



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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### **SECOND 'TRANSFIGURATION' SUNDAY OF LENT 05 MARCH 2023 - YEAR A**

#### **Going Down The Mountain**

The urge to climb mountains seems to be quite a strong human instinct. From the Scots bagging 'Munroes' to Yuppy tourist treks to Macchu Pichu, not to mention the 6,000+ who have reached the summit of Everest over the last 70 years, it seems that many of us feel the urge to tackle hills. Why? "Because it's there," was George Mallory's famous answer when asked why he wished to conquer Everest (30 years before Hillary and Tenzing actually made it to the top). "To enjoy the view" is a more prosaic explanation. Moses saw the Promised Land from Mount Nebo while Martin Luther King, the night before he was gunned down in Memphis, invoked the same image: "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over ... Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Each of those explanations has its power. But according to Jesus the real reason for going up the Mountain of the Transfiguration is to come down again. Moses and Elijah appear to Jesus and his companions, who (according to Mt 5.17) know that Jesus stands as the "completion" of the Law and the Prophets, which these two ancient figures represent. The disciples glimpse the glory of God in Jesus. Simon Peter's reflex response is to build tents. The Jewish Christians for whom Matthew retold the Gospel story would probably have seen a reference here to the Feast of Tabernacles, when, over the course of a week each autumn, Jews remember their deliverance from Egypt and God's provision of manna during the 40 years in the wilderness.

We also need to prolong "the holy moment" sometimes, creating spaces where we can indeed listen together to the voice of God's Son, the Beloved. We need places where we can contemplate the light from his transfigured face. We need that instant when the cloud clears and we see "no one, but only Jesus." One of the purposes of our Lenten observance is to create such encounters. Yet in the end Jesus led his companions back down the mountain, taking the road to Good Friday in Jerusalem.

That's our direction of travel; and if our hearing of God's Word and our contemplation of Christ's face don't somehow lead us on that downward path then we should be concerned as to whether we're actually hearing that Word aright and seeing clearly. As the heavenly voice puts it: "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." Listen, and then follow where he leads.

Fr. Rob

The Retiring Collection **This Sunday** is for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

**Stations of the Cross** will take place on Fridays at 7.30pm during Lent.

**Woking Foodbank collection This Weekend.** Donations will be collected after the 9.30am Mass.

**Parking** - Yet again, road users have complained about our thoughtless parking. How would you feel if your drive was blocked, if you were pushing a buggy or using a mobility scooter and it meant you had to go on the road as someone had parked their car on the pavement? Please be considerate to our neighbours. Do think about walking or parking in the village car park. Inconsiderate parking prevents the emergency services getting through to someone in need - it could be a member of your family?

**The Franciscan Centre, Ladywell** - Set in the heart of beautiful Surrey, we offer retreats, quiet days, spiritual direction and programmes, both residential and non-residential. 'Come away and rest for a while' (Mark 6.31). For more information visit [www.franciscancentre.org.uk](http://www.franciscancentre.org.uk).

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

To view the Lent Appeal Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU&t=34s>

### **Walking To Lindisfarne for Easter**

This year Pilgrims will once again take part in Northern Cross, the Annual Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Holy Island (Lindisfarne) during Holy Week. After several years disruption due to Covid, two groups will start walking on **Saturday, April 1 from Carlisle and Lanark**. Both routes are approximately 120 miles long and use a mix of minor roads and cross-country paths. It is an ideal way for the fit to prepare for Easter (April 9th) and participants share worship and live as a small community throughout the week, taking turns in carrying a cross to portray Jesus' way to Calvary, before celebrating Easter with the local community on Lindisfarne. Participants stay in church halls and village halls along the way and either self-cater or receive hospitality from the communities visited. The cost is £200 and covers all food and accommodation for the Pilgrimage. For more information visit [NorthernCross.co.uk](http://NorthernCross.co.uk) or call Pete Coppola on 07711 713667 (or talk to Fr. Rob, who walked the pilgrimage several times).

### **Protect Your Vote**

Did you know that in order to vote in local elections in May you need to have photo-ID? If you don't have a passport, a driving-licence or certain other types of government-recognised photo-card you will be deprived of your vote unless you apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate at [Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\)](#) by April 25. If you know anyone who is likely not to have photo-ID (especially the young or the poor), please encourage them to register.

**A Gap Year Opportunity with CAFOD** : Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is?

Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world.

**Step into the Gap** is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: <https://cafod.org.uk/education/for-young-people/cafod-gap-year>

**The CAP** (Christians Against Poverty) **Money Course**: The course will be running at Knaphill Baptist Church on **Fridays 17, 24 and 31 March between 12.30pm-2.30pm**.

For details on the course, see <https://capuk.org/get-help/cap-money-course>

### **Lenten Message From Pope Francis**

Pope Francis has written a short reflection on the story of the Transfiguration to encourage us in living this season of Lent well, reminding us that Lent is a journey to Easter which we make by walking together ('synodally' – to use the buzz-word that is central to this papacy), listening to the Lord and listening to each other, with the goal of both ourselves and our communities being transfigured.

