



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 12 MARCH 2023 - YEAR A

Ten Years of Pope Francis

It seems amazing that this Monday marks the tenth anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Given his age (he's now 85) he might have run out of energy, like his predecessor, Benedict XVI, or lived permanently in the shadow of John Paul II's 'blockbuster' reign. But he wasted no time in showing that this papacy would be different: by his choice of name, by his humble greeting of the waiting crowd in St. Peter's Square, inviting them to pray for him before he blessed them; by moving into the Vatican guest-house rather than the Apostolic Palace; by travelling in a Fiat Uno rather than a limousine.

His early letter, *The Joy Of The Gospel* (2013), proposed a new image of the Church as a community of joyful missionary disciples – people who get their hands dirty, living out the Gospel “on the streets”. Francis likens the Church to a ‘field-hospital’ on the battlefield of life. We should focus on sharing the key message of salvation, rather than getting lost in abstruse debates about doctrine. As he says, the Church grows by attraction, not by imposing itself or its message.

Another milestone was his letter on “caring for our common home”, *Laudato Si'* (2015), which demands that we hear the cry of the planet and the cry of the poor, rejecting the prevailing “throwaway society” and becoming better stewards of creation. (Our own parish ‘Live Simply’ project is a response to his challenge.)

A last thing to mention – and celebrate – is what he calls ‘The Synodal path’. A Synod of Bishops has met in Rome every few years since 1969 but had long since become a dry, micro-managed exercise. Pope Francis has both transformed its ways of working (asking participants to speak from the heart, without fear) and used it as a springboard for a global conversation. The next two Synod assemblies (this year and next) will explicitly explore how the entire Church can be “Synodal”. That literally means a Church which “walks together”; one whose members listen to God's Word and listen to each other, out of the conviction that the Spirit is at work in our midst and will show us the way forward.

So the Pope has set an agenda for each and every one of us. We are the sign of Christ's presence. Our parish must be that field-hospital for the hurting. The Lord calls us to be those joyful missionary disciples who “get their hands dirty” serving the poor and the vulnerable. It is to us that God's world is entrusted; and we shall find our way together, by listening to God's Word, listening to each other, sharing our insights and rejoicing in the Lord.

Fr. Rob

Woking Foodbank : Thank you for your generous donations.

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent.

Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk/lent.

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.

Catholic Union launches religion in the workplace survey: Catholic Union has launched a major new survey on people's experiences and attitudes towards faith in the workplace. The survey was set up in response to a new inquiry into human rights at work from the UK Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights. Part of that inquiry is considering freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and freedom of expression in the workplace. It includes questions on whether our law strikes the right balance between employee rights to freedom of religion or belief and the rights of employers. The Catholic Union will use the responses to the survey as the basis for its written evidence to the Committee's inquiry. The call for evidence **closes on 24 March 2023**. The Catholic Union is 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 and peers. The Committee is expected to report and make recommendations to the UK Government later this year. The inquiry comes as the Government considers giving Ministers the power to remove or amend retained EU law, including in respect of workers' rights.

The Catholic Union survey on religion in the workplace: <https://forms.gle/VhkVDhdRJeRBFMxD8>.
Joint Committee on Human Right inquiry: <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7310/human-rights-at-work/>.
Catholic Union: www.catholicunion.org.uk.

Talk for Young Adults: Dominican Brother Thomas Mannion will be joining our Young Adults group online on **Monday 20 March at 7.30pm** to talk to the community about Ecclesiology: Why is Christian Fellowship so important? Please contact E:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out how to join this engaging and interactive session. To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: [Events | Our Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/events)

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 \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote) 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.

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>.

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?

Gardening at church - Volunteers are required to help Anne & I tidy up the front garden on **Saturday 1 April 9am-12pm**. Please bring your own garden tools. We will also be preparing the planter at the front of the church for the Easter celebrations. We are also looking for donations of plants and a list will be in the Narthex if you would like to contribute. Caroline Peaston

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](#).

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.

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 this weekend. 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 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. This is a very important income and in the last year was around £10,000 and goes to meet the day-to-day costs and ongoing maintenance of the estate.

Thank you to the Confirmation Catechists (Dcn Rob, David, Cath and Charlotte) who kindly journeyed with six of our young people to Wembley Arena last Saturday for the 'Flame Conference', the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. A great time was had by all!

Interested in training to teach? Virtual Recruitment Fair - 16th March at 6pm.

Please see Zoom link below to access the event:

<https://zoom.us/j/8842866549?pwd=cklmc25zREY2MTIXSDZ4MEpvSHZ2Zz09>

Come and meet our team and speak with a current trainee and ECT to hear more about the profession, different routes into teaching, the training programme we run at TSE and our interview process. We look forward to seeing you online!

For further info contact www.teachsoutheast.co.uk.

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 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.

Woking Street Angels seek new volunteers to train to join their team helping those in need or difficulty on Friday and Saturday nights in our town. Age range 18+; no upper limit.

To apply, without obligation, contact wokingstreetangels@gmail.com or call 07827 974714.

Go to www.wokingstreetangels.org.uk for more information.

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.

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

Friday 17 March is the Feast of St Patrick

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 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

Monday 13 March - Monday of the Third Week in Lent

10.00am Holy Mass Mary & Michael McLoughlin RIP

Tuesday 14 March - Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent

10.00am Holy Mass Gareth Barnbrook RIP

Wednesday 15 March - Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent

7.00pm Holy Mass (*preceded by Holy Hour*) Robert Neill RIP

Thursday 16 March - Thursday of the Third Week in Lent

9.00am School Mass For the Holy Souls

Friday 17 March - St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary

No Mass

Saturday 18 March - Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor

6.00pm Vigil Mass Denis & Helen Naughton-Emerald Wedding Anniver.

***SUNDAY 19 MARCH - FOURTH 'LÆTARE' SUNDAY OF LENT* - YEAR A**

9.30am Holy Mass People of the Parish

Last Week's Offertory Collection: Baskets - £289.03, Contactless - £91.00 and average weekly Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £968.36. Many thanks.

Weekday Mass Times and Intentions - ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

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

Monday	13 March	10.00am
Tuesday	14 March	10.00am
Wednesday	15 March	No Mass
Thursday	16 March	10.00am
Friday	17 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