



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church - Newsletter

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY 21 May 2023 - YEAR A

Being One And Many, Holy and Universal

The Church is, as we say every Sunday, 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic'. What does that mean? Perhaps we should think of these qualities as four dimensions which the Church has to keep in balance, or as two sets of tensions which give the Christian community its vitality.

There is a style of Catholicism which insists on unity at all costs. It risks imposing a stifling uniformity. It celebrates the unchanging nature of the Church. But the Church which understands that it is 'apostolic' knows that it is always on a journey, always being 'sent', always seeking new ways to express the Gospel in every culture. Just as Jesus knew how to keep in his company both Matthew the tax-collector and Simon the Zealot, the Church in every generation must also hold together what might otherwise fly apart. So 'the Catholic Church' is never just a set of structures to keep difference within certain limits. Being 'Catholic' is a whole way of thinking and acting (Greek 'kata holos' = according to the whole), always keeping the bigger picture and the Common Good in view.

Temperamentally, each of us will be attracted to one or the other pole – the security of the tribe ('people like us') or the buzz of individuality. But the wise choice is to insist on having both. Then we discover that our unity can embrace the gifts of each person and that our company is diminished by the absence of anyone. Church should be that creative tension of unity and plurality, held in communion by love. For such is the nature of God, the God who can only be spoken of in terms of community and relationship: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That leads to the other pair of apparent opposites: holy and apostolic. The Pharisees understood themselves as 'the separated ones'. For them, holiness meant being uncontaminated by the world. There is something in that approach. As the Fourth Gospel puts it, we are meant to be 'in the world but not of the world'. Yet, as Pope Francis likes to remind us, the Church should also be 'a field-hospital for the wounded'. We should risk letting ourselves be touched by the messy reality of people's struggles and contaminated by human need – just as Jesus healed the leper by allowing himself to be made 'unclean'.

So that is what it means to be Church – a community dedicated to unity and diversity, both 'set apart' and caught up in the reality of our broken world. These tensions generate the electricity of Gospel living. Let us build that Church together, a Church in four dimension: one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Fr. Rob

Next Sunday 28 May is The Great Feast of Pentecost

For the Nine Day Pentecost Novena visit: pentecost-novena-booklet.pdf (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 forgiveness of sins (John 20:19-23), and pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying.

Today is World Communications Day

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. The full message of His Holiness, Pope Francis for the 57th World Communications Day can be found here: cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message or you can take a hard copy found in the narthex.

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.

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/>

Please keep in your prayers **Gerry Davis RIP**, a former parishioner, who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him and may he rest in peace.

Weekly Parish Newsletter

Currently 130 copies of our parish Newsletter are printed each week and only 30 copies are being emailed. It would be a wonderful step forward if we could **reduce** the printed copies and **increase** the emailed copies. Please email the parish office or click the link below to request the Newsletter by email.

It may also contribute to our parish Live Simply initiative. [Please email me the parish newsletter](#),

Please support our parish on #easyfundraising, you'll raise FREE donations with your everyday shopping. It's quick and easy to sign up! Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up now: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=25EYUB&char=252616&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=referral-2023

Jackpot Club April Draw

The lucky winners this month were Mark Rushton and Roger Furnell, who won £49/£24.50 respectively. If you would like to join the Club at £12pm or £3pq, please contact the Parish Office. The monthly subs are divided equally; half going back in prize money and the other 50% going to parish funds to help pay for utility bills, buildings maintenance, catechetical programmes and much more.

Train to Teach with Xavier Teach Southeast - Meet online on **Thursday 8 June at 11.00am**
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938444741> To find out more visit www.teachsoutheast.co.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 chilworthbenedictines.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](#).

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning - Saturday 17th June 11.30am - 1.00pm
St Gabriel's Church Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH
People across our community are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the Refugee Crisis. It will include a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine'. Refreshments available from 11.00 am. Free parking in the church car park. To book please go the Diocesan website event calendar or email formation@abdiocese.org.uk. If you are unable to attend but would like details, please contact tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages
Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their 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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Parish Secretarial Assistant: St Dunstan's parish, Woking are seeking applicants for the role of Parish Secretarial Assistant. The role is part time, 10 hours per week. Pay will be determined according to experience and skills, and is expected to be between £10.00 and £11.50 per hour. A non-contributory pension scheme will apply to those eligible. If you are interested please e-mail woking@abdiocese.org.uk for a job specification. **Closing date for applications June 3, 2023.**

Cafod - Latest from Sudan conflict: Families are running out of food and thousands of people have fled their homes following the outbreak of violence last month. The head of CAFOD's work in Africa describes how you can help - visit <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>.

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

Retiring Collection **This Sunday is for World Communications Sunday.**

"The call to speak with the heart, radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth". *Pope Francis*

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 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

Monday 22 May - St Rita of Cascia, Religious

10.00am Holy Mass

Margaret Higgins RIP

Tuesday 23 May - Tuesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter

No Mass

Wednesday 24 May - Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter

No Mass

Thursday 25 May - St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor

No Mass

Friday 26 May - St Philip Neri, Priest

10.00am Holy Mass

Gareth Barnbrook RIP

Saturday 27 May - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

6.00pm Vigil Mass

People of the Parish

***SUNDAY 28 MAY - THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST* - YEAR A**

9.30am Holy Mass

Anna Maria Owen RIP

Last Week's Offertory Collection: Baskets - £366.27, Contactless - £93.00

and average weekly Standing Orders - £588.33, which were Gift Aided. Total - £1,047.60 Many thanks.

Weekday Mass Times - ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

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

Monday	22 May	10.00am
Tuesday	23 May	10.00am
Wednesday	24 May	10.00am
Thursday	25 May	7.30pm (RCIA Going Forth Mass)
Friday	26 May	10.00am

NB: Please note that there will be NO Evening Mass at St Dunstan's this Sunday 21 May.

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,

You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted,

and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

