



ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, Woking

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN CHURCH, Knaphill



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June 9th 2024, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I WAS AFRAID BECAUSE I WAS NAKED, AND I HID

One of my run-ins with snakes occurred on my one and only experience of tubing, which took place on the Ichitucknee river, Florida, not far from Gainesville, where I lived at the time. Along the journey, my 'tube' got stuck on pneumatophores, aerating roots protruding through the salt water, along the river's edge. Although blurriness from lack of glasses made evaluating distance tricky, there was a thin snake curled around a branch, not far from my face. Whilst snakes have always filled me with a mixture of fascination and fear, this definitely fell in the camp of the latter.

We encounter a snake in our First Reading from the Book of Genesis. In it, we are presented with the story of the Fall, centred around the characters of Adam, Eve, and the snake, the personification of the devil.

Genesis is the book of the beginning. Historians suggest that many ancient religions and cultures have myths portraying the beginning of the world. The Genesis story invites us to imagine a garden where there was complete harmony between humanity, God, and nature. It is not, I suggest, a historical account, and not intended to be read literally. Rather, it is an allegory of the effects of sin, an analysis of human temptation.

Although God is far more permissive than prohibitive, Adam and Eve disobey God and eat the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Sin affords them new knowledge, loss of innocence and alienation from God, and from each other. They become ashamed of themselves and afraid of God, so they hide. It is a big problem when God asks, 'where are you?' as salvation relies on being found. There is also a comic flavour to the hiding. It is rather like playing Hide-and-Seek with a young child, who sticks out prominently from behind the swollen curtain.

At this point, we encounter a second game, the Blame Game. Adam blames Eve, who in turn blames the snake. In fact, Adam has the audacity to blame not only Eve, but God Himself, 'it was the woman **you** put with me'.

Like Adam and Eve, we fall, we sin and then we too come to our senses and find ourselves: naked, fearful, and ashamed. Rather than running, hiding, or playing the blame-game, we need to be accountable and take responsibility, turning to the Divine physician and seeking healing and forgiveness, remembering that "trials are nothing more than the forge that purifies the soul of all its imperfections" (St Maria Maddalena de' Pazzi). *Fr Nick.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOUL OF
Carol Lewin RIP

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
SICK especially *for those whose names
are on our prayer board.*

There will be no 5.30 pm Mass this Sunday 9th June due to the Confirmations taking place.

Please check the Mass times this week as there are fewer morning Masses.

CONFIRMATIONS

Please remember in your prayers all the young people who are to be Confirmed by Bishop Richard at St Dunstan's Church this Sunday. May the Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for Olurotimi, Alexandre, Tabitha, Amelia, Archibald, Sri, Benjamin, Grace, Dominic, Tacham, Alice, Riccardo, Lilly, Sophia, Lily, Oscar, Jack, Giorgia, James, Franci, Genevieve, Lelle, Samuele, Harley, Anthony, Tia, Caitlin, Darcey, Ava, Mia, Luca, Shenaya, Samyra, Wiktor, Isla, Evan, Erin, Adrian, Rohan, Gabriela, Blossom, Blake, Adele, Lis, Noah, Lewis, Ciaran, Kiara, Oscar, George, Elena and Harvey-Joseph who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on 8th June.

BAPTISM

Please pray for Roy who will be Baptised and Confirmed this weekend.

REQUIEM MASS FOR BRIAN BEAMISH RIP

The Requiem Mass for Brian Beamish RIP will be at St Dunstan's Church on Tuesday 11th June at 10.00 am.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Perhaps you are not baptised at all? Were you baptised into another Christian Tradition? Have you been baptised Catholic as a young child but never gone on to be Confirmed?

If any of these apply to you and you would like to find out more about living life as a Catholic Christian and the process (called the RCIA programme) of becoming Catholic, then you are warmly invited to come to St Dunstan's on Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm. You will have the opportunity to meet some of those who have already signed up for the 2024/2025 RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and to ask any questions you may have. We will also be able to give you dates and information about the course.

The meeting will be relaxed and informal and by attending you will not be making any definite commitment to the course. If it helps, you are very welcome to bring someone with you.

LECTIO DIVINA AND ROSARY AT ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

The next meeting to pray Lectio Divina and a Rosary will be on Thursday June 13th in the library from 1.15 pm.

CAFOD CAKE SALE

There will be a Cafod cake sale after the 9am Mass next Sunday 16th June.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There will be refreshments after the 5.30 pm Mass next Sunday 16th June.

BAKE SALE

There will be a Bake Sale in aid of Lourdes Pilgrimage after the 5.30 pm Mass on Sunday 16th June.

