



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter: 25th September 2022

“True happiness on earth consists in being forgotten and in remaining completely ignorant of created things. I understood that all we accomplish, however brilliant, is worth nothing without love.”

*St Thérèse of Lisieux*

### **TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Whisky-Flavoured Toothpaste and Ivory Divans**

The Ethiopian famine of the early 1980s caused Cafod to launch an emergency appeal, to be held in all Catholic churches in England and Wales on the same autumn weekend. It just so happened that on the given Saturday morning a Christmas gift catalogue landed on the doormat of a parish priest in a prosperous parish in the South of England. Flicking through it, he found advertised whisky-flavoured toothpaste. He saw red and thundered from the pulpit: “Whisky-flavoured toothpaste, while millions of people were starving! If anyone here gives less than their most expensive Christmas present, they are not worthy of Christ!” That shock tactic could have gone one of two ways. (It’s not a preaching technique I plan to emulate anytime soon.) Fortunately, people ‘took it on the chin’ and the collection that weekend amounted to £30,000, including £10,000 in two cheques. Not bad for 1984!

That preacher, now gone to his eternal reward, was perhaps channelling something of the spirit of the prophet Amos, whom we hear again in our first reading this Sunday. His equivalent of whisky-flavoured toothpaste is ivory divans. He virtually spits the words out. His indignation may seem odd to us, inured as we are to the blandishments of consumer culture, but these super-fashionable and fabulously expensive indulgences symbolise for Amos the decadence of those in power in the northern capital of Israel. The custom of reclining at table was itself an innovation (sitting on rugs would have been more normal, a memory of Israel’s nomadic past), while the ivory was imported from Africa, with exquisite craftsmanship expended on its carving into inlay. These seats became the stage set for banquets. ‘Conspicuous consumption’ continued at court while the poor starved and the whole nation was in peril.

Amos declares that they are living in a fool’s paradise. All will be swept away, beginning with them. Sure enough, in 722BC Samaria was overrun by the Assyrians and its rulers sent into slavery abroad. Amos didn’t choose to belong to the awkward squad. Indeed, he didn’t originally think of himself as a prophet. He was only ‘a herdsman and dresser of sycamore trees’. Yet he found God’s call irresistible. He had to speak out. The lion had to roar. (Amos 3.8; 7.15)

We probably don’t need to check our store-cupboards for whisky-flavoured toothpaste, while the ivory trade is now outlawed. But let Amos disturb us. The party is over as far as infinite growth in a finite world is concerned. This ‘Season of Creation’ renews the prophetic call to live simply, to ‘tread lightly on the earth’ and to honour the wonder of God’s Creation. So who are our prophets today? And are we listening?

Fr. Rob

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**Begging in Church:** If anyone approaches you asking for money for their personal use during or after mass, please inform one of the clergy or a member of the team of welcomers.

We do try to respond to need in the community but homelessness can only be tackled effectively by referring people to agencies with specialist knowledge.

**His Majesty King Charles III** has expressed the wish that all in the Catholic community know of his gratitude for the many prayers that have been offered for the late Queen and for the Royal Family during these past weeks.

**Let us continue our prayers 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.

**Looking for a Reception Class place for September 2023?** Why not come and see us at St Hugh's School, Five Oaks Close, St John's. Tours available every Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am-10.30am. To book a place on the tour, call 01483 480441 or email [info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Woking Foodbank Collection weekend of 1st /2nd October:**

There will be a collection point in the Narthex over this weekend. All donations will be very much appreciated, but in particular: tinned corned beef, tinned chicken, tinned ham, long life sponge puddings, long life fruit juice, cooking oil, jam, noodles, long life items suitable for lunch boxes, mayonnaise, salad cream, instant hot chocolate, chocolate, shampoo, cleaning spray, bleach. Please place donations in the boxes provided, **which will be collected after the 9.30am Mass**. Thank you.

**Catholicism Study:** A Study Day on Episode 2 of Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism' course is being presented at Chilworth Abbey on Saturday, **1st October**, 2022, on 'The Teachings of Jesus'. Begins with Mass at 9am. and concludes around 3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. See their website for details: [chilworthbenedictines.com](http://chilworthbenedictines.com)

**Pilgrimage to Poland:** Fr John Seddon OSB of Chilworth Abbey will lead a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy/St Mary's Basilica and Christmas shopping in Krakow. From 30th Nov - 4th Dec 2022, 5 days / 4 nights for £397. The deadline for booking at this introductory price is **30th Sept 2022**. To pay the deposit, please contact All Saints Travel 01793881166 or Caroline 07494339442 or book online, which is very easy: [www.allsaintstravel.co.uk](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk)

**Slavery on Our Doorsteps:** It is estimated there are about 136,000 potential or actual victims of Modern Slavery in the UK. In Surrey, more than twenty cases of child slavery have reportedly been found in recent years. It is possible that you, unwittingly, see victims of modern slavery every day. 17th-23rd October marks Anti-Slavery Week. You are invited to learn more about modern slavery, how we might spot it and what we can do about it by attending a short presentation **on Monday 17th Oct 2022 at 7.45pm**, at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Rd, Woking GU22 7DT or on-line via Zoom. More details to follow.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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/PFRMlvD9Ail](https://youtu.be/PFRMlvD9Ail). 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 less than a month (**from midday on Friday, October 21st to 8am on Saturday, October 22nd**) 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.

**Calling all Readers for all Masses.**

Whether you are an experienced reader, a novice or never read before but think it may be something you would like to do, this is the place to be on **Saturday 8th October from 2:30pm to 4:30pm** in the Presbytery. It will be a knowledge sharing workshop. It is a refresher for what is expected when Proclaiming God's Word.

**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 contact our First Holy Communion Co-ordinators via [sthugh.fhc@gmail.com](mailto:sthugh.fhc@gmail.com). **Closing date 30th September.**

**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, proceeds to CAFOD.

## Fr. Rob's Induction by Bishop Richard as parish priest of St. Dunstan's

is on Friday, 7th October at 7.30pm. Parishioners of St. Hugh's are, of course, warmly invited to attend, but we hope to have a separate celebration of his induction as parish priest of St. Hugh's at a later date.

### 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 below until Fr Rob, Fr Nick and Dcn Rob work out what is best for our parish.

### MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses will be livestreamed via the Parish YouTube channel.

Confessions on Saturdays - 5.15pm to 5.45pm

#### \*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

9.30am Holy Mass

Kieran & Sue O'Riordan 25th Wedding Anniversary

#### \*Monday 26th September - Sts Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs\*

10.00am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

#### \*Tuesday 27th September - St Vincent de Paul, Priest\*

No Mass

#### \*Wednesday 28th September - St Wenceslaus (Waclaw), Martyr\*

No Mass

#### \*Thursday 29th September - Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels\*

No Mass

#### \*Friday 30th September - St Jerome, Priest, Doctor\*

7.00pm Rosary

#### \*Saturday 1st October - St Thèrèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor\*

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Jim Moore RIP

#### \*SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER - TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* - YEAR C 2022

9.30am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £269.08, Contactless - £59.00 and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £916,41. 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.