



## St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14 May 2023 - YEAR A

#### Onwards & Upwards

There's a car called an 'Up!' I'm not sure what the exclamation-mark is for. Perhaps it's an order. It's hard to think what the alternative would be. And now there's an electrical version which might – or might not – be appreciated in Yorkshire. It's called the E-Up! (No, really.) It may be that we're all genetically predisposed to like 'up' because that is the direction of most visible growth in the natural world. We all grow up, after all, though some more than others. Certainly, our culture likes 'up'. Superman cries, 'Up, up and away!' every time he emerges from a phone-box. Olympic athletes dedicate themselves to getting 'faster, higher and stronger'. Football fans agonise about whether their team will go – or stay – up. Onwards and upwards, we say. The RAF motto aims higher still: *Per ardua ad astra* (struggle your way to the stars). Yet Woking town-centre arguably stands testimony to the limitations of altitude as a metric of success, while ecologists warn that growth might be our downfall.

On Thursday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, forty days on from Easter Sunday. It's Luke who gives us both the timeline and the imagery of a literal ascent into heaven, with Jesus being both 'taken up' and hidden from their sight by a cloud. His two accounts, at the end of the Gospel and the beginning of Acts, might literally be titled, 'Up!' Contrast the last verses of Matthew, which provide this year's Ascension Day Gospel (Mt 28.16-20). This Jesus is going precisely nowhere, promising rather "that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." Jesus doesn't get airborne in the original ending of Mark; or in John, either (where Jesus is 'raised up' and 'glorified' pretty ingloriously on Good Friday, on the Cross).

The Feast of the Ascension doesn't simply repeat the Gospel that Jesus is Risen and that his love has conquered sin, overcome division and healed the spiritual wound at the heart of our humanity. It also tells us that something new has begun. From now on we are to be the 'visibility' of Christ and the signs of his presence in the world. Yet until the Spirit is sent we can do nothing. That is the significance of these last days of the Easter season. Let us fill them with prayer: prayer for ourselves; prayer especially for those young people from our parishes, who are being confirmed this weekend at Arundel. May we be filled with the Spirit, on fire with the love of God and certain of this, that the Risen Lord is with us always; yes, to the end of time.

Fr. Rob

**Thursday 18 May** - The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation.

The Pentecost Novena starts from **Friday 19 May** - [pentecost-novena-booklet.pdf](http://pentecost-novena-booklet.pdf) ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk))

### **A month of Prayer for Vocations**

We pray for the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in A&B. "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.....!" The journey from Eastertide, Ascension to Pentecost calls us to mission.

This year, the whole Diocese is invited to come together for four weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life in the Church. This week we are invited to read about the spirit of sacrifice needed to follow Christ (1 Peter 4:13-16) and pray for a greater generosity for men to follow Him and celebrate His sacraments.

### **Online Talk for Young Adults (18-35) - Monday 15th May at 7.30pm**

The next session in the series 'A Call to Holiness – Living out your Baptismal Vocation'.

The title of the talk which will be delivered by Fr Rod Jones OSB is 'Removing the Splinter' and will focus on the things we may need to ask Jesus to heal, in order to allow us to follow him more closely.

Email: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

### **This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May 2023.**

The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised

Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010.

You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day). The full message of His Holiness, Pope Francis for the 57th World Communications Day can be found here: [cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message](http://cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message)

or you can take a hard copy found in the narthex.

### **Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral**

As part of your journey to marriage we invite you to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass.

This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. To register your interest please sign up here: [Mass for Engaged Couples \(16-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**Arundel Cathedral 150th Anniversary Concert Series**, Organ Recital with Alexander Eadon at Arundel Cathedral, **17 June at 7.30pm**. The concert will include a range of beautiful pieces including music by Howells, Widor, and Bach. Everyone is welcome - there is no need to book

**Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre, Ahotokuroum** - The latest newsletter from PPRC, our overseas parish project, is available to read in the narthex or via <https://www.ahoto.org/>

### **The House of Prayer, East Molesey**

For details of retreats, quiet days etc visit [www.christian-retreat.org](http://www.christian-retreat.org)

**A message from CAFOD:** Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns).

### **Weekday church opening times**

Due to recent attempts to break into the votive candle stands and repository, for security reasons, the church will be open as follows: Monday (narthex only) 9.00am-5.00pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am-2.00pm, Wednesday 5.30pm-7.30pm. When Mass is celebrated on a Monday, the church will be open until 11.00am, after which **only** the narthex will be open. A kneeler will be placed in the narthex for those who wish to pray.

