



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church Parish Newsletter: 9TH OCTOBER 2022

“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy”. *St. John Leonardi.*

### TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Learning The Gospel of Mercy

Sometimes in the New Testament writings the joints show. In some cases you can see (most often in the Gospels themselves) how one writer has edited up earlier texts to speak to a new situation. On other occasions you can see individual writers or, more usually, particular communities changing their minds about things. We get a clear instance of this developing understanding of the Gospel in our second reading today (2 Tim 2.8-13). The writer, Paul or one of his disciples writing in his name, quotes a rhyme which his readers know. Maybe it's a song used in worship or maybe it's a verse that people learned in order to remember their new faith. “Here is a saying that you can rely on,” he says.

Then comes the sing-song pattern of the poem. “If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us.” Ouch! You can understand why the rhyme went like that, because it comes from a persecuted Church. Paul himself is “chained like a criminal” according to this text. His gentile disciples have taken the risk of “dying” to the pagan worldview they had grown up believing in – with the very real risk that physical death might follow.

The poem's warning about the consequences of falling away from the group and “disowning” Christ would have encouraged members to ‘hang on in there’ when things got tough. Now it's normal for a group under pressure to have harsh things to say about those who let the side down. What is remarkable is the way the writer here corrects the original poem: “We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.”

That's the real good news in this passage – not the boisterous optimism of the original rhyme, (“If we hold firm, we shall reign with him ...”) but the realisation that only comes with brokenness and failure; that Christ “cannot disown his own self.” Paradoxically, the only way most of us discover how deeply we belong to Christ, how inseparable he is from our story, is by falling short and letting him (and others) down. It may be a difficult lesson for our success-oriented, driven western mindset, but true faith often comes the other side of failure, when we finally learn that life isn't about justifying ourselves but about being caught by Christ and raised up into his risen life.

Fr. Rob

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**Fr Gerard** has written offering his thanks to parishioners for his very special gifts and appreciation to all who attended the Rosary and Benediction as well as the party. He sends his prayers to us all and asks that we keep him in our prayers also.

**Prayers:** We offer our prayers for the people of Ukraine, for their safety and for the people in Russia and an end to this devastating conflict. Also, all who are suffering due to floods and famine. Please keep in your prayers the sick and the housebound, especially Gareth Barnbrook, a long standing parishioner. We commend them all to our Blessed Mother.

### Begging in Church

Please do not give money to anyone begging during church services and inform welcomers or one of the clergy. 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.

### From our Parish Project

"Thank you so much for your continuing support of **Ahotokurom - Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre**, which was set up in 1983 near Cape Coast in Ghana as a centre of Christian hospitality for the disabled and disadvantaged. Friends of Ahotokurom/Daughters of Mary & Joseph support their work to provide health care, social care and education, encouraging personal growth and independence. We are delighted to send you a copy of the latest newsletter produced by the team (*copy in the porch*). We thank you for standing with the poor and vulnerable – especially as they face inflation of almost 28%. Your gift is more valuable than ever before! We know that the situation in the UK is also challenging, but if you are in a position to increase your standing order, or to make a further 'one off' donation to help the project in difficult circumstances this would be very gratefully received. Thank you – keeping you in prayer - God bless you." Visit [www.ahoto.org](http://www.ahoto.org) for further info.

**Canonisation of Mgr Giovanni-Battista Scalabrini:** This Sunday the founder of the Scalabrini Fathers, who run the Italian Mission based in Oriental Road, Woking, is being canonised in Rome. This is a joyous occasion for their community and an opportunity to thank God for their ministry among us. See <https://www.scalabrinisanto.net/en/>

**The Call Of Creation:** on Tuesday, October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our bishops published a completely updated version of their teaching document about our care of the environment and our role as stewards of creation. You can read the document and download an excellent podcast by Bishop John Arnold here: [Bishops launch new edition of environment document The Call of Creation - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

**Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Course** at Knaphill Baptist Church, High Street, Knaphill on Mondays 10/17/24/31 October at 7.30pm. It is free and for everyone, rich and poor alike. For further details: <https://capuk.org/get-help/get-to-grips-with-your-finances?step-two=show&find=money-course&postcode=GU21+2RB>

## 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:** Now in a fortnight's time – **extra volunteers to steward are needed from 11.30am Friday 21st October to 8.00am Saturday 22nd October.**

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 at St Dunstan's. More details to follow soon.

