ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

Parish House: 84 Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TP

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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

5th March
1st Sunday of Lent

Ps Week 1

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The season of Lent summons us to turn our faces to the Lord and allow the gaze of his mercy to touch our hearts. We pray that, through the generosity of our Lenten observances, our hearts may be more loving towards our neighbours.

First Reading:
Genesis 2:7-9;1:1-7
Adam and Eve succumb to the temptation of the serpent and eat of the tree forbidden to them by God.

Second Reading:
Romans 5:12-19
Jesus Christ gives the utterly free gift of salvation to all people.

Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*
Jesus fights the temptation of the devil and reminds us to worship God alone.

Services and Mass Intentions
Saturday 4 March to Sunday 12 March

Saturday 4 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Maurice & Janet Jacques, RIP Exposition & Confession Denis Harvey, RIP
Sunday 5 **1st Sunday of Lent**	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish John Furness, INT Peter Quinn, RIP
Monday 6 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Mrs Colleen Ryan , RIP Rosary Lady Chapel
Tuesday 7 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Reilly Family, RIP Rosary Lady Chapel
Wednesday 8 *Lent feria*	9.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Cliff & Patsy Marshall, INT
Thursday 9 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Anaiya Steenberg, INT
Friday 10 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Rosary Lady Chapel
Saturday 11 *Lent feria*	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Robustino Escano, INT Exposition & Confession Eileen McCarthy, INT
Sunday 12 **2nd Sunday of Lent**	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Natalie White, RIP Dympna Byrne, RIP

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Hugh of Lincoln, at 11.30am on Saturday 18th March by our local Bishop in Hertfordshire, Bishop Paul McAleenan. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be received more than once by anyone who is ill in body, mind or spirit. Volunteers will be needed to contact people who may wish to attend, to transport people to and from the church and to prepare a reception in Fortescue Hall which will follow the Mass. Please contact the Parish House if you would like to help.

Mass for Bereaved Parents will be held on Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. At the end of the homily parents will be invited to write the name of their deceased child, which will later be collected and taken to the sanctuary.

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 ***sthughsfirstcommunion@mail.com***

Confirmation Candidates are reminded they have a confirmation session on Monday 6th March at 8pm, in Fortescue Hall. The Sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated at 9.30 Sunday 21st May 2017

Funeral Announcement
The Funeral Mass for the late Rose Myra Chamberlain will be held at St Hugh of Lincoln on Thursday 16th March at 10.30am, followed by a committal at Icknield Way Cemetery. Please keep the family in your prayers.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Appeal
CAFOD has been standing alongside poor communities working with them to end poverty and injustice across the world. CAFOD traditionally holds an Appeal early in Lent. Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 10 March** when you could consider giving up a meal. Your Fast Day envelope is attached, please return it with your donation next weekend,11th/12th March, or make a pledge to give regularly. If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation so that CAFOD can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity

Certificate of Catholic Practice
The application process for Nursery Admissions at catholic schools has opened and will close on Friday 17th March. There are sign up sheets in the Church porch for parents to make an appointment with Fr Jimmy. Please write your name in block capitals and include your telephone number

Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) Could those people who left their boxes to be emptied please collect them from the church porch, along with their APF magazine.

Lenten Alms This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal Fund. The funds raised go to support parishes or groups in their work to further the mission of the Church; to serve the evangelisation of young people, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. Please take a leaflet, read and pray about this. Envelopes are available for the Lenten Alms Cardinal Appeal at the back of church today. Please be as generous as you can.

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.

Catholic Staff at the Lister Hospital
Deacon Anthony (Catholic chaplain) is very keen to hear from Catholic staff at the Lister. Please contact Deacon Anthony about any pastoral or spiritual support for Catholic staff that you would like to see in the hospital. Please email Deacon Anthony with your ideas or thoughts ***anthony.curran@nhs.net***

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 9 - Celebration of St. Patrick
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 4th 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
Cliodhna 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

5th March - KSC
12th March - FHC
19th March - Prayer Group

Collection 26th February 2017:
Envelopes - £255.50, Loose - £539.50
Standing Orders - £1,062
Total= £1857

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Monday 6th March	Confirmation Session	8pm Fortescue Hall
Friday 10th March	CAFOD Fast Day	
Saturday 11th March	Mass for Bereaved Parents	2.30pm The Cathedral
Saturday 18th March	Mass of the Anointing of the Sick	11.30am St Hugh of Lincoln
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

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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Please remember that catholic patients can only be visited by the catholic chaplain if they, or a relative, contact the chaplaincy.