### **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>

### **Churches for Knaphill (C4K) meeting at Holy Trinity Church**

If you are interested in ecumenical events in Knaphill you will be very welcome to our next meeting on **Tuesday 23 May at 7.30pm**, where we will discuss ways in which we can work together to serve our community here in Knaphill.

For more details speak to Roger 07501056679 or email [rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com](mailto:rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com).

### **Mental Health Champion Training Day – Saturday 10 June – 9am - 4pm.**

Cost £60 at St John the Evangelist church hall, Springfield Road, Horsham. Further details from Lizzie Wakeling, Diocesan Advisor E: [Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Chilworth Abbey Study Day - Saturday, June 10th, 2023**, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 10, 'World without End: the Last things'. Mass, 9.00am, Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See [chilworthbeneditines.com](http://chilworthbeneditines.com) for more details.

### **Grandparents Annual Pilgrimage to West Grinstead, 14 June, 11am-3pm**

at The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, RH13 8LT. A day of sharing and prayer led by Bishop Richard. The pilgrimage will include Mass, Benediction, the Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of opportunities to talk. Register your free place [here](#).

### **Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages**

**Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **6 - 9 July 2023** or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Homes for Ukraine**

Do you have a spare room or a larger space available to accommodate one person, a mother and child or a small family escaping the war in Ukraine? Some Ukrainians who have been living in Woking in recent months are looking to be re-homed as well as possible new people arriving. If you can help, please contact [refugee.support@woking.gov.uk](mailto:refugee.support@woking.gov.uk) or visit [www.woking.gov.uk/ukraine](http://www.woking.gov.uk/ukraine).

**First Holy Communion cards etc** are now on sale from the repository.

**Date for your Diary: Saturday 1 July - St Hugh's Summer Fayre**

Retiring Collection **This Sunday** is for The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid).  
 The Diocese has a continuing link with the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru,  
 supporting diocesan priests serving in missions and assisting students from missionary dioceses.  
 Retiring Collection **next Sunday** is for World Communications Sunday.

### 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 13 May - Our Lady of Fatima\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Monica and Derek Grayson RIP

**\*SUNDAY 14 MAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\* - YEAR A**

9.30am Holy Mass

People of the Parish

**\*Monday 15 May - Monday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter\***

10.00am Holy Mass

Olive Summerville's 90th Birthday

**\*Tuesday 16 May - Tuesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter\***

No Mass

**\*Wednesday 17 May - Wednesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter\***

No Mass

**\*Thursday 18 May - The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation\***

10.00am Holy Mass

For Vocations

7.00pm Holy Mass

Gerry Higgins RIP

**\*Friday 19 May - St Dunstan, Bishop\***

No Mass

**\*Saturday 20 May - St Bernadine of Siena, Priest\***

6.00pm Vigil Mass

People of the Parish

**\*SUNDAY 21 MAY - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\* - YEAR A**

9.30am Holy Mass

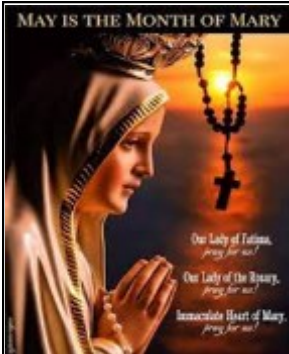
Audrey and Tony Middleton RIP

**Last Week's Offertory Collection:** Baskets - £149.46, Contactless - £82.00  
 and average weekly Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £819.79. Many thanks.

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

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

Monday	15 May	10.00am
Tuesday	16 May	10.00am
Wednesday	17 May	No Mass
Thursday	18 May	10.00am
		7.30pm
Friday	19 May	10.00am



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