

# 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



## 4 October 2015 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 3

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Today we leave the busyness and day to day tensions of our lives in order to come closer to the heart of God's love in Jesus at the Eucharist. Yet what we hear today is not an escape from our ordinary lives but a fresh call to renewal in the Spirit.

### First Reading:

*Genesis 2:18-24*

The world in all its teeming variety comes from God who is above all created things and yet sustains all in divine love.

### Second Reading:

*Hebrews 2:9-11*

From the depth of the Trinity's love, God shares our humanity, even in suffering and death, so that we can be truly God's children.

### Gospel: *Mark 10:2-16*

We often fail in love through weakness and sin, and so we have to make up ways of dealing with what goes wrong. But deep in creation lies God's plan for us to share, in our very bodies, in God's creative love.

## Services and Mass Intentions Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 October 2015

Saturday 3 <i>feria</i>	7.00pm	Barney & Peg Palmer, RIP
Sunday 4 <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Joan Cleary, INT
Monday 5 <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Martha & Nora Lopez, INT
Tuesday 6 <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Kathleen & Tom O'Connor, RIP
Wednesday 7 <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	9.30am	Mary Gamble, RIP
Thursday 8 <i>feria</i>	9.30am	
Friday 9 <b>Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest</b>	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 10 <i>feria</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Bernadette Wrynn, INT Bronia Sobek, RIP
Sunday 11 <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish

### **First Holy Communion**

Children's session on Saturday October 17th at 10.30am in Fortescue hall, this session ends at 12 noon. Any queries please contact Julie Cranston on **07875 229580** or ***sthughsfirstcommunion@mail.com***

**The Knights of St. Columba** invite all parishioners to the annual quiz night on Saturday 31st October 8.00pm in Fortescue Hall. £7.50 per person including ploughman's supper and licensed bar. Maximum of six per team (prize for winners). All proceeds in aid of Kanyike. Tickets are available from ***John Cataldo 01462 734551*** or ***Alex Rebello 01462615435***. In order to satisfy the catering requirements please purchase or reserve your tickets at least three days prior to the event.

**St Vincent DePaul Society 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 really 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. For more information please call: ***Ciaran 483627***

**A Huge Thank You** to all of you who donated clothing and shoes for the refugee crisis. Two full carloads have now been delivered to organisations taking aid to Calais, and they were extremely grateful. Please note, Clare Adam will not be collecting any more for the time being. If you wish to donate anything, contact Emmaus in St Albans ***01727 817294***.

### **Training for New Altar Servers**

Training will be held Saturday 10th October at 11am. In the church for children / young people in year 3 or above.

### **Lenten Planned Giving Campaign**

It is now some five months since we had our Lenten Planned Giving Campaign. We have seen five full months of collections since the campaign and I want to share some statistics with you.

Firstly the campaign was a success, thank you for all your support. We have received 60 new standing order forms, and a similar number of new Gift Aid Forms. We are seeing on average an extra £800 of offertory collections a month in total, taking into account all the changes each week of monies received in all the categories. We anticipate that this year's offertory income will have increased by 10% over that seen in 2014. A big thank you to all parishioners for their generosity. It is not easy to pledge increased offerings to the church at a time of perhaps increased family and charitable commitments elsewhere. The finance committee will be reviewing our long term financial forecasts in the light of this up-to-date financial information and to assess our capabilities of achieving our longer term aspirations. The committee is aware, approximately 20% of our planned giving offertory income emanates from only 10 parishioners. We are very sensitive to reductions in our offertory totals. I will continue to keep you updated in the future.