**St John's Seminary Closure Clearance:** The Final Clearance will be on Saturday **15th October**, 10am–1pm. Seminary at Wonersh, nr Guildford (GU5 0QX) There is still some items available for the taking - furniture, office items, soft furnishings, carpets etc. Any donations would be gratefully received. Ample Parking is available. No previews, but please telephone 01483 892217.

**Bookings for World Youth Day are now open!** Join the Diocesan Group attending World Youth Day in 2023 for an experience of fellowship, faith and jolly good fun! **Lisbon2023** is expected to follow the standard schedule of WYD events beginning with an Opening Ceremony & Mass on Tuesday 1st August '23 and concluding with a Papal Mass on Sunday, 6th August. Throughout the week, pilgrims will have opportunities to attend Catechesis, Masses, and Youth Festival events from concerts and film festivals to Adoration and prayer nights. The pilgrimage is for anyone aged 18-35, who has a desire to celebrate their faith with like-minded people, we guarantee there is no other pilgrimage quite like it!

To book your place visit W: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/laowefiv>

However, the celebrations don't end there! There is also an event for 14-17 year olds on **23rd October** at Worth Abbey. **If you were Redshirt in Lourdes this year, or are interested in becoming a Redshirt next year**, this is the event for you! Our Youth Adviser is coordinating a 'mini-Lourdes' experience with a chance for participants to spend some time with other young Catholics their age, having fun, being inspired in their faith and taking part in a candlelight procession.

Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for booking as well as more information.

**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 to 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).

**Slavery on Our Doorsteps:** Modern Slavery takes different forms, with thousands of victims in the UK. It is present right here in our community and it is possible that you, unwittingly, see victims of modern slavery every day. 17-23 Oct 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, Woking. Tea/coffee provided. You may also join on Zoom via the link accessible (from 14th Oct) on the St. Dunstan's, Woking website: <https://st-dunstans.org>.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd October - Relics of St Bernadette at St Dunstan's Woking.

Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm - Fr. Rob's Induction as parish priest of St Hugh's.

Saturday 26th November - Christmas Bazaar

## Fr. Rob's Induction as parish priest of St Hugh's

is on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm. All are warmly invited to attend. More details to follow.

### 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.

### The Retiring Collection TODAY is for CAFOD Family Fast Day: World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today via the retiring collection or start a regular gift to CAFOD [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday). You can also use the contactless device in the porch, scan the QR code on the CAFOD envelope or the lanyard.

The Retiring Collection Next Sunday is for Prisoner's Sunday (PACT)

### MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses will be livestreamed via the Parish YouTube channel.

Confessions on Saturdays - 5.15pm to 5.45pm

#### \*Saturday 8th October - Our Lady on Saturday\*

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Andrew Carr RIP

#### \*SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER - TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* - YEAR C 2022

9.30am Holy Mass

Deceased members of the Emerson Family

#### \*Monday 10th October - St Paulinus of York, Bishop\*

10.00am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

#### \*Tuesday 11th October - St John XXIII, Pope\*

10.00am Holy Mass

For the intentions of Mary Tartaglia

#### \*Wednesday 12th October - St Wilfred, Bishop\*

No Mass

#### \*Thursday 13th October - St Edward the Confessor, King\*

10.00am Holy Mass

For the intentions of Gareth Barnbrook

#### \*Friday 14th October - St Callistus, Pope, Martyr\*

No Mass

#### \*Saturday 15th October - St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor\*

6.00pm Vigil Mass

For the wellbeing of young Oliver Jepson

#### \*SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER - TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* - YEAR C 2022

9.30am Holy Mass

For the Holy Souls of St Hugh's Parish

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £258.39, Contactless - £52.00 and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £898.72. Many thanks.

### Family Fast Day prayer

God of all,

Open our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters. Open our ears to hear your words of hope and compassion. Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering. Open our hearts to reach out in love.

Amen.



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