

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office open: Monday to Thursday 9.30am—12 noon (Closed Fridays)

Confessions: Thursday & Saturday 10.00-10.30; Sat 6.15 to 6.45; & on request.



17th November 2019

Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln

Psalter Week 1

First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-20*

Harsh words for the wicked who will be left with nothing, but great consolation for those who remain faithful to God.

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

A warning to those who will not contribute in any way to the community but offer constant criticism of others instead.

Gospel: *Luke 21:5-19*

Nothing can compare with the glory of the Son of Man, in this world or the next. Things in heaven and earth may pass away, but the Son of Man, coming in glory, will gather his own to himself at the end of all time.

Reflection

Jesus will at last conquer and destroy all evil. His faithful people, even if they may suffer, will never be abandoned by the one who will come in glory and infinite majesty.

The Mass

Parish Mass Book: 164: Eucharistic Prayer III: 27; **9.30 Mass** Eucharistic Prayer III for Children.

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

‘For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, deciding whether he has enough to complete it?’ Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving Campaign. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to take the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. We are called to give to our parish mindful of our blessings and circumstances. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. The appeal information is in your newsletter.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from parishioners. Next weekend we will ask you to complete a promise card, which will enable our parish to plan our finances into the future with confidence. Volunteers are available after Mass to answer questions you have. Thank you for your continued support of our parish in so many different ways.

Year of the Word 2020: 'GOD WHO SPEAKS' is being officially launched on Sunday 1st December, at 3.30pm with Solemn Vespers in Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome to attend and no tickets are required. Fr Jimmy will meet any parishioner that want to go at Letchworth Station at 1.40pm

The God who Speaks enables us to celebrate God's Word by enriching our worshipping and spiritual community; helping us to live Gods Word by enhancing our social action and outreach and helping us share God's Word by deeper formation, proclamation and evangelisation.

Parish groups are invited to discuss how our parish can listen to and reflect on the Word of God more deeply and share ideas at the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th November. There is a range of events, activities and resources, available at;
www.rcdow.org.uk/faith

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Journey in Faith The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th November in the Parish House at 7.30pm.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service is on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm. Priests will be available for Confession in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord. Please make a note of the date.

The Parish Christmas Party is on Friday 20th December from 7pm in the Parish House. Refreshments will be provided and all parishioners are invited to attend.

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection is being taken at all Masses today. Most priests offer their resignation at the age of 75; many continue to serve their communities for many more years. Cardinal Vincent and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring no retired or sick priest is left without support during their senior years. You can help support them by giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible for a priest with mobility difficulties. The fund can ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding we want to fill. An envelope was attached to your newsletter last weekend, please place it in the collection today. Don't forget to complete the Gift Aid section if you are a taxpayer, which adds 25 pence to every pound you donate, at no cost to you. If you can, please consider completing a standing order form. You will then become a Patron of the Fund and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. Please be as generous as you usually are please remember all of our priests in your prayers. Thank you.

November Month of The Holy Souls
Traditionally, in November we pray for our departed family, friends and relations. If you would like your loved ones remembered at Masses in November, please take a purple sheet with a Holy Souls envelope and return them to the Parish House. Please only use the purple sheet. An offering may be included if you wish.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

The date for Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year is Sunday 7th June, at the 9.30am Mass
The Confirmation programme will begin in January. Candidate application forms will be available next weekend. Please keep a look out for further information.

Kanyike Supper Concert - Sunday 15th December. Tickets are £10 and are now available for this enjoyable evening which includes a 2 course meal and entertainment and a chance to meet Fr Kakuba. Please call **01462 675117** for more information.

STM Christmas Market the Parent's Association of STM school are organising an Artisan Christmas Market in Fortescue Hall on Sunday 1st December from 10am to 3pm. You are assured a lovely atmosphere, delicious food and drink and Santa's Grotto to keep children entertained while you browse. Save some Christmas shopping for the market and gift family and friends unique, lovingly crafted, local products. If you are an artisan or run a local business get in touch to showcase your products. Please contact Emma on: **07887992958** or email: ***emmapuosi@hotmail.com***.

SASH Seniors at St Hugh is a group for mature people who meet on Wednesdays at 2.30pm in The St Hilda Room
November 27 - Making Christmas cards
December 11 - Carols and Mince pies

Garden House Hospice

We received a note from the Garden House Hospice thanking everyone for their very generous cake donations. Parishioners of St Hugh's were responsible for donating 50 cakes this year which are really appreciated. The patients and their families really enjoy them. Thank you.

Candles offerings can be placed in the stand by the statue of Mary in the Lady Chapel or in the wooden box as you exit the inner doors of the Church. Thank you.

Healing and Wholeness Service the next service will take place at Our Lady's Church, Hitchin, on Sunday 1st December at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Salvation Army are opening their doors on Christmas day to anyone who may be alone. They need volunteers to help on Christmas Eve with food preparation, laying of tables, wrapping presents, decorating the hall. On Christmas Day they need drivers, servers, befrienders, welcomers, clearer uppers. If you have some time on Christmas Eve or Christmas day and you are interested in helping out please get in touch with Wendy on **01462 677263**.

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting an evening to engage with Catholic teachers currently working outside Catholic education. The event takes place on Monday 18th November from 6.30-8pm at Vaughan House, Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. Please register on ***educmc@rcdow.org.uk*** to attend.

CAFOD Memorial Mass

You are warmly invited to the annual CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at 11am on Wednesday 20 November. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. If you would like someone to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please send us their name by calling CAFOD Westminster on **020 8449 6970** or emailing ***westminster@cafod.org.uk***

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

Lucia Camisa	George Powell
Elizabeth McKenna	Ken Freeman
Stephen Prohaska	Mary Wallace
Eileen McCarthy	Brian Palmer
Philomena Johnson	Pat Nevitt
Angela Horne	Roy Rostron
Christopher Gillham	Anna Harte
Della Stockwell	George Marston
Margaret Haywood	Joe Fernandes
Debbie Giacobelli	Aron Haughton
Nellie O'Brien	Sylvia Hills

Parish Collections - Sunday 10th

November Envelopes: £236.67; Loose: £509.37; Standing Orders: £948.35; Total £1694.39.

Kanyike - £1,591.98

Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) - £335.07

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - £1584.75

Coffee After 9.30 Mass on Sunday

17th November - SVP

24th November - KSC

1st December - STM PA

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Wednesday 20th Nov	Parish Pastoral Council	7.30pm St Hilda Room
Saturday 23rd Nov	KiSS Dinner & Dance	7pm The Broadway Hotel
Sunday 1st Dec	Solemn Vespers; 'The God Who Speaks'	3.30pm Westminster Cathedral
Sunday 1st Dec	Artisan Christmas Market	10am –3pm Fortescue Hall
Sunday 15th Dec	Kanyike Supper Concert	6pm Fortescue Hall
Wednesday 18th Dec	Parish Reconciliation Service	7.30pm Church
Friday 20th Dec	Parish Christmas Party	7pm The Parish House

Our Catholic Schools

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk

The John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

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Lister Hospital RC Team: Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333

Via text message: 07884 187463 Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

Please remember Catholic patients can only be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, or a priest, if they, or a relative, contact the Chaplaincy or nursing staff.