



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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### THIRD 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 11TH DECEMBER 2022 - YEAR A

#### Living Advent With Joy

Ordering people to rejoice is arguably a contradiction in terms. Rejoicing is meant to be a spontaneous response, a movement of the heart, not an act of obedience. Only North Koreans rejoice to order, so far as I know. Nonetheless, the Church has for many hundreds of years labelled the third Sunday of Advent '*Gaudete*' (which means 'Rejoice!' - there should probably be an exclamation mark in the title). It is, at the least, a forceful invitation to live this Sunday with a smile.

*Gaudete Sunday* signals a change of pace and a change of focus in our Advent preparations. If the first Sunday of the season spoke of the ending of all things (oscillating between the cry, "Wake up!" and the warning, "Stay awake!") and last Sunday introduced us to John the Baptist as the demanding Forerunner of the Messiah, calling us to change our whole way of thinking and behaving, now we begin to look ahead to December 25 and its consequences:

"Are you the one who is to come?" asks John from his prison cell. "Yes," comes the resounding answer, not in words so much as in Jesus' deeds: "The blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor." We don't know whether that reassurance reached John before he was executed, but we can ask ourselves about our own capacity for joy. There are, of course, plenty of reasons for not rejoicing. The news from elsewhere can be depressing. Our own struggles can threaten to overwhelm us. There are certainly plenty of "weary hands and trembling knees" out there, just as there were in the days of the prophet Isaiah. But his message reaches us unchanged across the centuries: "Courage! Do not be afraid."

Isaiah's vision is not just of the healing of personal disabilities but the healing of society. The disfigured were excluded from the temple, the heart of the nation's life, often reduced to sitting on street corners begging. Now, says the prophet, they are fully to belong and to join in the dance of life; and only when they are included will the whole community be healed.

As then, so now. May our Advent preparations plant joy (and a little excitement!) in our hearts, for, as Isaiah promises: "Look, your God is coming, he is coming to save you!" May the Lord find our hearts ready on Christmas Day: ready to rejoice at his presence and ready to join in his mission of including the excluded and bringing healing to a fractured society.

Fr. Rob

**Easyfundraising:** 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, **19 parishioners have raised £593.77** just by doing their ordinary online shopping!

**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 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).

A note of the proposed changes can also be found on the noticeboard in the narthex.

Consultation on Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2024-25 for The Marist Catholic Primary School, West Byfleet can also be found on the noticeboard in the narthex or on their website [www.marist.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.marist.surrey.sch.uk)

**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).

**CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas**

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

**National Board of Catholic Women**

Please see the poster in the narthex for details of various events. For further details or to share your projects, ideas and hopes for women of our Diocese, or if you would like help with resources please contact: **Sue Petritz** Diocesan Link for Arundel & Brighton. Actively promoting the presence, participation & responsibilities of Catholic Women [nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Repository** is open for the sale of cribs and Christmas gifts.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

At St Dunstan's on Friday 16 December at 7.30pm

**A service for parishioners of St Dunstan's, St Hugh's and Our Lady Help of Christians**

This is an opportunity to gather as a community to celebrate God's love and mercy and there will be priests available for individuals to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Family Nativity and Carol Service** Saturday 17 December at 4.00pm

in the church, followed by refreshments in the hall.

**Carol Singing in the Village:** Join fellow Christians from other churches in Knaphill

this Advent to sing carols and spread the true meaning of Christmas at The Garibaldi

on **Thursday 22 December from 7.15pm**. For more details speak to Roger (07501056679).

**Parking:** Last Sunday during the 9.30am Mass, an ambulance with its blue lights on, had to be guided through cars double parked just outside the church. At the end of Mass a very large supermarket truck was unable to proceed along Victoria Road due to double parking. We urge our parishioners to be considerate to our neighbours and other road users by **not parking across drives or on the pavement and please do not park opposite a parked car - the road is not wide enough.**

## 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 - **Deadline for gifts is 10.30am TODAY!**

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.

**Confirmation Programme 2023:** Bishop Richard will officiate at the Confirmation Mass at Arundel Cathedral on **Saturday 13 May 2023**. If you, or a young person you know, in Year 10 or above, would like to start the preparation to pray and think about being Confirmed this year,

please click the link for an Application Form. [Young Adults – St Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Parish](#)

Please complete electronically, and return your form by email, or to the Parish Office marked

Confirmation 2023. **The closing date is Monday 12 December.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Thorn on: [confirmation.sthughs@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.sthughs@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Aged 18-35? Join the diocesan Pilgrimage to Lisbon 31 July-7 August 2023

Join millions of young people from around the world to celebrate our faith and make life long friendships. The week includes a trip to Fatima, amazing festival activities and Mass with Pope Francis. To find out more contact our Youth Adviser Lizzie: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Caritas Social Action Network**, the Social Action Agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales, has issued a statement about the autumn budget statement, highlighting concerns about the extreme hardship faced by many at this time, the failure to lift the two-child cap on Universal Credit payments and the delay in reforming the social care system, while acknowledging some advances made. They urge Catholics to write to their MPs on these matters.

See [Caritas Social Action Network - Caritas Social Action Network - CSAN](#)

## 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=w5ktf4ybxlxb80748ymvz4tyiasenky>.

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland**, 15 March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre and National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

This year services will be at the following times:

- ✦ Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve at 7.00pm and 10.00pm with Carols from 9.30pm
- ✦ Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day at 9.00am and 10.30am

### 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 10th December - Our Lady of Loreto\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish

**\*SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER - THIRD 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT\* - YEAR A 2022**

9.30am Holy Mass For the Holy Souls of St Hugh's Parish

**\*Monday 12th December - Our Lady of Guadalupe\***

No Mass

**\*Tuesday 13th December - St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr\***

No Mass

**\*Wednesday 14th December - St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor\***

10.00am Holy Mass Carole Ann Wicks RIP

**\*Thursday 15th December - Thursday of the Third Week in Advent\***

10.00am Holy Mass For the recovery of Tina Coss

**\*Friday 16th December - Friday of the Third Week in Advent\***

No Mass

**\*Saturday 17th December - December in Great Advent, O Sapientia\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Intentions of Anna Tracey & Family

**\*SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT\* - YEAR A 2022**

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £304.15, Contactless - £74.00  
and Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £966.48. 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 12th December - Our Lady of Guadalupe\***

10.00am Holy Mass Annie McGovern RIP and Eileen McGovern RIP

**\*Tuesday 13th December - St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr\***

10.00am Holy Mass Carole Wise RIP

**\*Wednesday 14th December - St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor\***

10.00am Holy Mass Patricia Agnes Ismail RIP

**\*Friday 16th December - Friday of the Third Week in Advent\***

10.00am Holy Mass Marina Murphy and family RIP

7.30pm Reconciliation Service

for parishioners of St Dunstan's, St Hugh's and Our Lady Help of Christians

**The Christmas Novena:** *This Novena has been used to request special help from St. Andrew.*

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

*The Novena prayer is said 15 times each day, then mention your intentions and say:*  
one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be. Our Lady of Advent pray for us. Saint Joseph pray for us.