



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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

#### A Pregnant Season

Back in 1972, the now defunct Access credit card was launched with the claim that it would “take the waiting out of wanting.” Whether or not the arrival of “Your Flexible Friend” (another Access slogan) itself contributed to the revolution that brought about ‘consumer society’, ‘putting it on plastic’ certainly changed our attitude to debt (now rebranded as ‘credit’). The potential to ‘max out’ our credit cards fostered the illusion of always being able to have more, even if we hadn’t yet paid for our previous purchases. Let’s just say that deferred gratification is probably not the strong suit of our culture today.

Nowhere is this more obvious than during Advent. (And yes, guilty as charged: our Christmas Fair is on November 26!). I was talking to teachers this week about the meaning of the Advent season, which we start this weekend, and how this might be conveyed to children in RE lessons. I insisted that Advent is not meant to be a ‘little Lent’, another ‘penitential season’, despite the purple vestments which we use. Rather, I suggested, Advent is ‘pregnant time’. That image is a powerful expression both of the wait for a different and eagerly anticipated future and of the need to rearrange our lives to make room for our new arrival. We’ve no need to redecorate the nursery or buy a load of baby equipment in order to welcome the Lord, but we certainly need to reorder our priorities and make space for the Christ child if we wish to experience the joy of the Lord’s Nativity in all its wonder. So less could well turn out to be more on the road to December 25 (at least for those of us who do not find ourselves in real physical want at this time).

Even if ‘the Christmas Rush’ is unavoidable, let us give ourselves permission to ask these questions: How can I make life simpler, rather than more complicated, in the weeks ahead? How can we create space in our days, in our homes and in our hearts, a space into which the Lord can enter? Perhaps in the midst of so much consumption, we’ll be surprised to find that we’ve taken some of the wanting out of our waiting, stilling the desire for more stuff, more stimulus, more distractions, learning how to be content and how to look forward with hope. “The time has come! Wake up! Stay awake!” insist our readings this Sunday. And may the Lord, as Isaiah prophesies, hammer our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks, overcoming all divisions and granting us peace in these December weeks.

Fr. Rob

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Woking Foodbank Collection weekend of 3rd /4th December

All donations will be very much appreciated. **On their last update they were short of:**

tinned mixed veg, tinned chicken, tinned potatoes, tinned salmon, tinned ham, long life sponge puddings, chocolate, cleaning spray, washing up liquid and bleach. Please place donations in the boxes provided in the Narthex. Donations will be collected after the 9.30am Mass. Thank you.

**Carol Singing in the Village:** There are opportunities this Advent to join fellow Christians from other churches in Knaphill to sing carols and spread the true meaning of Christmas at either the village Christmas market (near the post office) on Saturday 3 December from 1.30 - 2.15pm and also from 4.00 - 4.30pm prior to the lighting of the village Christmas tree. Another venue is The Garibaldi on Thursday 22 December from 7.15pm. Also there will be a Christmas service at The Vyne Community Centre on Friday 9 December time tbc. For more details speak to Roger (07501056679).

**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 your contact the Parish Office or <https://app.classlist.com/#/events/view910060648>

**Christmas cards for prisoners at Coldingley Prison** - The Prison is in our parish and currently about 80 Catholic prisoners are trying to rebuild their lives. In order to show them that their fellow parishioners have not forgotten them, the Chaplain has asked if we would give them a small Christmas card. Inside the card, you can write 'Dear brother in Christ' followed by a message, e.g. praying for you and your family this Christmas, and signed with your first name only.

Please place your cards in the basket in the narthex by **10.30am on 9 December**.

**Jackpot Club:** Congratulations to Mary Gilbert on winning £100 in the St Hugh's Feast Day Jackpot Club Draw. If you would like to join the Jackpot Club at £3 a quarter or £12 a year, contact the Parish Office. 50% of the monthly subs go back in prize monies and 50% go to parish funds.

**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 Michael Creech CSsR** - Please pray for the happy and peaceful repose of the soul of Fr Michael, who passed away during the week. He covered Fr Gerard's absence/holidays and used to supply for other parish priests at St Hugh's before that. He will be remembered fondly. May he rest in peace.

### 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, with tag attached, 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.

### Traidcraft Christmas cards, Advent calendars

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

**Looking for a Reception Class place for September 2023?** Why not come and see us at St Hugh's School. To book a place call 01483 480441 or email [info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk).

### Admission to St Hugh's School September 2023 - Submission deadline 15 January 2023.

Please pop the completed SIF into the Presbytery at 95 Victoria Road, **before** the Christmas holiday period. Once signed by Fr Rob, you will be contacted to arrange collection before Christmas.

**St Hugh's School** are looking for a part time teacher to cover maternity leave. For details see <https://www.eteach.com/job/class-teacher-maternity-leave-wednesday-thursday-friday-1288918>.

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**.

### Live Simply Award

We hope that, like St. Dunstan's parish in Woking, our community will work together to earn a 'Live Simply' award from Cafod, marking our work together to make our parish more aware of the environmental impact of our activities and our capacity to be good stewards of 'our common home' (as Pope Francis calls the earth in his great letter, 'Laudato Si'). As a taster for what we can do, individually and as a parish, you are invited to follow their **online Advent Calendar** which is running from December 1-24. See: <https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=w5ktf4ybxlxb80748ylmvz4tyiasenky>.

### Retreats and days at The House of Prayer, East Molesey

**Advent Quiet Morning:** The Silent Journey, Saturday, 10th December 2022

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

## Prayers

We offer our prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia and an end to this devastating conflict. Please keep in your prayers the sick and the housebound of our parish. We also pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Malone RIP, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 2 December at St Hugh's. We remember her friends and family at this time, especially her daughter, Mary Lyons and family.

## 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 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

### \*Monday 28th November - Monday of the First Week in Advent\*

No Mass

### \*Tuesday 29th November - Tuesday of the First Week in Advent\*

No Mass

### \*Wednesday 30th November - St Andrew, Apostle\*

7.30pm Holy Mass In celebration of the life of Sarah Louise Doneux

### \*Thursday 1st December - Thursday of the First Week in Advent\*

10.00am Holy Mass Alice Ledgard RIP

### \*Friday 2nd December - Friday of the First Week in Advent\*

10.30am Requiem Mass Joan Malone RIP

### \*Saturday 3rd December - St Francis Xavier, Priest\*

6.00pm Vigil Mass Jim & Florence Moore RIP  
and Giovanni & Carolina Yon RIP

### \*SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT\* - YEAR A 2022

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £255.84, Contactless - £72.00  
and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £916.17. Many thanks.

## Weekday Mass Times and Intentions - ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

Weekend Mass Times - visit [www.st-dunstans.org](http://www.st-dunstans.org)

### \*Monday 28th November - Monday of the First Week in Advent\*

10.00am Holy Mass James Dolan RIP

### \*Thursday 1st December - Thursday of the First Week in Advent\*

10.00am Holy Mass Andrew Kasamaki RIP

### \*Friday 2nd December - Friday of the First Week in Advent\*

10.00am Holy Mass In Thanksgiving Aleena Jibson

## 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."