



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 2022

The Cry Of The Poor

On the weekend when the Catholic community in Woking has had the privilege (and pressure!) of welcoming the relics of St. Bernadette, our readings speak of 'The Cry Of The Poor' and the prayer of the humble. We could have no better example of this than the visionary of Lourdes, who, at the age of fourteen, knew very little except how to pray. Poverty and hunger derailed her education. She was seen as of no significance. Her family, living in the abandoned town jail, were regarded with suspicion. Indeed, her father had been arrested on the (false) suspicion that he had stolen a sack of flour. Yet on February 11, 1858, it was Bernadette Soubirous to whom 'Aquero' ('The Lady' or 'That One') revealed herself, while the sickly girl was collecting firewood on the town rubbish dump, the rocks of Massabielle. Only later did she come to understand that it was the Virgin Mary whom she had encountered.

One of the most moving aspects of Bernadette's testimony to the authorities was the statement, "She treated me like a *Someone*". For the first time in her life, she was addressed with the patois equivalent of '*vous*', the formal salutation of polite society. (Even more surprisingly, the Virgin spoke to her in her own dialect, not in 'official' French.) Her experience is a very good example of encountering the One whom Pope Francis calls 'The God of the Peripheries'.

In fact, the edges of reality are the only place we can encounter God, as the Pharisee and the Tax Collector discover in the Temple in Jerusalem (Lk 18.9-14). The Pharisee 'said this prayer to himself – the Jerusalem Bible translation captures the irony beautifully! Only when the mask slips, only when life bursts the bubble of our ego, only when we're 'on our knees', like Bernadette in her poverty or the tax-collector in his shame, do we have any prospect of encountering the living God or understanding what grace is. Only then will those of us who are prosperous and successful in the eyes of the world – the ones everyone else regards as a 'Someone', a personage rather than an appendage – be really able to pray or to respond with our hearts to the cry of the poor.

It's a paradox that confounds our expectations. God is not to be found where we think God should be, in the bits of life which are 'together', nice, shiny and pretty. The Crucified One is to be found chiefly in brokenness, failure and, ultimately, in lives which are entirely surrendered, like that of St. Paul who, at the end of his days, boasted only that he had "kept the faith". (2 Tim 4.6-8)

Fr. Rob

The Retiring Collection today is for World Mission Sunday which is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, your prayers and your donations support our Church family overseas through: *Faith and Outreach Projects* which restore the dignity and hope of vulnerable children and families in need of your care. *Supporting Catholic Missionaries* who give their lives to share God's mercy and compassion with those most in need. *Building New Churches* to be beacons of hope for those seeking a place to pray and to celebrate God's love for us. For more information, visit Missio.org.uk/wms

Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith: A Study Day at Chilworth Abbey, **5th November 9am-3.30pm**. Explore episode 3 of Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism course, 'The Ineffable Mystery of God'. The day begins with Mass at 9am - come to all or part of the day as it suits. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Quiet Day on the theme of "Taking Stock" 8th November 10am to 4pm at the Sussex Heritage Centre, BN18 9QY (Cost £12). Spend the day in beautiful surroundings with prayer resources, art and craft materials, gardens and countryside/river walks. Bring a packed lunch. For more details or to book contact Maria T: 01903 413606

Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT)

JustPeople Workshop, **12th November**, 11am - 5pm, free. PACT is working with prisoners' families at HMP Lewes and invites you to join a JustPeople Workshop taking place at [St Pancras Catholic Church](#). The workshop offers opportunities to reflect on scripture and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. To find out more please [click here](#) or [email Marie](#).

Living with Loss – a retreat for those who have been bereaved

14th-17th November, Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy. This retreat is aimed at people dealing with loss and bereavement, both recent and not so recent. It does not offer counselling, but rather a healing space in a Christian setting with a supportive programme and time to process thoughts and feelings. Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available. Please contact us for further information. T: 01342 710318. E: retreats@worth.org.uk W: www.worth.co.uk.

