

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH



Christmas 2015 Services and Mass Intentions Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 December 2015

19 December 2015 4th Sunday of Advent

Psalter Week 4

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Our salvation is near, he comes to meet us. Are we ready to greet him, to leap with joy at the sound of his coming.

First Reading:

Micah: 5:1-4

A child will be born out of Bethlehem Epharathah, who will establish a kingdom of peace to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ abolishes the ritual sacrifices of the law by offering his own body.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary sets out as quickly as possible to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When she greets Elizabeth the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy.

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| Saturday 19 <i>Advent feria</i> | 7.00pm | Tommy Lawlor, RIP |
| Sunday 20 4th Sunday of Advent | 8.00am 9.30am 11.30am | People of the Parish Donal Bourke, RIP Patricia Prohaszka, RIP |
| Monday 21 <i>Advent feria</i> | 9.30am | Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 22 <i>Advent feria</i> | 9.30am | Mariano Schipani, RIP |
| Wednesday 23 <i>Advent feria</i> | 9.30am | James Cleary, RIP |
| Thursday 24 <i>Advent feria</i> Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Family Mass <i>Mass in Polish</i> Vigil & Mass During the Night | 9.30am 6.00pm 9.30pm 11.30pm | Betty O'Brien, INT Families of the Parish People of the Parish |
| Friday 25 Christmas Day <i>Mass in Polish</i> | 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm | Prisoners & Their Families Connie & Bob Dull, RIP |
| Saturday 26 St Stephen, The First Martyr <i>Mass in Polish</i> | 1.00pm 7.00pm | Frances Cleary, RIP |
| Sunday 27 Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph <i>Mass in Polish</i> | 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm | People of the Parish Bob & Connie Dull, RIP |

Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass 6pm

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First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

The Lord takes delight in you

Second Reading: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David.

Mass During the Night 11.30pm

Mass Book Page 97- 98

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

A son is given to us.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

God's Grace has been revealed to the whole human race.

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Today a saviour has been born to you.

Dawn Mass 9.30am

Mass Book Page 100 – 101

First Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12

Look, your saviour comes.

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

It was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us.

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

The Shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the baby

Mass During the Day 11.30am

Mass Book Page 102 - 103

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

God has spoken to us through his Son.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Fr Jimmy would like to wish you, your families, friends and loved ones, a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 28th December reopening on Monday 4th January 9.30am - 12.30am.

Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the 9.30 and 11.30 Mass this Sunday. Tea coffee & cake will be available in Fortescue Hall after 9.30 Mass. Those who usually attend the 11.30 Mass may wish to come early to greet Bishop John, who will be moving to take care of the North Area of the Diocese in January.

The Parish Christmas Party will take place on Monday 21st December from 7pm in the Parish House. All parishioners are invited. Guests may bring a plate of sweet or savory food if they wish. Drinks provided.

Christmas Eve Family Mass 6pm

This Mass is one of the most special for the children in our parish. We invite the children to sit in the front benches so that they can see and hear better, which has worked well at the 9.30am Family Mass. This will be on a "first come first served" basis and the children will be supported as usual by some Catechists. We suggest children from Year 1 to Year 6 join us at the front. Please use your judgement as parents with this, only leaving your child if you think they will be comfortable without you for the Mass. Children are welcome to come dressed as angels or shepherds. At the end of Mass please collect your child from the front.

Thank you

Flower Donation can be made towards flowers for the church for Christmas. Please put the money in an envelope and add it to the collection or put it through the parish house door.

Crib Appeal Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) (CCS) Recent reports suggest 1million children will live in poverty in London by 2018. Your donations at our Crib in the Baptistry will be sent to CCS to help children & families in immediate need. Please be generous in showing Mercy to them. The Crib will remain until 2nd January.

Welcome Ministry

We are currently putting the rota together for next year and are in urgent need of extra helpers, to give out mass books at the 9.30 mass. If you would like to help please call Jenny/Tom Kilgallon on 01462 648857.

New Auxiliary Bishops

Pope Francis has appointed two new Auxiliary Bishops for our Diocese; Canon Paul McAleenan, parish priest of Holy Rood Watford, and Monsignor John Wilson, a priest of the Diocese of Leeds. They will be ordained Bishops in Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25th January. Bishop-Elect Paul McAleenan will take responsibility for Hertfordshire and Bishop-Elect John Wilson will have pastoral care of the West Area

Confirmation If young people in Year 10 or above haven't yet collected or returned their Confirmation Application Form, please do so by Sunday 20th December.

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

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

Make a future sparkle

In Hertfordshire there are more than 1000 children and young people in care at any given time – children whose own families aren't able to give them a safe and secure home in which to grow and thrive. These children and young people all have the potential to achieve so much and our committed and inspirational foster carers know that, with their guidance and support, they can make a child's future sparkle. We need more foster carers who can encourage, guide and build confidence in children and young people. We need carers who can do those little everyday things that many children take for granted but which make a huge difference when their previous experience of family life may have been unsafe or chaotic. If you have at least one spare bedroom and would love to make a difference to the lives of local children and young people, we want to hear from you. We also have opportunities for Shared Carers – those who provide valuable help and support to children with disabilities and their families.

If you would like to know more about fostering or Shared Care, please call us on **0800 917 0925** or visit

www.hertsdirect.org/fostering

Letchworth Foodbank When people can't afford food they very often can't afford either gas or electricity for heating or cooking. If you receive a Winter Fuel Allowance and don't need it, why not donate some or all of it to the Foodbank so that we can help those who can't afford to heat or light their homes or buy food for their families. The foodbank will be open on Tuesday the 29th December. It will however be closed Friday December 25th and Friday January 1st. Ciaran **483627**

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

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| 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 | Della Stockwell |

Collection: Sunday 13th December

Envelopes - £224.51, Loose - £449.24
Standing Orders -£1,062
Total = £1735.75

Collection Update:

St Vincent de Paul £1395.55
Kanyike £1870.97

Dates for your diary:

| Date | Event/Activity | Time & Place |
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| Monday 21st December | Parish Party | 7.00pm Parish House |
| Saturday 6 February | KSC Quiz Night | 8.00pm Fortescue Hall |

Parish House: 84 Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TP
Tel: 01462 683504 Email: letchworth@rcdow.org.uk Parish Priest: Fr Jimmy Garvey

Administrator: Aimee Barnes Website: <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth>

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

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

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