



A message from Fr. Claro

I thank Audrey Curnock for facilitating the PPC Zoom meeting last Thursday. It was attended by Neill Taylor, Tony Fecher, Mary Hughes, Kathleen Thomas, Clare Cottingham and Andrew Chell. Audrey has been kind to publish the minutes of the meeting for the parishioners to read and to make comments on them. The formulation of the Parish Mission Statement was developed and approved last 3rd of February. I have a little problem of hearing during Zoom meetings. I need better audio technologies so I can join and enjoy such meetings.

Last Sunday, we talked about LIVING THE VALUES the Kingdom of God in our hearts, with others in our wee parish and in the greater world around us. We still live in this world. We face “the Material World” and all it contains. Pope Francis has just written a novel Encyclical entitled FRATELLI TUTTI, studied, appreciated and treasured not only by Catholics but also all of humanity. Professor Anna Rowlands of Durham University aptly described the long letter as a “devastating challenge to our ecological, political, economic and social life.” It is above all “a proclamation of an ineradicable, joyful truth presented here as a wellspring for a fatigued world. It urges the way of dialogue as the means by which humanity could negotiate to heal its disagreements and divisions. (The Tablet, 10 October 2020)

The Gospel today has attracted conflicting interpretations throughout Christian history, especially when it has been evoked for guidance in church-state relations. ‘Rendering to Caesar’ has been taken to mean that Christians simply do what the State require, and that followers of Jesus should keep religion and politics strictly separate. If we are to understand it properly, we need to bear in mind that the heart of Jesus’ preaching was that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Kingdom is not a place (not even a heavenly one), but a call to submit every aspect of our lives to God’s kingly rule. Until God’s rule is fully realised, we live in a political world whose values often fall short of the values of the Kingdom, and can even be directly opposed to them. “Rendering to God the things that are God’s” acknowledges that God has an interest in the human world, including the world of politics. To be a disciple of Jesus means that support for all other values including for apolitical party, must always be with an eye of the values of Jesus. (Reality, Irish Redemptorist Magazine, October 2020)

I invite parishioners to read the Pope’s En-cyclical and even join Reading and Study groups such as the Las Casas Institute and Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy. Google the website.

<https://blessedhugh.org.uk/ppc/>

Summary of the PPC Meeting 15/10/2020

We began with an opening prayer from Fr Claro, Tony read this.

We agreed to have these minutes approved by Fr Claro so that all decisions/actions could be approved with his consent. Fr Claro hopes to attend future meetings.

Mission Statement: we had approved this with Fr Dominic on 3/2/2020. With further discussion we asked for an additional aim to include our young people:

“Nurturing the young people and youth of our parish to ensure that they feel valued members of our community.”

We will publish these again over the coming weeks and ask parishioners to reflect on them, and it is hoped a parish survey will be conducted in the Spring to seek wider views.

Saturday Masses: Fr Claro has kindly offered to say an additional Saturday Mass, starting Saturday 24th October @ 6pm (the first mass of Sunday). Neill will adjust the booking system.

Cleaning after Mass: It is important that we all help to keep each one of us well during this pandemic. We reviewed our procedures – we must wipe down any area we have touched after mass. Particularly important on Saturday. Stewards will gently remind parishioners at masses over the next 2 weekends.

WIFI – we thank Neill for continuing to broadcast Zoom Masses on Sunday. We have had a mobile connection to date which was always a temporary measure. We would now like to have a wired WIFI connection in the church and in the hall – Tony has kindly arranged a possible contractor to seek how this could be best achieved with estimates of the cost. We finished with a closing prayer.

Full minutes are available on the parish website at:
<https://blessedhugh.org.uk/ppc/>

Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon & Buckland 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 18th OCTOBER 2020

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Liturgies at the Cathedral



Bishop Philip will celebrate the following liturgies. They will be live streamed on the Cathedral website: www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

Saturday 09:00 Holy Mass

Sunday 12:00 Holy Mass (Cathedral)

Monday - Friday

07:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

08:10 Morning Prayer & Benediction

08:30 Holy Mass (Latin on Wednesday)

Ministries

Music Director: Sjoerd Vogt
Organist: Karen Vogt
SafeGuarding Officer: Mary Hughes
Children’s Liturgy: Clare Cottingham
Parish Hall: Sue Cole (01367 241446)
Pastoral Assistant: Tony Fecher
Altar Servers: Denise Cocquere
Gift Aid: Jack Thornton
Webmaster: Neill Taylor

Praying the Readings at Home

1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4 - 10

Psalm 96

2nd Reading Thessalonians 1: 1 – 5b

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 – 21

(Jesus) said to them,

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”

(Gospel)



Peter Paul Rubens
The Tribute Money, ca 1612

Masses at Blessed Hugh

Saturday 6 pm

Sunday 10 am

From 24th October there will be two Masses each weekend at Blessed Hugh Church. Because numbers in the church have to be strictly limited, it is essential to register in advance if you wish to attend Mass. Registration opens on Monday at 8 am and closes 24 hours before the start of the Mass. Please use this link to the parish website to register:

<https://blessedhugh.org.uk/events-and-services/>

The Sunday 10 am Mass is livestreamed using Zoom so you can follow from home. You will find the link here:

<https://blessedhugh.org.uk/events-and-services/>

Communion is distributed in the Church Car Park: 11 - 11.30 am.

You can follow Fr. Claro’s daily Masses from his home on Facebook Live here:

<https://facebook.com/claro.conde>

His schedule is:

8.30 am Regular Daily Masses Monday to Sunday.

6 pm Masses on Wednesdays (Our Mother of Perpetual Help) and Sundays.