

# ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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

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



## 19th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ps Week 3

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Jesus is the foundation we thirst for and the one who brings everlasting life to all.

### First Reading:

*Exodus 17:3-7*

This is one of the several stories about the Israelites complaining to Moses, in this case about being thirsty. Go instructs Moses how to provide water for them.

### Second Reading:

*Romans 5:1-2 5-8*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, giving us faith and hope.

### Gospel: *John 4:5-42*

The encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well, where he reveals his true identity to her and offers her living water.

## Services and Mass Intentions Saturday 11 March to Sunday 19 March

Saturday 18 <i>Lent feria</i>	10.00am 11.30am 7.00pm	Exposition & Confession Mass for Anointing the Sick Mariano Schipani, RIP
Sunday 19 <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Liam Pyne, RIP People of the Parish Martha Meynert, RIP
Monday 20 <b>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese</b>	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Luigi Rizzo, RIP Rosary Lady Chapel
Tuesday 21 <i>Lent feria</i>	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Violet & Bernard Albon, RIP Rosary Lady Chapel
Wednesday 22 <i>Lent feria</i>	9.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Iris Lawlor, RIP
Thursday 23 <i>Lent feria</i>	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Pat Corrigan, RIP
Friday 24 <i>Lent feria</i>	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Rosary Lady Chapel
Saturday 25 <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	9.10am 9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Jack Johnstone, RIP Frank Garvey, RIP
Sunday 26 <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Dilip Ranjan & Leticia INT Bob & Ros Pitman, INT

## Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

**Saturday 3rd June at 3pm**

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details, husband and wife's full name, wedding date, full postal address, email or telephone number if you don't have an email address.

## First Holy Communion

Children AND Parent session on Saturday March 25th at 10.30am in Fortescue Hall. This session ends at Noon. Any enquiries please contact Julie Cranston on **07875 229580** or [sthugsfirstcommunion@mail.com](mailto:sthugsfirstcommunion@mail.com)

**Confirmation** The candidates attended Flame at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th March with 10,000 young Catholics from across England and Wales. It was an amazing experience which included music, drama and adoration led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The candidates even had their photo taken with the cardinal! The next Confirmation session is Monday 20th March at 8pm where we will be discussing the Church as the Body of Christ and our relationship with God. The Sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated at 9.30am Sunday 21st May 2017.

## Sacramental Preparation

If there are adults in the parish who were unable to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation in the past and would now like to please give your details to the parish office and we will enable this to happen after Easter.



Thank you for contributions to the CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Appeal of £1500 so far.

## **Humanitarian Crisis in East Africa**

CAFOD, as a member charity of DEC, are now appealing for help because of the urgent needs of the people in East Africa. Due to the deadly combination of extreme drought, protracted conflict and civil war and lack of food, hunger on a massive scale is looming in this region. The UN are warning that this could be the worst humanitarian crisis since the end of the World War II. If we don't act now, it will get much worse. More than 16 million people are on the brink of starvation and are in urgent need of food, water and medical treatment. There are many ways of donating to the DEC Appeal through CAFOD.

These are:

- Online at [www.cafod.org.uk/eastafrica](http://www.cafod.org.uk/eastafrica)
  - By credit/debit card on: 0500 85 88 85:
  - Through our parish collection box
- Please leave your donation, using one of the pre-marked envelopes, in our dedicated box at the back of Church. This will remain in place for a few weeks.
- As Chris Bain, CAFOD's director said "Our common humanity calls on us to take action and respond to the suffering; restoring dignity and hope through the vital aid we can deliver."

Thank you in advance for your ongoing generous support.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place in the Church at 7.30pm every Wednesday throughout Lent.

### **Pre Baptism Course Tuesday 28th March 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. The best and easiest time to do this would be before your baby is born. If you have already had your child baptised or would like to have your child baptised in the future please contact the Parish office. 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 child-care 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.

**Newsletter** If you have any notices or events you would like to advertise in the Parish Newsletter please do get in touch. You can drop us an email at [letchworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:letchworth@rcdow.org.uk) or pop into the office any morning Tuesday – Friday before 12.00.

**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.

March 23 - Visit to a Garden Centre

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**

Anyone in the parish who is interested in joining a start-up Christian meditation group, to meet weekly for silent meditation together, is invited to sign the notice in the church porch. The group will follow the ancient tradition of Christian meditation as taught by the late John Main OSB and his successor Laurence Freeman OSB, who have revived the tradition of meditation practised by the Desert Fathers in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and brought to the West by John Cassian. The practice is simple and its purpose is the deepening of spiritual life. Fr Laurence is the spiritual director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, with centres in London and other cities worldwide and groups of meditators around the world, see <http://christianmeditation.org.uk/> and <http://wccm.org>. The group will begin with instruction on the practice of meditation over the first few weeks by a member of the community.

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

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

**Coffee After 9.30 Mass on Sunday**

**19th March - Prayer Group  
26th March - Breakfast Group  
2nd April - Parish Breakfast**

**Collection 12th March 2017**

Envelopes - £306.90, Loose - £607.37  
Standing Orders - £1,062  
Total= £1976.27

**Text Giving**

Simply text "Parish LETCW" to 70800 to donate £5 to the Parish of St Hugh of Lincoln.

**Dates for your diary:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Activity</b>	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>
Monday 20th march	Confirmation Session	8pm Fortescue Hall
Saturday 25th March	FHC Children's and Parents Session	10.30am Fortescue Hall
Saturday 3rd June	Cardinals Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony	3pm Westminster Cathedral

**CAFOD Prayer for East Africa**

Living God, Our strength and help we turn to you in our distress.  
May the spirit of compassion comfort and protect your people.  
In the parched lands and failed harvests we see you hungry.  
May the shadow of that hunger be broken by the light of your hope  
In our hearts we hold a vision of a better world.  
May we, by our actions bear witness to your love.  
Linda Jones/CAFOD

**Schools**

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

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

**Hospital R C Chaplain:** Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) **Office Tel: 01438 285138**

**(24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333 Via text message: 07876 526935**

**Email: [chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net](mailto:chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net)** Please remember that catholic patients can only be visited by the catholic chaplain if they, or a relative, contact the chaplaincy.