



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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CHRIST THE KING - 20TH NOVEMBER 2022 - YEAR C Youth Sunday

Following The King

My ears pricked up on Monday morning as I was waiting for the kettle to boil for my early morning cuppa. The radio announced: "Today is the birthday of His Majesty the King." "Oh, yes," I thought, "I suppose he is, but it still sounds strange." We're beginning to adjust, but it takes a while after 70 years without one. So we know what a King looks like – a well-mannered elderly chap with a passion for conserving the environment, a good track-record of charitable work with young people and a taste for double-breasted suits (and presumably Duchy Originals). I'm sure we'll gradually grow fond of him, even as he takes on the impossible task of assuming his mother's mantle. But contemporary experiences of Kingship (all but one of Europe's unelected monarchs are men) don't really help to make sense of this Sunday's feast. Jesus as figurehead or even as 'father of the nation' doesn't get us very far.

Our Scriptures provide a better – but rather disturbing – guide to what Pope Pius XI had in mind when he established the feast in response to the rise of Fascism and Bolshevism after World War One. The feast was intended as a manifesto, proclaiming that Christ, not some demagogue in a uniform, is our King. Jesus is the one who is the true shepherd of God's people (2 Sam 5.1-3). More than that, "He is the image of the unseen God", the one in whom "we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins," the one who "holds all things in unity" (Col 1.12-20). And yet when we meet our Sovereign Lord in the Gospel (Lk 23.35-43) we discover him naked and broken, a laughing stock, the (so-called) "King of the Jews," unable to help himself. This is Kingship, says Luke: refusing to repay hate with hate or violence with violence; letting himself be found among the defeated, the shamed and the shameful; even promising a future to the criminal who seems to have none.

So that's our King, all of that – not some thug in a black shirt (or a sharp suit). But what does it mean to follow him? I guess it means being found close to his cross, one way or another. I guess it means being people who do not shy away from brokenness (our own or others'). I guess it means sharing his same mindset, defusing hate, rejecting violence as a solution to our problems. It means not giving up on people who seem to have no way forward but rather speaking words of hope in the face of pain. And, as we know, there's no shortage of that in our world.

Fr. Rob

This Sunday is Youth Sunday

Celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King, National Youth Sunday is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, enable the youth ministry and parish community to celebrate young people and affirm the contribution of young people in the Church and those who work with them.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

NEXT 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 urgently required** e.g. spirits, wines, bubbly, beer, soft drinks
 - **Christmas wrapping paper, crackers, cards, bows etc also urgently required**
 - 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

Come along and meet Father Christmas, who will be arriving just after 11.00am.

Why not join us for a bacon or sausage butty and a cuppa and a chance to meet fellow parishioners - it's been a few years since we have been able to meet up like this!

Consultation on Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2024-25

Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation that the governing body as the admission authority of St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements including oversubscription criteria for the school year 2024-25.

The Proposed changes are:

- A parent declaration that they have attended Sunday Mass at least once a month and have done so for at least one year prior to the closing date of the application will no longer be required.
- The SIF will no longer require the Priest to confirm that Mass attendance is accurate.
- The application will still need to be supported by the Parish Priest's signature.

The proposed Admission Policy and Supplementary Information Form can be viewed on the Admission page of our school's website – www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk.

Alternatively, if you wish to request a printed copy of the admission arrangements, please contact Michele Higgins at St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School either by email - info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk or by telephone 01483 480441.

The six week consultation began on 04/11/2022 with the closing date for submitting comments being midnight on 18th December 2022. Please send any comments on the proposed changes to Michele Higgins by 12 noon on 18th December, either by email to info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk or by letter to St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School, Five Oaks Close, St John's, Woking, GU21 8TU.

Parking: Following complaints from residents, we are urging our parishioners to be considerate to our neighbours and other road users by **not parking across drives or on the pavement**. Also, bear in mind that buses and delivery trucks pass along Victoria Road during Mass times (even on Sundays) so please do not park opposite a parked car - the road isn't wide enough!

Fr. Rob writes: It was a joy to celebrate my induction as parish priest of St. Hugh's on Wednesday, on the eve of our patronal feast. Fr. Nick and I feel very welcome and at home in this warm and friendly community and look forward to working together in the years ahead. Thanks particularly to everyone who prepared the liturgy and the shared refreshments which followed.