You can read it at [Pope Francis Message for Lent 2023](#)

**Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February-12 March** - Fairtrade-accredited products indicate not only higher pay and better working conditions for the workers involved in producing them but also a community premium, the use of which is decided collectively – but which would typically be used for benefits such as education and healthcare of their children. Look out for Fairtrade products (bananas, tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate, dried fruit, biscuits are commonly available ones) when you do your weekly shop – and use the fortnight as an opportunity to have family discussions about who produces the food we eat and the clothes we wear. Remember that our parish is a Fairtrade parish, so Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar should be used at all parish events. Read more at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>

### **Gift Aid Envelope Boxes**

If you use Gift Aid envelopes for your Offertory donations the envelopes for 2023/2024 will be available for collection after all Masses over the weekends of the 11/12 March. If you will be unable to collect your envelopes at this time but would still like to receive them, please email [ga.knaphill@abdiocese.org](mailto:ga.knaphill@abdiocese.org) or call 07966 183107. If you would like further information about how Gift Aid benefits the Parish by allowing it to claim an additional 25% from the Inland Revenue for your offertory donations, from the tax you pay, please come and see us after Mass as we distribute the envelopes.

### **Baptism Preparation Course: Tuesdays 21 and 28 March – 8 to 9pm at the Parish Hall**

If you wish to have your child baptised and have not attended a Baptism Preparation Course before, please contact the Parish Office at [knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk) to register for the above course.

Please also complete a Baptism Information Request Form, which is available on the Parish Website 'Children' tab and return it to the Parish Office.

### **Knaphill Community Fridge**

We are delighted to announce our annual Seed Swap will be on **Saturday 11th March 11am-12pm**. Encouraging people to grow their own during cost of living crisis. We are hoping to provide lots of easy to grow seeds that kids will love plus flowers to try. Bring seeds to swap as well as picking up a few free packs. If you are an experienced grower would you consider growing extra this Spring for our Plant Swap on 13th May for those people who might struggle to get seedlings established.

### **Communion Under Both Kinds**

Our bishops propose the reintroduction of sharing the chalice, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, by which time they estimate that the current 'Covid season' will have passed its peak. We know more now about how Covid-19 is transmitted (more by aerosol than by touch), which has some relevance to the question. But we'd be interested to know your thoughts about the sharing of 'the common cup'. On the one hand, receiving the Precious Blood expresses more perfectly the action of Jesus at the Last Supper and symbolises more fully our sharing in communion (though it has always been Catholic teaching that we receive Christ 'whole and entire' when we receive communion under only one kind). On the other hand, this may be a source of anxiety for some and of real risk for those whose health is compromised. Clearly, receiving from the chalice would be voluntary, not compulsory, and anyone with a cold or any other relevant health issue should abstain. But how would you respond if offered the chance to receive under both kinds? By the way, lest this seem the obvious answer to the question, 'intinction' (dipping the host in the chalice) is not allowed by our bishops.

**During Lent**, there will be a weekly **Holy Hour on Wednesdays from 5.45pm-6.45pm**  
**followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.**

This is a trial following requests from parishioners.

**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 04 March - Saturday of the First Week in Lent\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass Jim Moore RIP

**\*SUNDAY 05 MARCH - SECOND 'TRANSFIGURATION' SUNDAY\* - YEAR A**

9.30am Holy Mass Margaret Earley RIP

**\*Monday 06 March - Monday of the Second Week in Lent\***

10.00am Holy Mass Andrew and Andy Higgins RIP

**\*Tuesday 07 March - Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent\***

No Mass

**\*Wednesday 08 March - Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent\***

7.00pm Holy Mass (*preceded by Holy Hour*) Alice Susan Eaton RIP

**\*Thursday 09 March - Thursday of the Second Week in Lent\***

9.00am School Mass (all welcome) Intentions of Lily Keegan

**\*Friday 10 March - Friday of the Second Week in Lent\***

1.30pm Requiem Mass Elizabeth Harte RIP

**\*Saturday 11 March - Saturday of the Second Week in Lent\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish

**\*SUNDAY 12 MARCH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT\* - YEAR A**

9.30am Holy Mass Intentions for Jonah Dixie's 2nd Birthday

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £509.39, Contactless - £105.00  
and average weekly Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £1,202.72. Many thanks.

**Weekly Parish Newsletter:** To have the parish newsletter delivered to your email address each week,  
please click the following link [Parish Newsletter](#) or email the parish office.

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

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

Monday	06 March	10.00am
Tuesday	07 March	10.00am
Wednesday	08 March	No Mass
Thursday	09 March	9.30am
Friday	10 March	10.00am

**CAFOD  
LENT  
PRAYER  
2023**

Plant in us, Lord,  
seeds of solidarity,  
so that, rejoicing in your gifts,  
we may cherish your presence  
in each other and all creation.

Root us, Lord,  
in compassion and justice.  
Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain,  
softening our hearts,  
washing away division and selfishness

Cultivate in us, Lord,  
attentiveness to your call.  
Give us hope to dream of a better world  
and strength to play our part  
to make it a reality.

Grow in us, Lord,  
your ways of peace and courage,  
so that in this time of Lent,  
we may bear witness to your love,  
revealed to us in Jesus. Amen