

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office open: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30am

Confessions: Saturday 10.00am to 10.30am and 6.15pm to 6.45pm



13 December 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent

Psalter Week 3

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As the days now draw nearer to the celebration of our saviour's birth the scriptures call on us to rejoice that God is always close to us.

First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-18

After warning against the coming day of judgement, the prophet encourages the people to rejoice because God is among them and salvation is near.

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul is in prison because of his work for the Lord but concentrates only on the love and concern for the Christians in Philippi.

Gospel: *Luke 3:10-18*

John the Baptist teaches the people how to change their lives in preparation for the coming of Christ.

Services and Mass Intentions Saturday 12 to Sunday 20 December 2015

Saturday 12 <i>Advent feria</i>	7.00pm	Mr Foy, RIP
Sunday 13 3rd Sunday of Advent	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Andrew Browne, INT People of the Parish Anne Cassidy & Ken Lowthian, RIP
Monday 14 St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 <i>Advent feria</i>	9.30am 7.30pm	Anne Walsh, RIP Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 16 <i>Advent feria</i>	9.30am	Martin & Rebecca Hegarty, RIP
Thursday 17 <i>Advent feria</i>	9.30am	Luigi Rizzo, RIP
Friday 18 <i>Advent feria</i>	9.30am	Bob & Connie Dull, RIP
Saturday 19 <i>Advent feria</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Margaret Hughes, RIP Tommy Lawlor, RIP
Sunday 20 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Ponal Bourke, Anni Patricia Prohaszka, RIP

Parish Party will take place on Monday 21st December at 7pm in the Parish House. All parishioners are invited. Guests may bring a plate of food if they wish, whether it be sweet or savoury. Drinks will be provided.

Year of Mercy Resources

Year of Mercy Leaflet
(Preparing for the Journey) - Free
Walk With Me, Advent Edition - £1
A Pilgrimage Companion
for the Year of Mercy 2015/16 - £1.00

Divine Mercy Retreat Will take place on Saturday, 19 December between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at St Joseph RC Church, 68 Grange Park Road, Leyton, London, E10 5ES. For more info contact. 02089980925 or info@divinemercury.org.uk

Christmas Services

There are Christmas cards available now in the church with all the Christmas service times. Please feel free to pick one up when you leave mass.

Westminster Year Book can be purchased from the repository for £4.50

Letchworth Churches Together will be carolling again this year in the town centre, on Saturday 19th December with the Central Methodist Band outside Cuthberts Toy Shop on Eastcheap from 10am for an hour. Everyone is welcome to swell our growing numbers and help spread our Christmas message.

The Parish Advent Reconciliation Service Will take place this Tuesday, 15th December at 7.30pm. There will be five priests available for confessions at the start of the Holy Year of Mercy and in preparation for the birth of the Lord.

SASH a group for mature people meeting at Fortescue Hall on alternate Thursdays 2.30pm all are welcome to join us.
December 17 - Mince pies and carols

Thank You

On Sunday 7th December last year I, and no doubt many others, sat down exhausted, relieved that our Christmas Fayre, a great success though it had been, was over. Imagine my great joy in August then, when we were all enjoying the summer holidays - Christmas couldn't have been further from our minds, and the emails entitled 'Christmas Fayre' started to appear. So the planning and hard work began, culminating in our Church and School community enjoying a wonderful afternoon of festive cheer last Saturday. So many people gave of their time and hard work to transport tables, organise stalls, sift through bric-a-brac, provide refreshments as well as numerous other activities and that support came from right across the parish community - it was absolutely fantastic. There was also the small matter of over **£3000 which was raised for parish funds.** Therefore, on behalf of everyone on the Fundraising Committee, I would like to express huge, sincere thanks to you all. I said last year that the success of our Fayre is determined only by the depth of your support, which quite clearly we may continue to rely upon. A list of the raffle winners can be found on the notice boards.

