

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office open: Monday to Thursday 10.00am to 12.00noon.

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



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we are reminded that God's blessings are for everyone; for all peoples of every culture and faith.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

Isaiah highlights God's recognition of the foreigners among the Israelites who observe the covenant. All the nations will be blessed by God.

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Paul hopes that Gentiles, as well as the Jews, will enjoy the mercy of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The story of the Canaanite women, whom Jesus hails as a person of "great faith".

Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday 16 August to Friday 22 August 2014

Saturday 16 <i>Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary</i>	9.30am	
	7.00pm	Yvette (Marie) Dorson RIP
Sunday 17	8.00am	Priscilla Badham INTS
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Kathleen Bourke RIP
Monday 18 <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Barbara Hobbs INTS
Tuesday 19 <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Luigi Rizzo RIP
Wednesday 20 <i>Memorial of St Bernard, Abbott & Doctor</i>	9.30am	David Roche RIP Anniv.
Thursday 21 <i>Memorial of St Pius X, Pope</i>	9.30am	Patricia Prohaska RIP
Friday 22 <i>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 23 <i>Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	
	7.00pm	

Please join us in Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer of the Church takes place before Mass on Monday to Saturday. The Rosary takes place after Mass on Monday and Tuesday mornings and on Friday after the Liturgy of the Word.

SASH

SASH a group for mature people meeting in Fortescue Hall at 2.30 pm on Mondays. Queries Patsy 620397

Autumn Programme

1 September: Cliff Marshall - Power of Attorney

5 September: Coach trip (9.30am)

15 September: Autumn colour, leaf, flower, poems, pictures, etc.

13 October: Month of Our Lady, shrines, prayers, photos etc.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Soc./ The Letchworth Foodbank

are short of the following items, please help us if you can:

UHT Milk, Sponge Pudding, Canned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Rice ie long grain, Jam , and toiletries, shampoo, Shower Gel, Toilet Rolls, finally Strong Carrier Bags. Many thanks to all for your continued support.

Parish Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to announce the return of the St Hugh of Lincoln Christmas Fayre and Raffle to be held at St Thomas More School on Saturday 6 December.

Please start to think about how you would like to be involved and what you will be able to do to help make our Fayre a resounding success. You might support us by providing donations, helping with the organisation or helping out on the day. Perhaps you have attended other Fayres and have seen things which have been done particularly well, please share your ideas. If you feel able to help in any way please contact Ursula White on 07557 096506 or by email:

seanwhite501@btinternet.com.

We always welcome new people to help with the organisation and it is a good way to get to know other parishioners. Working together will ensure a fun event and help raise much needed parish funds.

Thank you for your support.

Eucharistic Minsters

Please note that there will be a further Recommissioning Mass for those who were unable to attend the last one on Sunday 15 September at 11.30am.

RCIA

For adults wishing to explore the Catholic Faith and to be received into the Catholic church, a RCIA course will be starting 8.00pm on **Tuesday 2 September** in the Parish Office, Parish House. Please contact David McQuillan (07740 783577) for further details.

KSC Annual Charity Walk

The Knights of St. Columba invite all parishioners to take part or sponsor the annual charity walk and treasure hunt along the Garden City Greenway (approx. 6 miles) on Sunday 21 September starting at 11.00am from St. Hughs Church car park. Members of the KSC will be collecting names at the weekly masses. We look forward to your company and support. For further details and sponsor forms contact John Cataldo, 01462734551, Alex Rebello, 01462615435 or David Legg, 01462483994.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols — Gaza statement

Faced with the increasing violence that is engulfing the people of Gaza, my thoughts and prayers, and those of the Catholic community, are constantly with all those who have lost loved ones and whose lives are shattered in this conflict. The pain, anguish and sense of hopelessness of those men, women and children cry out that war is not the answer. As this conflict shows, violence breeds violence. Along with so many others, I plead for an immediate truce in Gaza that will not only put an end to this latest carnage but that will also address at last the core problems behind this conflict which has so blighted the lives of all the peoples of the Holy Land.

Cardinal Vincent has also written a [statement about Iraq](#). This, and a copy of a letter sent to the Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond can be read at: <http://rcdow.org.uk/news/>

Cardinal Vincent Nichols recently ordained three new permanent deacons for the Diocese of Westminster: Justin Cross, Ian Edwards, Stephen Khokhar.

In his Homily the Cardinal said to be a deacon 'is to be called to a ministry in the name of the Church, a ministry of service and proclamation.'

He also reflected on recent comments by Pope Francis as well as drawing on the example of St Francis of Assisi who was a Deacon.

Deacons Justin, Ian and Stephen will join a team of over 20 permanent deacons in the Diocese of Westminster. As well as parish ministry these men are engaged in a variety of other ministries including prison, school and hospital chaplaincies.

Next week:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus changes Simon the fisherman's life by changing his name to Peter. Peter becomes the "rock" on which Jesus builds his Church, and Jesus gives him the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

The key of the House of David is a symbol of the royal steward's authority to grant or refuse admittance to the royal presence. A similar image is used in today's Gospel when Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul rejoices in the incomprehensible wonder of God's wisdom and providence.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Peter's profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of the living God is given to him by divine revelation.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
3 September	Evening for <u>all</u> Parish Catechists	7.30pm to 9.00pm, Fortescue Hall
14 September	Recommissioning Mass for Eucharistic Ministers (for those people who couldn't attend last one)	11.30am
21 September	KSC Sponsored Walk	
1 November	KSC Autumn Quiz	
8 November	Requiem Mass for the Fallen	7.00pm
6 December	St Hugh's Christmas Fayre and Raffle	St Thomas More School

Hospital Chaplain:

Jacqueline Humphreys, Lister, Stevenage and
QEII, Welwyn Garden City, Tel: 01438 285518 , Mob: 07884 187463

If you are going into hospital, please ensure that you register as a Catholic and if you wish request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Fortescue Hall Bookings: Jacquie Maddison Tel: 01462 675117

Please submit any items for the newsletter to the Parish Office by midday Wednesday

(Contact details on the front page.)