



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter: 11th September 2022

"If the hurricanes of temptation rise against you, or you are running upon the rocks of trouble, look to the star - call on Mary". *St Bernard of Clairvaux(1190-1153)*.

### **TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Catholic Education – Teaching Gratitude, Mercy & Justice**

This Sunday is kept by the Catholic Church in England & Wales as 'Education Sunday', celebrating and praying for the excellent work done in our schools and colleges. We know how popular our schools are – and not just among Roman Catholics. One of the guides at the Shah Jahan Mosque on their open-day last Saturday told me that he'd applied for a place at St. Dunstan's for his son ...

It's worth reflecting on the word, 'Education'. The word's Latin root (*educare*) is something to do with 'leading out'. We could understand that as an extrusion process – forcing our young through a mould so that they all 'turn out the same'. Schools have certainly operated that way in the past. But fortunately teaching today is based on a very different approach, drawing out individuals' gifts, helping them to be more fully themselves.

Catholic education names those gifts as God-given. We believe God loved us into life. God meant you to be you. You're not a mistake! Fundamentally, God delights in each of us – and there's nothing we can do to stop that. What we can decide is whether we're going to honour that truth – especially when neither we as individuals nor life in general seems delightful.

The Story of the Prodigal Son, which we hear this Sunday, is a fantastic way in to thinking about education. A dad (God) spends his entire life waiting for his kids to understand the depth of his love. The younger son eventually gets it – *by failing completely*, losing everything. Only then can he see that his father's love isn't a reward for good behaviour. Whether the elder son, so diligent and obedient (and resentful)! ever understands we're not told. Maybe he's still outside in the garden, refusing to join the party. Maybe we are, too, sometimes ...

So fundamentally Catholic education is, firstly, about teaching people how to live gratefully – aware that gifts are just that. Secondly, it is about mercy, teaching the young (and their parents) how to deal with the Cross – how to handle failure, pain and resentment when they come their way; how to re-join the party after every wrong turn; how to help others to do the same. Gratitude and the joy of forgiveness lead to a third quality in a Catholic understanding of education, a thirst for justice. Our faith insists: no one should be excluded from the feast of life. But gratitude and mercy need extending also to the planet which sustains all life. And it may well be the youngsters in our schools who are best able to challenge the casual disregard we have shown over generations for our Common Home.

Fr. Rob

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**Please remember** there will be Sunday Masses at 6.00pm (Vigil), 8.00am (EF) and 9.30am only, sadly **11.30am Mass has been suspended**. The weekday Masses will be as per the ORDO (page 4) of the Parish Newsletter until Fr Rob, Fr Nick and Dcn Rob work out what is best for our parish.

### The Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II & Accession of King Charles III

All parishioners will have been saddened by the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II this week after her extraordinary (and surely never to be repeated) reign of 70 years. We mourn her passing, give thanks for her life of public service and commend her confidently to the Lord's mercy. May she rest in peace. We pray also for King Charles, who becomes our monarch at this very challenging time in the life of our nation and for our country and Commonwealth. We do not yet know what funeral arrangements will be made for her so there may be some changes in our programme once these are known.

### 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, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448  
Email: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) Website: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**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.homesforukraine.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](https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk).

**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.

### 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](mailto:sthugh.fhc@gmail.com). **Closing date 30th September 2022.**

**Faith, Hope & Love In Action** is the title of this year's *Week of Prayer for Peace in Israel & Palestine* (Sept 15-22), promoted by the World Council of Churches. The continued construction of illegal settlements in the Occupied Territories combines with economic, political, religious and environmental pressures to make the situation there ever more perilous. Pray for a change of hearts and minds to find ways forward in one of the world's longest-running conflicts. See [Pax Christi England and Wales – International Catholic Movement for Peace](https://www.paxchristi.org.uk) for links to more information.

**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 11th 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.

**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](mailto:rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com)) for more information.

**House of Prayer - Open Day on Saturday 17th 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](mailto: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](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

**Altar Servers' National Mass:** The Guild of St Stephen National Mass at Westminster Cathedral, on 1st October at 2:30pm. The Guild invites all Altar Servers, their family and friends to their annual National Mass at Westminster Cathedral. Fr Aaron Spinelli, the Diocesan Director of the Guild of St Stephen will be attending. [Click here](#) to find out more

**CAUTION:** We have been notified that a parishioner was approached at the church for cash by someone who said they were homeless. The parishioner was then asked for their personal details. We would like to warn parishioners not to give out personal information.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/give), use the Cafod envelopes in the narthex or use the contactless machine in the narthex - select the 'CAFOD' tab. The retiring collection **this week** will be for the CAFOD Pakistan Floods Appeal.

## St Hugh's Baby and Toddler Group - Amended time

The Baby & Toddler Group runs on a Friday morning, during term time, in the parish hall from 10-11.30am. Please feel free to drop in at any time during the session (no need to arrive at 10am- it's very informal!). If you are on Facebook, please join our group: St Hugh's Baby and Toddler Group where we post updates. For any questions/queries please email: [toddlers.sthughs@gmail.com](mailto:toddlers.sthughs@gmail.com)

**Mass Intentions:** Mass Intentions available for the months of **September and October 2022** and can be booked via email to the Parish Office or telephone 01483 472404. Donations can be made by Envelope, the Dona button on the Parish Website or by payment into the Parish Bank Account.

## MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses will be livestreamed via YouTube or Facebook

### \*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)

Private Intentions

9.30am Holy Mass

Deceased relatives of the Earley Family

### Monday 12th September - \*The Most Holy Name of Mary\*

10.00am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

### \*Tuesday 13th September - \*St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor\*

No Mass

### \*Wednesday 14th September - \*Exaltation of the Holy Cross\*

No Mass

### \*Thursday 15th September - \*Our Lady of Sorrows \*

12noon Requiem Mass

Carole Ann Wicks RIP

### \*Friday 16th September - \*Sts Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs\*

No Mass

### \*Saturday 17th September - \*Our Lady on Saturday\*

6.00pm Vigil Mass

James Doneux & family intentions

### \*SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER - \*TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* - YEAR C 2022

8.00am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)

People of the Parish

9.30am Holy Mass

Intentions for Wendelle Hatton

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £494.18, Contactless - £87.00 and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £1169.51 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.