ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office open: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 11.30am

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

2nd April
5th Sunday of Lent

Ps Week 1

Mass Book Page:
In today's Gospel Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. This great sign points us forward to Easter when, in the resurrection, Jesus will defeat death for all of us.

First Reading:
Ezekiel 37:12-14
The Lord promises to open his peoples graves and give them his life giving spirit.

Second Reading:
Romans 8:8-11
The Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead will raise our mortal bodies too.

Gospel: *John 11:1-45*
Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and challenges our belief in his resurrection.

Services and Mass Intentions
Saturday 1 April to Sunday 9 April

Saturday 1 *Lent feria*	7.00pm	Christopher Burke, RIP
Sunday 2 **5th Sunday of Lent**	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Iris Lawlor, RIP The Rostron Family, INT
Monday 3 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Syl Donnelly, RIP Rosary Lady Chapel
Tuesday 4 *Lent feria*	9.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Erna Wells, RIP Rosary Lady Chapel
Wednesday 5 *Lent feria*	9.30am 9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Frank Garvey, RIP Emily & Vincent Traylor, RIP Parish Reconciliation Service
Thursday 6 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Marius Walsh, RIIP
Friday 7 *Lent feria*	9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Funeral Mass for Mr Massimo Maccioni
Saturday 8 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Martha McGuiness, RIP Frank Garvey, RIP
Sunday 9 **Palm Sunday** **The Passion of the Lord**	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Holy Souls People of the Parish Roy Rostron, INT

Parish Reconciliation Service Will take place on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm. A number of Priests will be available for Confession. This is an excellent way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church at 7.30pm every Wednesday through-out Lent, except Wednesday 5th April.

Children's Stations Of the Cross
This is for families and children and will held at 10am on Good Friday, April 14th in church.

Churches Together in Letchworth Walk of Witness Friday 14th April. Gather from 10.45am in Broadway Gardens, followed by procession to the shopping Mall entrance, in Leys Avenue where there is a service.

Children's Liturgy There will be no Children's liturgy during the Easter holidays – 2nd/9th/16th April. On Palm Sunday the liturgy team will leave colouring in sheets on all benches at 9.30am mass, please bring your own colours. We are recruiting new members to the team. Please contact Hannah Wright 07725879155 if you are interested in joining.

St Vincent de Paul Society Letchworth Foodbank Like all organisations, the Foodbank is faced with increasing costs e.g. possible rent increase on our storage premises, increasing maintenance costs, periodic requirement to purchase low stock items etc. We also know that you are probably in a similar situation but hope you can help us in whatever way you can afford. It would also help us if you would Gift Aid your donation. Fr Jimmy has very kindly invited us to take a retiring collection at the masses on Palm Sunday. Please take an envelope and give what you can.

CAFOD Just one world DEC CAFOD DEC MEMBER TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER

So far £351.84 has been raised for Humanitarian Crisis in East Africa. Envelopes are still available in the church for this collection. There are also other ways of donating to the DEC Appeal through CAFOD. These are:

- Online at www.cafod.org.uk/eastafrica
- By credit/debit card on: 0500 85 88 85:

Funeral Announcements
The Service for the late Amy Small who died 19.3.2017 at Garden City Court Care Home, Aged 84, will take place at Harwood Park, Stevenage on Wednesday 5th April at 3.30pm.
The Funeral Mass for the Late Massimo Maccioni, who died 29.3.2017 at the Garden House Hospice aged 53, will take place at St Hugh of Lincoln on Friday 7th April at 10.00am followed by the committal at Wilbury Hills Cemetery.
The Funeral Mass for the Late Carol McGrinder, who died 23.3.2017 at Lister Hospital Aged 54 years will take place at St Hugh of Lincoln on Tuesday 18th April at 10.00am, followed by the committal at Wilbury Hills Cemetery.
May they rest in peace, please keep the Small, Maccioni and McGrinder families in your prayers.

Flowers in the Church
Soon the church will be decorated with special Easter flower arrangements. If you would like to show your appreciation please put a donation in an envelope marked "flowers" and place this in the collection during Mass, or in the large box near the Main door.

