



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church-Newsletter

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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND January 2023 - YEAR A

#### A Yearning For Unity

What does unity look like? Is it about 'being the same' as other members of the group? Is it about having the same ideas? Go on social media and you'll be amazed at quite how many people agree with you as the algorithms curate your life ... But could we find a unity less brittle than visible conformity or shared opinions? This is an important issue in our world in which so many take refuge in the easy slogans and quick fixes promoted in the echo-chambers of the internet. Can we honour difference and still be one?

It's also a vital question in the Church. For too much of our history, agreement about how to express Christian faith was something imposed. Killing 'heretics' seemed a reasonable thing to do. In reaction, the Reformation crystallised around a series of propositions which must also be accepted or rejected, whether on the authority of the Pope or that of Luther and his ilk. Now one man's heretic became another man's martyr. It took Pope St. John XXIII to state in 1962 that nowadays the Church prefers to correct error with 'the medicine of mercy'. We've moved forward since then, thank God, and relations with other Christians hereabouts are usually relaxed and warm.

Yet there's a characteristic tension, even in this *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, between the approaches of Catholics and Protestants. We typically look for visible institutional unity, 'being in communion' with the Pope as a result of doctrinal agreement. Evangelical Protestants tend to be impatient with such niceties. What matters is 'unity in mission', living out a shared experience of 'salvation'.

Let their approach challenge us, then. Our community needs to move from Maintenance – 'looking after our own' – to Mission – joyfully sharing the Gospel beyond our four walls (our latest '*Alpha*' course surely ticks that box!) and working together on practical projects for justice ('*Live Simply*' is a start ...). But let our approach also challenge them. Jesus prayed on the night before he died: "Father, may they all be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me." (Jn 17.21) Being in communion matters. Visible unity matters. The Body of Christ is broken and incomplete while they are absent from our company. But as we join in Jesus' prayer, let us remember that what we are called to share in is not just some particular structures or received ways of expressing our faith (helpful though these can be). It's the very life of God, who is love.

Fr. Rob

**The Week of Prayer** for Christian Unity is kept from January 18-25 each year, with the theme this year, "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice". The focus of the week in Knaphill is a united service at **Holy Trinity Church on Chobham Road at 6.30pm on Sunday, January 22** and in **Woking at the United Reform Church, White Rose Lane at 4.30pm**. It is a great opportunity to meet and pray with fellow Christians in the area for the healing of the wounds in Christ's broken Body, the Church. Please do try to go along to one of the venues.

**Who are You, O God, and Who am I!?** A Retreat at the [Franciscan Centre Ladywell](#), **25-29 Jan, led by Br Paul Rout OFM**, Cost: £100 non resident, £300 resident (inc food). This retreat will draw upon the inspiration of the writings of Saints Francis, Clare of Assisi and Bonaventure, and Pope Francis. For info or to book; E: [franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk](mailto:franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk) or T: 01483 675575

### **Annual Justice and Peace Assembly**

Hungry for Change **Saturday 28 January 2023 9.30am-1.30pm** at The Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Join us at our Annual Justice and Peace assembly which will explore food and conflict and positive steps we can make. With Bishop Richard and speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi and the Ecological Conversion Group. It is free of charge but booking is requested, so that we have an idea of numbers. This can be done through the Diocesan website. For more information, please contact Tessa Ricketts at [Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk).

**Marriage Week, 7-14 February** celebrates the vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life and is an annual event encouraging couples to invest in their marriage and relationships. The focus is on ensuring we look after our marriage. Perhaps you might want to organise something in your parish to help each other or perhaps just take some time together as a couple. Google "Marriage Week" for some helpful links and suggestions or look at the Diocesan website.

For further information Katherine Bergin at E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**St Robert Southwell RC Primary, Horsham** - Head Teacher wanted for Summer or Autumn 2023. Salary: Group 2, L11-L17. Contract: Full and Permanent. Applications are invited from Heads, Deputies and Assistant Heads for this exciting opportunity to work in a school where students love learning. Closing date for applications **7 February 2023**. Please see school website for details and/or contact E: [secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk](mailto:secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk). We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

### **Sharing the Church's Story, 11 Feb 2023, 10am-5pm, QEII Centre, SW1P 3EE.**

Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference with dynamic speakers - including the internationally renowned Bishop Robert Barron. Whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, religious, or just want a boost for your faith life - this conference is for YOU. [Register here](#)

### **The Wisdom of St Benedict : Fr Martin McGee OSB**

**14-16 February 2023**, £220 per person, single occupancy. Fr Martin will explore the riches of St Benedict's Rule, a guide to living out the Christian life in all its fullness. The following topics will be covered: Stability – Becoming rooted in Christ; Humility – Learning how to become oneself; Lectio Divina – Finding nourishment in God's Word; Christian leadership – Serving Christ in others.