Blessing of Graves

It is customary in many cultures to visit the graves of deceased relatives during the month of November. A member of the clergy team will be at **Chobham Cemetery on Sunday 20th November at 3.00pm.**

Fundraising: Have you started your online Christmas shopping yet?

The Parish is registered with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. Search "St Hugh's Church, Knaphill" to create your FREE account. Your daily online shopping turns into free donations for our Parish.

Just start your online shopping first at 'easyfundraising', then shop as normal at the retailer of your choice ; retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

To date, **17 parishioners have raised £536.07** just by doing their ordinary online shopping!

Giving Tree - The tree is in place on the sanctuary. Please feel free to take a gift tag and buy whatever is noted on the tag. Your wrapped gift should be returned over the weekend of **11th December**. The beneficiaries will be:

- Abraham Cowley Unit at St.Peter's – Providing care for elderly mental health patients.
- Parish Project - Ahotokurom - Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre, Ghana - a centre of Christian hospitality for the marginalised, disabled and disadvantaged. Dedicated workers provide social care services and education in the broadest sense, encouraging personal growth and independence. You can donate financially via Dona on our website or the device in the narthex.
- Parish Project - York Road - Providing accommodation, advice and support for anyone who is at risk of homelessness or is homeless in Woking. Again, you can donate financially as above.
- Woking Lions - Providing for the less fortunate families in the Woking area.
- Parish/School – families known to us.

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.

SJB Parents' Prayer Group will be meeting on **Tuesday 22nd November at 8pm** in room 201/202 in the sports hall for an hour to chat, eat cake, drink coffee and pray for the needs of our school and the wider community. All parents, carers, guardians and grandparents are welcome! Please just drive in as the gates will be open. Further info from Michele Harrison, School Chaplain, on 01483 729343 x 116.

The **Xavier Catholic Education Trust** are looking to recruit a Finance Officer. The vacancy can be found at <https://www.eteach.com/job/finance-officer-1288208>. Closing date **30th Nov 2022 at 5pm.**

Retreats and days at The House of Prayer, East Molesey

Find out more and book [here](#) or contact admin@christian-retreat.org / 0208 941 2313

Panto tickets for Cinderella at Woking

for Saturday 3rd December at 2pm in the stalls or Tuesday 6th December at 7pm in the stalls and circle. All tickets at the discounted price of £22. To get yours <https://app.classlist.com/#/events/view910060648>

Congratulations to the Jackpot Club winners for the month of October

Maura Wills and Elaine Thompson have won £49.50/£24.50 respectively.

If you would like to join the Club for £3pq or £12pa, please contact am.rushton@btopenworld.com.

Half of the subs go to the parish running costs and half goes back in prize money!

Traidcraft Christmas cards, Advent calendars

and other items are on sale from the Repository after Mass.

The Retiring Collection **This Sunday** is for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid).

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 19th November - Our Lady on Saturday

6.00pm Vigil Mass Ann Magee RIP

***SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING* - YEAR C 2022**

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

Monday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Tuesday 22nd November - St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

10.00am Holy Mass For the Holy Souls of St Hugh's Parish

Wednesday 23rd November - St Clement I, Pope, Martyr

No Mass

Thursday 24th November - St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions. Martyrs

10.00am Holy Mass Tom & Enid Collins RIP

Friday 25th November - St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

No Mass

Saturday 26th November - Our Lady on Saturday

6.00pm Vigil Mass Sr Stephanie Earl RIP

***SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT* - YEAR A 2022**

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

Last Week's Offertory Collection: Baskets - £231.04, Contactless - £32.00

and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £851.37. Many thanks.

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions - ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

Weekend Mass Times - visit www.st-dunstans.org

Monday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Holy Mass Davidson, Emmanuel & Blessy Wilson in Thanksgiving

Tuesday 22nd November - St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

10.00am Holy Mass Mary Magdalene Paul and Joseph Paul RIP

Wednesday 23rd November - St Clement I, Pope, Martyr

12.00noon Requiem Mass Antonetta De Vivo RIP

Thursday 24th November - St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions. Martyrs

10.00am Holy Mass Lorenzo Mulet RIP

Friday 25th November - St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

10.00am Holy Mass Patsy Hagan 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."