Pre Baptism Course Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm in Fortescue Hall.
In preparation for your child's Baptism Fr Jimmy will have discussed with parents the need to attend a Pre Baptism Course. If you have already had your child Baptised, and know you still need to attend the course, or would like to have your child baptised in the future please contact the Parish office. You are welcome to attend the course while you are pregnant. The course is only one session of two hours. Both parents are encouraged to attend if possible (non catholic partners are very welcome). If there is a problem with childcare you are welcome to bring your baby along to the session. Please notify the parish office so we know how many people to expect.

The Holy Rosary is prayed at St Hugh of Lincoln on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in The Lady Chapel after 9.30am Mass. Parishioners who would like to, are invited to join in this lovely prayer. Mary our blessed Mother said to pray the Rosary for peace in the world and the conversion of sinners.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for an hour every Thursday after the 9.30am Mass until 11am and every Saturday 10.00 – 10.30am Please join us even if only for 10 minutes to pray for the Holy Fathers Intentions for peace in families and in our world.

Envelopes for Planned Giving
Envelopes for existing users are now available to collect from the back of the Church. If you currently make a contribution in the loose collection but would like to join planned giving please contact David Legg on ***01462 483994***

Planned Giving and Gift Aid
A reminder for those of you who gift aid your planned giving. If you no longer pay income tax please let me know as soon as possible. HMRC make it clear that it is your responsibility to inform us if your circumstances change. Contact David Legg: ***01462483994*** or ***leggds@btinternet.com***

SASH – A group for mature people meeting on alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm usually in Fortescue Hall. We enjoy good company, often delicious homemade things to eat, and exercising our sense of humour.
April 6 - Life in a Sanatorium in the 1950s
April 20 - Celebration of St. George
May 4 - Big Word Game
May 18 - Citizens Advice update
June 1 - My favourite flower/plant and why.
June 15 - Tea in the Garden of 50 Highfield
June 29 - Scrabble
July 13 - Talk by one of our members
July 27 - Beetle Drive
For details on any of the above please phone Patsy on 620397

Christian Meditation Group Meeting
Thank you to all those who have shown interest in joining a Meditation group. The first weekly meeting of the Letchworth Christian Meditation Group will be held in Fortescue Hall at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 2. Anyone who is interested in learning about this form of prayer is warmly invited to attend. The meeting will open with an introductory talk on the ancient Christian tradition of meditation as revived by the late John Main OSB and taught by Laurence Freeman OSB, director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Which will last around 30minutes. We will then meditate together in silence for 20 mins. If you have any questions please contact Andrew at ***andrewtar@hotmail.co.uk***

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

Johanna Pooley
Noreen Capewell
Cliodhna M'Corley
Margaret Haywood
Philomena Johnson
Patricia Ferguson
Frances Holton
Debbie Giacobelli
Elizabeth McKenna
Maureen Franklin
Ross Nittolo
Lucia Camisa
Angela Horne
Anna Harte
June Rolph
Nellie O'Brien
Joe Fernandes
Mary Wallace
George Marston
Pat & Ray Street
Peter Franklin

Coffee After 9.30 Mass on Sunday
2nd April - Parish Breakfast
9th April - Confirmation Group

Collection: 26th March 2017
Envelopes - £278.21, Loose - £455.71
Standing Orders - £1,062 Total= £1795.92

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Appeal
£1358.11 Has been raised by the parishioners of St Hugh of Lincoln.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Wednesday 5th April	Parish Reconciliation Service	7.30pm St Hugh of Lincoln
Holy Thursday 13th April	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm St Hugh of Lincoln
Good Friday 14th April	Children's Stations of the Cross	10.00am St Hugh of Lincoln
Saturday 15th April	Easter Vigil First Mass of Easter	8.30pm St Hugh of Lincoln
Tuesday 25th April	Pre Baptism Course	7.30pm Fortescue Hall
Saturday 3rd June	Cardinals Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony	3pm Westminster Cathedral

Schools
St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth. Tel: 01462 620670
www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk
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