### **Diocesan Youth Work Training Course**

Do you want to help young people to grow in faith? Why not sign up for our Youth Ministry Training Days? Taking Place on **25 February & 25 March 2023**, you will learn how to effectively engage with teenagers to help them know the love of God. For Confirmation Catechists, Youth Group Leaders or anyone Interested in setting up a youth group. For more information contact [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Request for Baptism

If you would like to enquire about receiving the sacrament of Baptism here at St Hugh's, then please download, and complete the Baptism Information Form from the "Children" tab on the Parish Website. Please contact the parish office if you require further details. Please note Baptisms are normally celebrated on Sunday afternoons at 1pm.

## CRIB COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local disadvantaged families facing severe hardship due to the cost-of-living crisis. Through their A&B Crisis Fund, CCS is providing immediate, practical support to families in need. There are many vulnerable families in need of support with parishes across the A&B diocese donating their Crib Offering to support this important work.

Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Crisis Fund to support local families in need.

You can donate at the Crib or via CCS at [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib).

## Worth Abbey Time Out individual self-guided retreats

**6–9 February, 6–9 March and 15–18 May** Cost : £90 per person, per night (min 2 nights).

Spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist: Please note change of date.** This was scheduled to take place on Saturday 18 February. Unfortunately, Bishop Richard now has to be in Rome and therefore the day of reflection has been moved to **Saturday 11 March**, same venue and time. We apologise most sincerely for any inconvenience this may cause. All those who have booked a place have been informed.

## Weekly Parish Newsletter

Please click the link below or email the parish office directly at [knaphill@abdicese.org.uk](mailto:knaphill@abdicese.org.uk) to have the parish newsletter delivered to your email address each week. This is a simple way to reduce the number of paper copies which we print each week, many of which are often left behind in the narthex to be re-cycled. Please click here: [Parish Newsletter](#)

The **Catholic Union** which is dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life - is encouraging people across our community to make their voices heard in a new Parliamentary inquiry into assisted suicide. The House of Commons Health and Care Committee recently launched an inquiry into [assisted dying/assisted suicide](#) with a call for evidence open until 20 January 2023.

In response to the inquiry, the Catholic Union has launched a short survey giving people the opportunity to share their views and experiences - encouraging those with a particular interest or expertise to submit evidence directly to the Committee, which is made up of a cross-party group of MPs. The Committee is expected to report and make recommendations to the UK Government in spring next year, with responses from the survey shaping the Union's evidence to the inquiry. You can access the survey [here](#). *Information on how to support someone who is dying can be found on the Art of Dying Well website [here](#). The Diocese has a trained network of bereavement supporters based across our parishes, you can find out more by talking to your parish priest or contacting our Marriage and Family Life Project Officer, [Simon South](#).*

## Live Simply Award

We hope to apply for a **Live Simply Award** for St. Hugh's as a way of making our parish more aware of the environmental impact of our activities and of our capacity to be good stewards of God's Creation.

If you would like to be involved, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Help get 2023 off to a great start for St Hugh's Church by signing up to support us for FREE on **#easyfundraising**. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 7,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference this year: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=25EYUB&char=252616&referral->

### 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 21st January-St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mary Richards RIP

**\*SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* - YEAR A 2023**

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

**\*Monday 23rd January-Feria in Ordinary Time Week 3\***

No Mass

**\*Tuesday 24th January-St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor \***

10.00am Holy Mass Private Intentions

**\*Wednesday 25th January-The Conversion of St Paul, Feast\***

No Mass

**\*Thursday 26th January-Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops\***

9.00am Holy Mass at St Hugh's school - all welcome For Yr 6 children

**\*Friday 27th January -St Angela Merici, Virgin\***

No Mass

**\*Saturday 28th January-St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Intentions of all the Larkham Family

**\*SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\* - YEAR A 2023**

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £293.90, Contactless - £84.00 and Average Weekly Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £966.23. 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	23 January	10.00 am	Jim Flynn RIP
Tuesday	24 January	10.00 am	Intentions of Eileen Cash
Wednesday	25 January	10.00 am	Fr Frank Harrington RIP
Thursday	26 January	10.00 am	Intentions of Fr Francis Maple OFMCap
Friday	27 January	10.00 am	Intentions of Anna Richmond

### LiveSimply Prayer

Compassionate and loving God, You created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect Your generosity. Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of Your creation. God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors Your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free.

Amen.