children" tab. For further information please contact our First Holy Communion

Co-ordinators via sthugh.fhc@gmail.com. Closing date 30th September 2022.

**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 to receive donations. If you would like to contribute to Fr Gerard's leaving gift from the Parish, envelopes are available in the porch. Donations will be collected at the end of all weekend Masses from 4th 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.

**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.

**House of Prayer - Open Day on Saturday 17 September from 12 noon-4pm,
35 Seymour Road, East Molesey KT8 0PB.**

An opportunity to call in, meet the community, and find out more about making a retreat at the House of Prayer. Discover the history of the Sisters of the Christian Retreat. Explore the House and gardens, and enjoy our home-cooked savouries, cakes, and refreshments. The House of Prayer is a space for prayer and meditation run by the Sisters of the Christian Retreat and supported by a wider community of spiritual directors, retreat leaders, employees and volunteers. The aim of the congregation, The Christian Retreat, is to help people deepen their relationship with God through prayer, meditation and reflection. We offer a prayerful space, a breathing space: a space of silence and solitude to support and deepen the desire for a developing life of prayer and relationship with God. The House of Prayer is ecumenical and welcomes Christians of all denominations and people of good will.

For further info contact admin@christian-retreat.org

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.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Woking Foodbank Collection this weekend 3rd/4th September:

There will be a collection point in the Narthex over this weekend. All donations will be very much appreciated but they are currently short of: tinned corned beef, tinned chicken, long life sponge puddings, long life fruit juice, instant mash potato, cooking oil, jam, noodles, washing up liquid, men's deodorant, toothpaste, mayonnaise, salad cream, cleaning spray and nappies (sizes 2, 4, & 7). Please place donations in the boxes provided. Donations will be collected after the 9.30am Mass. Thank you.

Churches for Knaphill (C4K) next meeting Wednesday, 14th September

If you are interested in ecumenical events in Knaphill you will be very welcome to attend this meeting starting at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed). Items to be discussed will include, amongst other things, the village Armistice Day Service and Advent/Christmas.

Speak to Roger (07501056679, rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com) for more information.

Doug Carr RIP - Doug's Requiem Mass and Celebration of Life will take place on Tuesday 6th September at 1.30pm at St Hugh's, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Doug loved colours, so please do not feel obliged to wear dark clothes. The family request no flowers, but donations would be welcome for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution www.rnli.org. To assist with catering, it would be appreciated if you could rsvp to helencarr1@yahoo.co.uk if you intend to stay on for refreshments - all very welcome. May he rest in peace.

Help! Volunteers needed to assist with tidying the flower beds around the church. If you are free on **Saturday 10th September from 10am** for an hour or so, please come along with your gardening implements; many hands make light work! Refreshments will be available. See you then!

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal: Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, millions need urgent help to survive. Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected. To donate please visit cafod.org.uk/give or use the contactless machine in the narthex - select the 'CAFOD' tab. The retiring collection **this week and next week** will be for the CAFOD Pakistan Floods Appeal.

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses will be livestreamed via YouTube or Facebook

***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 - *Feria in Ordinary Time Week 23*

No Mass

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1.30pm Requiem Mass Doug Carr RIP

Wednesday 7th September - *Feria in Ordinary Time Week 23

No Mass

***Thursday 8th September - *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary ***

10.00am Holy Mass For the healing of George Gilbert

Friday 9th September - *St Peter Claver, Priest

No Mass

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) People of the Parish

9.30am Holy Mass Deceased relatives of the Earley Family

Last Week's Offertory Collection: Baskets - £247.25, Contactless - £82.00 and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £917.58. 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.