VACCINATION VAN

There will be a Vaccination Van coming to St Dunstan's on Saturday 15th June 11am - 3pm offering MMR Vaccines to Children who have previously missed some or all of the Vaccination program. For anyone wishing to discuss any concerns about vaccination there will be people on hand to discuss with you with absolutely no pressure, or if you wish to bring your child to receive a vaccination please come along, no appointment required!

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Accommodation needed for a Ukrainian mother and son for two weeks from June 22 (a twin room or pair of rooms) while they are in transition between housing under the 'Homes For Ukraine' scheme. If you can help please email ukraineukunity@gmail.com

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 30th June, 11am - 2.30pm at St Dunstan's School, Onslow Crescent, GU22 7AX. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of entertainment including a Climbing wall, Bungee trampolines, Obstacle course, BBQ, Bar/Pimm's stall and much more. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass over the next 3 weekends.

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

Woking Hustings, Friday 14th June, 7:30pm

Meet the candidates. Ask your questions. Woking URC, White Rode Lane, Woking, GU22 7HA or watch via live-stream at wokingurc.org.uk. *Questions can be emailed in advance to office@wokingurc.org.uk*

#RegisterToVote

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are encouraging all Catholics to #RegisterToVote before 23:59 on the 18 June 2024 in preparation for the General Election. Voting is a key opportunity to exercise active citizenship and contribute to the building up of God's Kingdom of "love, justice and peace". CSAN have launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time, find more at www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.



Great Big Green Week 8th-16th June 2024

Great Big Green Week, 8th to 16th June, is a UK wide celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. To prepare for this week, CAFOD is calling on us to make a swap to help care for our common home and our global family. Will you commit to swapping the types of food you eat, the amount of clothes you buy, the way you travel, to a bank that does not invest in fossil fuels, or something else? Whatever you choose, CAFOD asks that you share your decision, by completing their online form [Great Big Green Week 2024: Make a swap for our common home \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk/greenweek2024). This is both to inspire others and for CAFOD to share our messages with the political parties, so that our politicians will know that we want change. Please also take a look at WEA's programme of local events for the week [Great Big Green Week \(wokingenvironmentaction.com\)](https://wokingenvironmentaction.com/greenweek) **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

CLIMATE FRESK

Monday 10th June 16.30 - 19.30 St Dunstan's Church

In just 3 hours, the collaborative Climate Fresk workshop will teach you the fundamental science behind climate change and empower you to take action. Book your space here: <https://tinyurl.com/3s7s49e4>.

LiveSimply Website. Visit www.livesimplywoking.org for more tips, blogs, resources, and links to local events. To make suggestions or get involved, contact us through the website or at livesimply@stdunstans.org. The Live Simply Team

GOLDSWORTH PARK SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 22nd June, 10am - 3pm at the Goldsworth Park Centre. Free entry.

WOKING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Woking Symphony Orchestra's summer concert takes place on Saturday 22nd June at the Welcome Church, Church Street West, Woking GU21 6DJ. The concert will feature Mahler's epic Symphony No 5 and Strauss's Horn Concerto No 2. For further details, see the poster in the narthex or visit the orchestra's website www.wokingso.org.uk.

ENGAGE WOKING SCHOOLS

Engage Woking Schools are a Woking based Christian charity who, for 30 years, have been sharing the Christian message in primary and secondary schools as well as Woking College. We have an opportunity for you to join a fun, supportive, strong team in the role of an Administrator working 6 hrs a week, term time only. Hybrid working available. Start date would be Sep 2024. If you would like to know more, please contact Shelley Blunden, Director of Schools work via email - office@engagewoking.org. Closing date for applications is 14th June.

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Maybury and Sheerwater Community Trust look forward to welcoming you to (healthy) live cooking demonstrations funded by Public Health Surrey and led by a Dietitian. The two chefs that will be showcasing their talents on the day originate from India with very successful establishments in Woking - Chennai Dosa Artisanz and Dee's Kitchen. With a huge variety of Indian delicacies to choose from, do join us at this free event on Tuesday July 2nd 2024 from 10:00am-1:00pm. St Michael's Community Hall, Dartmouth Avenue, Sheerwater, Woking GU21 5PJ

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June 10:30am

Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Event, 29 June, 11am-1pm, Shoreham BN43 5WG. Join Bishop Richard and members of the [Santa Marta Group](#) (an anti-trafficking charity that aims to act as a catalyst for law enforcement, civil society and the Church to work together to combat this global crime) for a presentation and discussion to raise awareness and encourage local action in partnership with statutory agencies. [Click here](#) to register. If anyone would like to attend but wants/needs a lift, please contact the parish office as we have a parishioner who is co-ordinating this.

Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 5th July

Celebrating the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne - 20 July 3pm at Arundel Cathedral

Catechists' Day– Saturday 21 September 10.30am to 4pm at Worth School

**Live Life to the Full Summer Camp for young people in School years 7-11
– 20-24 August at Worth Abbey**

Adoremus - Saturday 14 September Cost: £40pp; includes coach travel and entry to the event

Catholic Singles Event for Young Adults (25-45) – Saturday 5 October

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral

Grandparents' Formation Day – Wednesday 6 November 11am – 3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit the Diocesan website events calendar www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events.

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist.

ST DUNSTAN'S AND ST HUGH OF LINCOLN MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 2, Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year B

St Dunstan's Church: Morning Prayer at 9.45 am, Mon – Sat,

Saturday 8th June, The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memoria

- 10.00 am St Dunstan's First Holy Communion Mass *Members of the Diarra family*
12.00 pm St Dunstan's First Holy Communion Mass *Holy Souls*
2:30 pm St Dunstan's Ukrainian Eucharist
6.00 pm St Dunstan's Vigil Mass *The souls of Thomas and Cherian RIP*
6.00 pm St Hugh's Vigil Mass *Jim Moore RIP*
7.15 pm St Dunstan's Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 9th June, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9.00 am St Dunstan's Mass *All Parishioners*
9.30 am St Hugh's Mass *People of the parish*
10.30 am St Dunstan's Mass *Ron Squires RIP*
12.00 pm St Dunstan's Mass in Italian
2.30 pm St Dunstan's Confirmation Mass *Confirmation candidates and families*
5.00 pm St Dunstan's Confirmation Mass *Confirmation candidates and families*

Monday 10th June, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 9

- 10.00 am St Dunstan's Mass *Fr Gianni Giampietro RIP*
St Dunstan's Rosary and Adoration until 2pm

Tuesday 11th June, St Barnabas, Apostle, Memoria

- 10.00 am St Dunstan's Requiem Mass for Brian Beamish RIP
10.00 am St Hugh's Mass *Forthcoming Marriage of Sophie & Nazar*

Wednesday 12th June, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 10 No Masses

Thursday 13th June, St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor, Memoria No Masses

Friday 14th June, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 10 No Masses

Saturday 15th June, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 10

- 9.30am St Hugh's First Holy Communion Mass *The children, their families & teachers*
11.30am St Hugh's First Holy Communion Mass *The children, their families & teachers*
1.45 pm St Dunstan's Baptisms
2:30 pm St Dunstan's Ukrainian Eucharist
6.00 pm St Dunstan's Vigil Mass *The deceased members of the Thompson & Roche Families*
6.00 pm St Hugh's Vigil Mass *People of the parish*
7.15 pm St Dunstan's Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 16th June, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9.00 am St Dunstan's Mass *Silvia Umaña Duran RIP*
9.30 am St Hugh's Mass *Antonio Coppola RIP*
10.30 am St Dunstan's Mass *All Parishioners*
12.00 pm St Dunstan's Mass in Italian
5.30 pm St Dunstan's Mass *Mr Issac Joseph RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Dunstan's Church – After the Saturday 10.00 am Mass

St Hugh of Lincoln Church – Before the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Livestream Information

Services from St Dunstan's Church are streamed by [ChurchServicesTV](#)

Services from St Hugh of Lincoln are streamed on [YouTube](#)

Sunday Readings

Genesis 3:9-15, Psalm 129, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Dunstan's Church

Thank you for the Sunday collection on May 25th/26th of £4572.10 and on June 1st/2nd of £4669.45. Please consider setting up a monthly standing order and adding a further 25% via GiftAid at no cost to you if you are a UK taxpayer. The forms for this are available on the GiftAid table in the narthex or the parish website. There will be a retiring collection next weekend for Day For Life.

St Hugh of Lincoln Church

Thank you for the Sunday collection on June 1st/2nd of £984.91.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to get married in a Catholic Church are reminded to give a year's notice of their intention to allow adequate time to prepare for the life-changing promises that they are making and so that the parish community can support you on your journey. If you wish to contact St Dunstan's Parish about getting married, please use one of the following links. Thank you.



BAPTISMS

Parents wishing to apply for baptism for their infant or pre-school child to take place at St Dunstan's or St Hugh's, please submit an application using one of the following links. Celebrations of Baptism take place on the second Saturday of the month. By prior agreement with the Parish Priest a celebration of Baptism may also take place at a Sunday Mass.



St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Shaftesbury Road,
Woking, GU22 7DT
01483 760652
Parish Office: woking@abdiocese.org.uk

[St Dunstan's Church website st-dunstans.org](#)

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Woking, GU21 2AA
01483 472494

Parish Office: knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk

Newsletter: sthughnewsletter@gmail.com

For Hall Information: Helen Naughton 01483 475922

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