



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, Woking GU21 2AA Tel: 01483 472404

**Canon Robert Esdaile, Parish Priest**

rob.esdaile@abdiocese.org.uk

**Rev. Fr Nicholas Harden**

nicholas.harden@abdiocese.org.uk

**Rev. Dcn Robert Wellbelove**

Parish Office: knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk

www.sthughoflincoln.com

Newsletter: sthughnewsletter@gmail.com

Twitter@StHughKnaphill

Hall Bookings: Helen Naughton-01483 475922

*The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No 252878*

### **FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER** **30 APRIL 2023 - YEAR A**

#### **Life In Abundance**

The litmus test of Christian faith is perhaps this: does it make us more fully alive? For, says Jesus, "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." (Jn 10:10) If the Gospel doesn't seem to be adding such "abundance" to our existence something has gone wrong in our way of telling and living the story of Jesus. That's not to say that disciples are supposed to live on a constant high. Life's ups and downs remain just that. Yet we are people who believe in abundance – an abundance found in lives of faith and service.

Every year the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd is put before us on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. The sheep follow him because they recognise his voice. So to be part of Christ's flock we need to tune into that voice and listen to his song. We need to be hungry to hear it and confident that he speaks to each of us personally – in our worship together, in our personal prayer and in the events of our daily lives. We Christians draw our strength from his grace, rather than from a belief in our own natural goodness. We recognise that he lays down his life for us (as Palestinian shepherds used to protect their flocks by lying across the entrance to the sheepfold at night) and that he shares our life intimately.

Since the earliest days of the Church the title 'pastor' (shepherd) has been transferred from Jesus to the ordained leaders of the Church. But, as Pope Francis points out, those pastors need to "have the smell of their sheep" – understanding the experience of those they serve by living alongside them. The days of the solitary parish priest standing sentinel over the community in his care, "running the parish" with the help of a small number of volunteers, are surely over – and we should probably be glad of that. The Church is changing rapidly, not only because of the drastic fall in the number of clergy but also because we have realised that the Church is something much more multi-layered and vibrant than the 'priest-and-people' model communicates.

The abundance of life in which we are called to share is the abundance of everyone sharing their gifts, everyone living out their own calling, everyone listening and responding to the beautiful voice of the Good Shepherd. Gradually, perhaps to our surprise, we rediscover the abundance is already there in our community – life in all its fullness. And when we do that then people will come forward who wish to live that vision and to serve their brothers and sisters in ordained ministry – which is, I promise you, truly a life in abundance.

Fr. Rob

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

By making the **fourth Sunday of Easter** (also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**) a day of prayer for vocations the Church responds to Jesus' command to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest". We are each reminded of our own calling and also of our need for shepherds. We pray particularly for those being called to ordained ministry or religious life, that they may be open to the Lord's invitation and persevere on their path, and that all of us may have a lively sense of mission.

In a **pastoral letter** Bishop Richard invites us to take part in a month of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood from now to Pentecost. This week he asks us to read 1 Pet 4.13-16 about the "living stones" of the Church and to pray for our families. There is a **retiring collection** for the education of future priests.

**Parish Gift Aid:** If you use Gift Aid envelopes or donate using Standing Orders for your Offertory donations the statements for 2022/2023 will be available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

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.

### St Hugh's School currently have the following vacancies:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/ks2-class-teacher-1325828>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/caretaker-1327427>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/ks1-class-teacher-1328943>

### Voices from East Africa

#### Exploring Humanitarian Crises and Solutions with CAFOD Tuesday, May 2, 2023 7pm

Join us for an exclusive series of CAFOD online events, where we'll be putting the spotlight on East Africa and the humanitarian crises facing communities in Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Eritrea. We're thrilled that we'll be joined by special guests from these countries and will explore three key themes: food security, emergencies, and water and sanitation programmes. [Click here for more info and to register.](#)

#### Time Out: Individual self-guided retreats - 15-18 May, 26-30 June, 1-6 August.

**Cost: £90 per person, per night, minimum booking 2 nights.**

Spend time 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 the monastic liturgy, to which you are warmly invited and an optional daily Lectio Divina session.

There is also opportunity meet with a monk for reconciliation or a chat. Places are limited for all retreats, so book your place early to avoid disappointment.

For further information please contact T:01342 710318, E:[retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) or W:[worth.co.uk](http://worth.co.uk)

#### Mental Health Champion Training Day – Saturday 10 June – 9am - 4pm. Cost £60 at St John the Evangelist church hall, Springfield Road, Horsham

This one day course trains you as an MHFA Champion, giving you: An understanding of common mental health issues, knowledge and confidence to advocate for mental health awareness, ability to spot signs of mental ill health, skills to support positive wellbeing. For further information contact Lizzie Wakeling,

E: [Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk). To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

### Sustainability? Survival or Shutdown

#### 45th Annual Conference of the National Justice and Peace Network July 21st – 23rd 2023

This conference will take place at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, and will address issues crucial to the common good and the well-being of all creation.