Ursula White

Chair, St Hugh of Lincoln Fundraising Committee

Garden City Singers are delighted to present 'an evening of carols and choral singing', on Friday 18 December, 7.30pm at St Hugh of Lincoln Church. Tickets cost £5 including refreshments, and are available now from David's Music or online at: <https://gcschristmas.eventbrite.co.uk>
Under 11's go free. Doors open at 7pm.
With grateful thanks to Fr Jimmy and the Parish of St Hugh's for making this event possible.

Alternative Christmas Gift

£5 Gift Cards in aid of an incubator for the Kanyike project available from the repository.

The Hail Holy Queen The Cardinal has asked that for the Year of Mercy we say Hail Holy Queen instead of Hail Mary at the end of the bidding prayers.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

200 Club

The first draw of the year's cycle of the 200 club has now been undertaken.

The winners are as follows:-

No. 92 - Cliff & Patsy Marshall- £85

No. 111 - Alison Orton - £55

No. 183 - Clare Atkins - £35

The monthly prize money this year is down from 2014/5 because of the lower number of parishioners who are members. This is in accordance with the rules. Probability of winning is increased because of lower numbers involved but as a consequence of this prize money is also decreased. The % of prize money from membership fees however, remains the same. Congratulations to this month's winners. Good luck to the remainder for the rest of the cycle and thanks so much for once again supporting the parish.

December's draw together with the additional annual prize draw will take place on Sunday 27th December.

EWTN Would parishioners like to know about EWTN?? It stands for Eternal Word Television Network and is global Catholic television. www.ewtn.co.uk

CAFOD is looking for volunteers who would like to take the CAFOD message into Catholic schools and parishes in this area. You will help to inspire children and young people in how they can act to make the world a fairer place in conjunction with their faith. If you would like to find out more, join us on Saturday 23rd January for a day exploring all things CAFOD – from the vision, mission and values that drive us, to where we work overseas, to how you can get involved and more! For further details please call 0208-449-6970, or email

[***westminster@cafod.org.uk***](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)

Volunteers will be accepted on successful completion of interview, training days and a DBS (Disclosure and barring service) check .

Church Cleaning Your help is needed please. Being part of the Church Cleaning team, is a simple and effective way of supporting the church, it costs you nothing apart from a couple of hours of you time and a bit of energy! If nothing else it's a good workout! Please contact Stephanie Jones on 01462 632841 or email stephj31@virginmedia.com

The Passage

Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. Donate through The Big Give website every £5 can be worth up to £10. Gift Aid can apply too for those who pay income tax so £5 donated can raise £11.25 for The Passage.

The Big Give will close on Monday 14 December at 5pm or earlier if matched funding runs out. The link is

[***http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage_2015***](http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage_2015)

**We pray for all those who
are sick and those suffering in
any way including:**

Ann Finden	Johanna Pooley
Noreen Capewell	Harriet Gillham
Clíodhna M'Corley	Ray Street
Margaret Haywood	June Rolfe
Philomena Johnson	Nellie O'Brien
Jack Johnston	Patricia Ferguson
Joe Fernandes	Frances Holton
Mary Wallace	Debbie Giacobelli
Elizabeth Lozinska	Sam Robinson
Maria Giancola	Sue Stocksley
Della Stockwell	

Coffee After 9.30am Mass

Sunday 13th Dec - No Coffee Morning
Sunday 20th Dec - No Coffee Morning

Collection: Sunday 6th December

Envelopes - £273.56, Loose - £428.03

Standing Orders -£1,062

Total = £1763.59

Christmas Fayre - £3371.78

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Tuesday 15 December	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service	7.30pm St Hugh Church
Friday 18 December	GCS Evening of Carols and Choral Singing	7.30pm St Hugh Church
Monday 21st December	Parish Party	7.00pm Parish House
Saturday 6 February	KSC Quiz Night	8.00pm Fortescue Hall

Schools: St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth. Tel: 01462 620670

John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage. Tel: 01438 314643

RC Chaplain: Jacqueline Humphreys Lister Hospital, Stevenage. Mobile: 07884 187463