### **CAFOD**

The collection day for Harvest Fast Day is this weekend. The CAFOD envelopes and prayer cards can be found at the back of the church. Your support and donations to CAFOD will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient. Additionally, your donations will be used to support those affected by the refugee crisis. Please remember to complete the Gift Aid section on the envelope if you can. Thank you

### **Electrical Work in Church**

We are having some routine electrical maintenance carried out in the church for three days, commencing Monday 12th October. The church will be open as usual for Masses but we ask for your patience and co-operation during this time

### **Performing Arts Weekend 16 TO 18 October**

Are you aged over 14 and do you have a passion for the performing arts? want to know more? why not spend an exciting weekend with Westminster Youth Ministry and Gen Verde unlocking your creative forces and having fun amongst friends. For more information see **dowym.com** or contact **0207 529 8633** **WYM-youth@rcdow.org.uk**

### **A.P.F** promoters and red box holders.

There will be a talk by Bishop Pedilla from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in Westminster Cathedral Hall on Saturday 10th October from 3-5pm. Please let me know if you wish to attend. (**Rosina 624568**) More information is available on the notice board by the side door. Many Thanks.

### **Sr Nuala, RIP**

With sad regret we inform you that Sr. Nuala died on Wednesday 30th September in the Sisters' Care Home in Lytham, St. Annes. Sr Nuala was a Sister of Charity of Jesus and Mary, and lived within the community she attended daily Mass here at St Hugh for many years Please remember her in your prayers.

### **Joy of the Gospel Pope Francis's**

Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World, and Laudato Si' his Encyclical Letter on Care For Our Common Home are available to buy from the repository in the porch £4.95 each.

**Ministering Mercy** is the theme of a "Come and See" retreat day on Saturday 24 October at Allen Hall seminary for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood. It is essential to register in advance. For more info contact Fr Graham at

**GrahamStokes@rcdow.org.uk**

### **Children's Liturgy 2015/2016**

We are looking to recruit new members to the Children's Liturgy team from September of this year. With 4 teams at present the commitment required in terms of time is to prepare and lead a session with another Catechist about once a month. If you are at all interested speak to anyone on the team after 9.30 mass or ring Mary Ryan on **07932 191685**. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **World Youth Day** The priests of Stevenage Deanery have taken the decision to

have our own coach going to next year's World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland where it is anticipated that two - three million young people (16-30 years old) from across the globe will gather with Pope Francis. The dates are, Saturday 23rd July to Tuesday 3rd August 2016, with overnight travel and the price roughly £770. Obviously we would do fundraising, seek sponsorship and ensure safeguarding guidelines are followed. Do think about it for yourself or someone you know. It will be a wonderful experience and will definitely enrich our parishes with the enthusiasm of our young people when they return. The planning and promotion of the trip have to start at this early stage to secure the bookings and to fill the coach. For more information contact the Dean, Fr. Norbert Fernandes on **01707 323234** or **welwyngdncityeast@rcdow.org.uk**

**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

Collection: Sunday 27th September –  
 Envelopes: £245.10 Loose: £387.23, and  
 Standing Orders: £980. Total: £1612.33

**Coffee After 9.30am Mass**

Sunday 4th Oct - Justice & Peace  
 Sunday 11th Oct - Youth Group  
 Sunday 18th Oct - Prayer Group  
 Sunday 25th Oct – Brownies

**Funeral Announcement**

The Funeral Service for the late Christopher Chambers will be held at St Hugh of Lincoln on Tuesday 6th October at 10.30, followed by the Committal at Wilbury Hills Cemetery.

The Funeral Mass for the late Kitty Buckley will be held at St Hugh of Lincoln on Thursday 15th October, followed by Committal at Harwood Park Crematorium at 11:45am.

**Dates for your diary:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Activity</b>	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>
Saturday 17 October	FHC Children's Session	10.30am Fortescue Hall
Saturday 31 October	KSC Quiz Night Alternative to Trick or Treat	8.00pm Fortescue Hall
Wednesday 18 November	Parish Pastoral Council	8.00pm Fortescue Hall
Saturday 21 November	Stevenage Deanery Day for Catechists	Our Lady's Hitchin
Saturday 5 December	St Hugh's Christmas Fayre	St Thomas More School
Friday 11 December	Kanyike Supper Concert	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

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