



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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

Holiness Means Loving All That Is

God is “the lover of life,” proclaims the Book of Wisdom. The passage which we hear this Sunday (Wisd 11.22-12.2) really is rather breathtaking in its vision. It captures something of the essence of the Gospel of Jesus, even though it was probably written in Egypt rather than Palestine, and in Greek, rather than the Old Testament languages, Hebrew or Aramaic.

The Author begins with a traditional contrast between the grandeur of God and the ‘grain of grass’ which the whole of Creation is, by comparison. Yet God is entirely merciful, holding all things in being, and Creation unfolds as one great act of love: “Yes, you love all that exists; ... had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.” And the very fact of the continued existence of anything is proof, for the poet, of that life-sustaining divine love. All things belong and all things are on a path to redemption: “Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend ... so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.”

I doubt if any of us can hold onto that vision for very long at a stretch. Life gets in the way. We bump up against the apparently unlovable in ourselves, in others, in nature. Yet holiness is surely something about having glimpsed this cosmic love and realised that it is such divine mercy which both keeps us in being and guides us on our way. This week we celebrate All Saints, those who’ve entered fully into this Cosmic love, and commemorate All Souls, those whom we entrust to the Lover of Life, warts and all. We know the imperfections of those we have loved. We know that, strangely, it was in their imperfections that we loved them most. We trust that it is the same with God, so that our prayers for them can be prayers of grateful trust.

Our faith in the love guiding the Universe is not just for ‘the next life’, either. If God loves, cares for and sustains in being all that is, then so too must we. Next Sunday the COP27 climate-change conference begins in Cairo. Pray that it may be a step forward, not a step back from the promises made by world leaders in Glasgow last year. And look at the way we live now. How are we being called to change our lifestyles and our patterns of consumption for the better to encounter the One “whose imperishable spirit is in all” and to sustain in being the gift of life entrusted to us?

Fr. Rob

Stop The COP-Out: The COP27 Climate Change Summit takes place in Egypt from November 6-18. Unfortunately, the last government prevented King Charles from attending this crucial gathering but many groups, including our own Catholic Agency for Overseas Development are campaigning to ensure that last year's agreements reached in Glasgow at COP26 are followed through on. **Cafod** invite you to **e-mail our new Prime Minister** to demand that the interests of the world's poorest, the ones most immediately threatened by climate change, are kept at the centre of deliberations. See [Stop the COP-out at COP27 | CAFOD](#). They also invite you to join them at the Global Day of Action in London (assembling at The Shell Centre, by Waterloo from 11am). If you'd like to join Fr. Rob and other parishioners there, let him know and register here: [COP27 Global Day of Action mobilisation Tickets, Sat 12 Nov 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#). We also hope to begin the process of earning a **Live Simply Award** for our parish in the months ahead, as part of our commitment to live simply, sustainably and justly and to care for our Common Home. We also want to renew our commitment as a **Fairtrade parish**. If you'd like to be part of the group driving this, contact Fr. Rob.

Woking Foodbank Collection weekend of 5th /6th November

All donations will be very much appreciated; currently short of: tinned corned beef, tinned chicken, long life sponge puddings, chocolate, instant mashed potato, toothbrushes, nappies (sizes 4, 5, 6 & 7), crisps, custard, laundry detergent and ladies deodorant. Please place donations in the boxes provided in the Narthex over this weekend. Donations will be collected after the 9.30am Mass. Thank you.

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

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.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Course - Monday 31st October at 7.30pm

at Knaphill Baptist Church. For further details: <https://capuk.org/get-help/get-to-grips-with-your-finances?step-two=show&find=money-course&postcode=GU21+2RB>

CAFOD Community Rosary: Every Thursday morning, 9:00am - 9:40am - Online

Join us every Thursday morning at 9:00am on Zoom, as we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary for the Care of Creation together as a CAFOD community. [Register](#) to join us.

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 this week. All these names will be offered up for prayer during masses throughout November, the month of the Holy Souls.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th November - Armistice Day Service of Remembrance
Saturday 26th November - Christmas Bazaar

Congratulations to Nimshad and Helen, whose marriage will be blessed at St. Hugh's next Saturday. We wish them a lifetime of joyful, faithful, fruitful loving.

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.

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, especially Teresa Bullen for a speedy recovery following an operation.

Blessing of Graves

It is customary in many cultures to visit the graves of deceased relatives during the month of November.

If you would like to take part in a short service and time of prayer, a member of the clergy team will attend at the following times:

Wednesday	2nd November	11.45am	St Edward's, Sutton Park
Sunday	6th November	12.45pm	Send Cemetery
Sunday	13th November	12.45pm	Brookwood Cemetery
Sunday	13th November	tba	Woking Crematorium
Sunday	20th November	3.00pm	Chobham Cemetery

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.

- ◇ **Grand Draw tickets now on sale** £1 a book. 1st prize £100, plus many others
- ◇ **Stallholders and general help now needed.** If you can help either on the night before to help set up or on the day as a stallholder, please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We will be in touch!
- ◇ **Donations now wanted.** There is a box in the Narthex for donations of the following:
 - Multipack sweets, wrapped sweets & chocolates
 - Children's very good/new toys and games
 - Colouring books, activity books, gel pens, coloured pencils, pencils etc
 - Unwanted birthday and Christmas gifts, including toiletries
 - Bottles for the bottle tombola e.g. spirits, wines, bubbly, beer, soft drinks
 - Books, DVDs & CDs - both adults and children's in good condition
 - On the day, we would welcome homemade jams and chutneys and, of course, cakes!
 - Please NO clothes (except for Christmas jumpers), electrical items or food

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 \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

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-incoln.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

The Retiring Collection next Sunday is for the Retired Priests Fund (Gift Aid).
The Fund assists with the accommodation, welfare and support of diocesan priests in retirement.

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 29th October - Our Lady on Saturday

6.00pm Vigil Mass In thanksgiving

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9.30am Holy Mass Antonio Coppola RIP

Monday 31st October - Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 31

No Mass

Tuesday 1st November - All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

10.00am Holy Mass Juanita, Ariel, Josefina & Teresa RIP

Wednesday 2nd November - All Souls

No Mass

Thursday 3rd November - St Martin de Porres, Religious

11.00am Requiem Mass Eunice Owiriwa RIP

Friday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

No Mass

Saturday 5th November - Our Lady on Saturday

2.00pm Nuptial Mass Helen and Nimshad Eguine

6.00pm Vigil Mass For the Intentions of Mrs Bruna and Mr Jim Moore RIP

***SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER - THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME* - YEAR C 2022**

9.30am Holy Mass For those buried in Brookwood & Send Cemeteries RIP

Last Week's Offertory Collection: Baskets - £242.52, Contactless - £94.00
and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £924.85. Many thanks.

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions - ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

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

Monday 31st October - Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 31

10.00am Holy Mass Anton Rajendram RIP

Tuesday 1st November - All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

10.00am Holy Mass Mary Louise Andrews and Louis Andrews RIP

7.30pm Holy Mass Jimmy Day RIP

Wednesday 2nd November - All Souls

10.00am Holy Mass Ancy Jose RIP

12.00noon Requiem Mass Erminia Begg RIP

Thursday 3rd November - St Martin de Porres, Religious

10.00am Holy Mass Susan Lenihan RIP

Friday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

10.00am Holy Mass Deceased members of the Parish

12.00noon Requiem Mass Giuseppe Cardillo RIP



Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

"Eternal Father, I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."