To find out more or register visit [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/)

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place between 28th July and 3rd August this summer. Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey to Lourdes are back to pre-Covid numbers, so the Pilgrimage Office is urgently asking for helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to ensure that there are enough people to care for the pilgrims. For further information and a link to the application form, please visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home). The deadline for applications is **April 30th**.

**The Coronation of King Charles III:** Pray for King Charles and Queen Camilla this week as the country prepares for his coronation **next Saturday**, that he may serve his subjects faithfully, fulfilling his constitutional duty "to be consulted, to encourage and to warn" the government and being a moral leader and focus of unity for the nations over which he reigns. Make this also a week of prayer for our country and ourselves. What sort of society are we creating? What values rule our lives? Who is excluded from sharing properly in our common wealth? How do we witness to the Gospel and to Easter hope?

### Woking Foodbank Collection weekend of 6th /7th May

All donations will be very much appreciated, on their last update they were short of: long life milk, long life fruit juice, long grain rice (not microwave type), instant coffee (small jars), pasta sauce, chocolate bars, tinned tomatoes, sponge puddings, tinned custard, surface cleaner, toilet paper, size 5 nappies, crisps (multi pack), washing up liquid, clothes washing detergent, dog food (wet type).

**Please place donations in the boxes provided in the Narthex. Donations will be collected after the 9.30am Mass. Thank you for your generosity.**

### Liturgy of the Word with children – Free training for Liturgy Leaders Saturday 13 May 9.30am - 1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.

This is an opportunity for both those who are new to this as well as the experienced.

Why do we have a Liturgy of the Word for Children? How can we best deliver it as a Liturgy at an appropriate level? What resources are there? How can we use this to help families develop their faith at home? If you are interested in any of these questions please do join us. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this training before booking please contact Katherine Bergin,  
Diocesan Advisor E: [Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

### The Sacrament Of Confirmation

Please pray every day for the 70 young people from across the parishes of St Dunstan and St Hugh who are going to the cathedral on Saturday, **13 May** to be confirmed by Bishop Richard. May the Holy Spirit work powerfully in them and make them witnesses to the Gospel their whole lives long.

### Parish Confirmation Celebrations at Arundel

This year all parish confirmation celebrations are taking place at Arundel Cathedral as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of this beautiful church. The celebration for both St Dunstan's and St Hugh's parish is on **Saturday, 13 May at 11.30am** and we are assembling a choir to lead our worship. If you are interested in being part of this e-mail [claire@dane-online.org](mailto:claire@dane-online.org) or call 07802 980165

**Christian Aid Week 14-20 May** – your street needs you!! Volunteers needed to deliver envelopes in their streets and to hold a collecting tin for an hour or so outside Waitrose on 13 May. If you can help, please contact Roger, St Hugh's co-ordinator, at [rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com](mailto:rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com) asap.

### Part-Time Vacancy at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley.

**Safeguarding Administrator:** The successful post holder will process Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for diocesan parishes, volunteers and teams with full training given.

For an informal discussion about the role please contact the Safeguarding Office Manager, Bethany Arthur; T: 01293 651148 or E: [safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk). For further details and to apply visit W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/soa](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/soa). The deadline for applications is **19 May 2023**.

Retiring Collection **THIS SUNDAY** is for  
**World Day of Prayer for Vocations of The Education of Future Priests** (Gift Aid).

**Congratulations to Catherine Grace** on her induction as Head of School at St Hugh's Catholic Primary School, Knaphill. The links between parish and school are a very rich part of the experience of our parishes and a great support to parents who are "the primary educators of their children in the ways of faith."

### Mass Times and Intentions - St HUGH OF LINCOLN CHURCH

Masses will be livestreamed via the [Parish YouTube channel](#).

Confessions on Saturdays - 5.15pm to 5.45pm

#### \*Saturday 29 April - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe\*

6.00pm Vigil Mass

John O' Donnell RIP

#### \*SUNDAY 30 APRIL - FOURTH 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY OF EASTER\* - YEAR A

9.30am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

#### \*Monday 01 May - St Joseph the Worker, Priest, Doctor\*

No Mass

#### \*Tuesday 02 May - St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor\*

No Mass

#### \*Wednesday 03 May - Ss Philip and James Apostles\*

7.00pm Holy Mass, preceded by Holy Hour (5:45 - 6:45pm)

Paul McNulty RIP

#### \*Thursday 04 May - The English Martyrs\*

10.00am Holy Mass

Pat O'Dea RIP

#### \*Friday 05 May - Friday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter\*

No Mass

#### \*Saturday 06 May - Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter\*

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Jim Moore RIP

#### \*SUNDAY 07 MAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\* - YEAR A

9.30am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £300.78, Contactless - £100.00  
and average weekly Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £989.11. Many thanks.

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

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

|           |        |         |
|-----------|--------|---------|
| Monday    | 01 May | 10.00am |
| Tuesday   | 02 May | No Mass |
| Wednesday | 03 May | 10.00am |
| Thursday  | 04 May | 10.00am |
| Friday    | 05 May | 10.00am |



#### The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.  
R. For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia.  
V. Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.  
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.  
R. Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia. Let us pray  
O God, who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, great,  
we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,  
His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life.  
Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen