



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter: 18th September 2022

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart.  
You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart.  
In fact on certain occasions you should only speak  
to Him with your heart." *St Padre Pio*.

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** - Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

### Sharing The Joy Of The Gospel

This Sunday has been named by our Bishops as 'Evangelii Gaudium Sunday' – which is both great and a bit dumb. Great, because Evangelii Gaudium ('The Joy Of The Gospel' in English) is the name of a wonderful document, published by Pope Francis at the beginning of his Papacy, laying down his hopes for the Church to become 'a community of missionary disciples'; a bit dumb because a Latin book title is scarcely the best way of explaining anything. Ironically, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday used to be called Home Mission Sunday. The day is a chance to celebrate the work of relating the Gospel to people's lives, showing its continued relevance and inviting people into the life of our community. And that is a task for all of us, young or old.

I would strongly encourage folk to read Pope Francis' 2013 letter (which you can find here [Evangelii Gaudium : Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World \(24 November 2013\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)). Not only does it explain the priorities of Pope Francis' leadership of the Church over the last 9 ½ years but it gives us vivid images of what that Church should become. He talks of creating a Church with a 'missionary option', a Church which reaches out to others, a Church which dares to take risks: "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security." It requires that shepherds "have the smell of the sheep". Elsewhere, Pope Francis has used the image of the Church being a field hospital for those wounded by the battles of life, honing its message to speak the words of love, understanding and encouragement needed in difficult times.

But whatever the difficulties we face, Pope Francis insists that the Gospel is a source of joy. We place our trust not in our own capacities, natural brilliance or moral correctness, but in a God of love who is both the source of life and the promise of salvation. If the beauty of our world, the beauty of Jesus' teaching, the beauty of his love unto death and beyond into the Risen Life of Easter – if that doesn't put a spring into our step, I don't know what will. But once that joy takes root in us what paths of hope it opens up!

Let's take "the missionary option" of which Pope Francis speaks, walking together ("Synodality" is the jargon word) and working together to create spaces of hope, empowering each other to use all our gifts in service of the Gospel. Let's set out joyfully on that journey today.

Fr. Rob

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**Retiring Collection THIS weekend** is for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday).

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate at the Bishops' Conference in supporting our Bishops in three important areas: Firstly, evangelisation and catechesis. Guided by the Bishops, this work supports the dioceses in bringing the beauty of the Catholic Faith to the people in their parishes, and to those who do not yet know the Lord. Secondly, the beauty of the Liturgy and our church buildings. The Mission directorate ensures that liturgical directives from Rome are acted upon and liturgical texts are translated into English. Historical building experts work in the Directorate and support dioceses to fund and maintain beautiful places for prayer. Thirdly, sharing the beauty of the Catholic faith with Christian and non-Christians through outreach and dialogue. This work supports the Bishops at the national level and helps create greater understanding. The directorate also reaches out to those with no faith, but who seek the Lord "with a sincere heart".

**Please remember** Sunday Masses are at 6.00pm (Vigil) and 9.30am only, sadly **8.00am (EF) and 11.30am Masses have 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.

### A prayer for The Queen's family

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Amen.

**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](#) for links to more information.

### 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.**

**DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal** - Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, millions need urgent help to survive. Your donation will help support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. To give, please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

We remember the families and friends who mourn the recently departed, **Doug Carr, Carole Wicks and Eunice Owiriwa**. In your charity, please pray for them. May they rest in peace.

### **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.

### **ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR**

The Relics of St Bernadette will be journeying to the UK for the first time this Autumn visiting 51 venues across England, Scotland and Wales, offering a special opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. The sacred Relics will visit three venues in our Diocese during the tour including St Dunstan's on October 21st and 22nd. To find out more, visit [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk) or watch the trailer on YouTube at [youtu.be/PFRMivD9Ail](https://youtu.be/PFRMivD9Ail). To book your attendance please visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/register-your-free-place-for-the-st-bernadette-relic-tour](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/register-your-free-place-for-the-st-bernadette-relic-tour). More details on the services that will be held at St Dunstan's will be available soon.

**Volunteers Needed:** In little more than a month (from midday on Friday, October 21 to 8am on Saturday, October 22) St. Dunstan's, Woking will be host to the relics of St. Bernadette, the visionary whose experiences lie at the root of the whole phenomenon of pilgrimage to Lourdes. St. Dunstan's is going to be open through the night to welcome pilgrims. If you could help for an hour or two, please contact the parish office. More details to follow soon.

### **An Illustrated talk about St Bernadette**

To prepare for the visit of the relics of St Bernadette to St Dunstan's Church, John Sexton will give an illustrated talk on the life and spirituality of St Bernadette on **Tuesday 4th October at 7.30 pm** in the Function Room. The presentation should finish at about 8.30 pm. All welcome.

**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

**Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 8th October 11.30am.** There are still places available for those who wish to join us for our annual Mass celebrating marriage. The event this year is going to be held at Arundel Cathedral and Bishop Richard will be presiding. If this year's anniversary is of particular significance for you please do book on the events section of the Diocesan website or contact Katherine, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) for further information.

### **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)

**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.

**Fr. Rob's Poems:** your new parish priest has produced 5 little volumes of poetry in the last decade. Copies of some of the volumes are available in the repository at £5 a copy.

**Congratulations** to Sam Bourne and Denis Naughton on winning £49.50/£24.50 respectively in the August Jackpot Club Draw. If you would like to join the Club for £12pa or £3pq, please contact [am.rushton@btopenworld.com](mailto:am.rushton@btopenworld.com) or the Parish Office. The monthly subs are divided 50/50 between the prizewinners and the parish (monies go to pay for sacramental programmes, buildings maintenance, candles, flowers and many other items that are needed to run our parish).

**Mass Intentions:** Mass Intentions available for the months of **October and November 2022** and can be booked via email to the Parish Office or telephone 01483 472404. .

### MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

**Sunday Masses will be livestreamed via the Parish YouTube channel.**

**\*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**

No Mass \*\*\*\*

9.30am Holy Mass Intentions for Wendelle Hatton

**\*Monday 19th September - St Theodore of Tarsus, Bishop\***

10.00am Holy Mass Doug Carr RIP

**\*Tuesday 20th September - St Andrew Kim Taegon Priest & Paul Chong Hasang, & Companions\***

No Mass

**\*Wednesday 21st September - St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist\***

No Mass

**\*Thursday 22nd September - Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 25\***

10.00am Holy Mass In thanksgiving for Fr Gerard

**\*Friday 23rd September - St Pius of Pietrelcina, 'Padre Pio'\***

No Mass

**\*Saturday 24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Jacques Doneux RIP

**\*SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER - TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* - YEAR C 2022**

No Mass \*\*\*\*

9.30am Holy Mass Kieran & Sue O'Riordan 25th Wedding Anniversary

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £258.69, Contactless - £100.00 and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £947.02. 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.