Diocesan Catechists' Day, 19th November, 11am - 4pm at Worth School

Fr Rob warmly commends to you the diocesan gathering for catechists who are already involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation or RCIA. You can read more about the day here: [Catechists' Day \(19-Nov-2022\) : ChurchSuite Events](#). The parish will make the requested contribution for anyone who attends. Just let us know via the Parish Office if you are going. It may be possible to organise car-sharing, too.

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 & Christmas shopping in Krakow from **30th November - 4th December 2022**, 5 days/4 nights. For current price contact the travel agent: All Saints Travel 01793881166, Caroline 07494339442 or book online; www.allsaintstravel.co.uk

November Lists: The November Lists are now available in the narthex. Please add the names of your deceased loved ones and place the list into the basket on the altar next weekend. All these names will be offered up for prayer during masses throughout November, the month of the Holy Souls.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th November, Woking Food Bank Collection
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.

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 of our parish.

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](#). 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](#). To find out about the **Family Scheme Visa** click on [this link](#). **SJOG Homes for Ukraine in partnership with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)** offer a matching, training and support service to sponsors and guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Further info: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

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

Christmas Bazaar Saturday 26th November in the Parish Hall from 11am-2pm
A joint event between the school and the parish, to which all are warmly invited. Donations of multipack sweets, sweets & chocolates, children's very good/new toys and games, toiletries, bottles for the bottle tombola, books, unwanted birthday and Christmas gifts will be needed very soon - just wait for the box to be in place! On the day, we will want homemade jams and chutneys and, of course, cakes!
Please NO clothes (except for Christmas jumpers), electrical items or food.
Stallholders and general help will be requested shortly.

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal. Your generous gifts will support communities round the world working hard to put food on the table, particularly those worst affected by the global food crisis in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, and help fight the cause of hunger longer term. You can still donate online at cafod.org.uk/fastday

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 - Mondays 24/31 October at 7.30pm
at Knaphill Baptist Church, High Street, Knaphill. 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>

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.

Retreats and days at The House of Prayer, East Molesey: October - November 2022
For details contact admin@christian-retreat.org / 0208 941 2313

Mass Times and Intentions - ST HUGH OF LINCOLN CHURCH

Sunday Masses will be livestreamed via the Parish YouTube channel.

Confessions on Saturdays - 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Saturday 22nd October - St John Paul II, Pope

6.00pm Vigil Mass

For the intentions of the Stracey family

***SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* - YEAR C 2022**

9.30am Holy Mass

For the Private Intentions of Charlotte

Monday 24th October - St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday 25th October - Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

10.00am Holy Mass

Sadie McHugh (Birthday)

Wednesday 26th October - Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops

No Mass

Thursday 27th October - Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

10.00am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

Friday 28th October - Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

No Mass

Saturday 29th October - Our Lady on Saturday

6.00pm Vigil Mass

In Thanksgiving

***SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER - THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* - YEAR C 2022**

9.30am Holy Mass

Antonio Coppola RIP

Last Week's Offertory Collection: Baskets - £229.52, Contactless - £50.00 and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £867.85. Many thanks.

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions - ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

Weekend MASS TIMES - visit www.st-dunstans.org

Monday 24th October - St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

10.00am Holy Mass

Gareth Barnbrook

Tuesday 25th October - Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

10.00am Holy Mass

Catherine Mico

Wednesday 26th October - Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops

No Mass

Thursday 27th October - Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

No Mass

Friday 28th October - Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

10.00am Holy Mass

Lidia Zöbeli-Vassalli



Prayer to St. Bernadette

O Saint Bernadette, who, as a meek and pure child, did eighteen times at Lourdes contemplate the beauty of the Immaculate Mother of God and received her messages, and who afterwards wished to hide yourself from the world in the convent of Nevers, and to offer thyself there as a victim for the conversion of sinners, obtain for us the grace of purity, simplicity and mortification that we also may attain to the vision of God and of Mary in Heaven. Amen.