

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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

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



20th May 2018 Pentecost Sunday

Ps Week 3

Parish Mass Book: 286

As Easter season ends, we celebrate a whole new beginning: the Spirit filled disciples of Jesus begin their apostolate to witness to the risen Christ. The task did not end with the twelve: our apostolate is the same witness, that same making visible the presence of Christ in today's world.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

On the final day of Passover, Jesus' disciples receive the Holy Spirit in a way that recalls the giving of the Law to the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

Second Reading:

Galatians 5:16-25

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are so much different from other fruits. Only the Holy Spirit can bring the fruits of love, peace. Patience, gentleness.

Gospel:

John 15:26-27;16:12-15

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will be Jesus' witness when he comes and, through the Spirit, Jesus' followers become his witnesses.

Services and Mass Intentions Saturday 19th May to Sunday 27th May

Saturday 19 <i>Easter feria</i>	7.00pm	Michael Madden, RIP
Sunday 20 Pentecost Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Adrian Brown, RIP Protection of the Unborn
Monday 21 Mary Our Lady Mother of the Church	9.10am 9.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Jimmy Roche, RIP Rosary - Lady Chapel
Tuesday 22 <i>feria</i>	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Seamus & James Palmer, RIP
Wednesday 23 <i>feria</i>	8.40am 9.00am	Morning Prayer Maura McNamara, RIP
Thursday 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Funeral Mass for Dr Luke
Friday 25 St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 26 St Philip Neri, Priest	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Sean Jennings, RIP Exposition & Confessions Benedictions People of the Parish
Sunday 27 The Most Holy Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Thomas Maguire, RIP Thomas McKiernan, RIP Violet & Bernard Albon, RIP

Essential Repairs to the Church

Work will begin on repairs to the parapet walls at the front and rear of the Church on 21st May; the work will include the cutting out and replacement of eroded brickwork. Prior to this scaffolding will be erected to enable work to be safely carried out. The scaffolding at the front of the Church will be erected above the Church porch and from ground level at the rear of the Church. The work should not interfere with services.

Confirmation Bishop Paul McAleenan who is the Auxiliary Bishop responsible for Hertfordshire will confirm our young people at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 20th May. If you have any problems or questions please speak to one of the confirmation catechists.

Gift Aid We are preparing the submission for the annual gift aid claim from HMRC. It makes quite a difference to our income each year and many thanks to all of you who are taxpayers who gift aid their planned giving to St Hugh's. A reminder to any of you who have stopped paying income tax for any reason - do let us know so that we do not submit an incorrect claim for gift aid. If any of you are taxpayers and contribute through planned giving (envelopes or standing orders) please do consider gift aiding your contribution, it means that we can claim 25 pence back from the government for every £1 you contribute. You just have to complete a gift aid declaration form which you can obtain from the parish office or by contacting me. If you have any questions about gift aid and planned giving you can reach me on **01462 483994** or by email at ***leggds@btinternet.com***.

Children's Liturgy - Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy for the whole of May and it will resume on Sunday 10th June.

Funeral Announcement

The Funeral Mass for the late Dr Luke will take place at St Hugh of Lincoln on Thursday 24th May at 10.00am, followed by a committal at Wilbury Hills Cemetery. Please continue to keep the Luke family in your prayers.

The Funeral Mass for the late Michael McCarthy will take place at St Hugh of Lincoln on Wednesday 30th May at 10.30am followed by a committal at Harwood Park. Please continue to keep the McCarthy family in your prayers.

The Funeral Mass for the late Margaret Marshall will take place at St Hugh of Lincoln on Monday 11th June at 10.30am, followed by a committal at Wilbury Hills Cemetery. Please continue to keep the Marshall family in your prayers.

Irish Referendum on the Eighth Amendment, 25 May 2018

In their Spring Statement, the Irish Bishops wrote,
"Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country."

For more information please visit:
<http://www.chooselife2018.ie>

OneWorld Group

WE believe that the practice of social justice, charity and the care of the environment are integral to our life as Catholic Christians. Our aim is to educate and empower our parish to embrace the Gospel values of non-violence, justice, peace, care of each other and care of the environment.

We hope to promote peace and non-violence when Letchworth celebrates Armed Forces Day

We hope to promote care for the environment by encouraging walking to mass – not use the car.

We hope to educate ourselves by inviting speakers from Catholic Workers, Pax Christi and others

We are already promoting fair trade in our parish

We would like to become a Live Simply parish

If any of these things are of interest to you then please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 23rd May in St Hilda's room at 8.00.

If you are unable to meet at this time then email allott.ian@gmail.com and you will be added to the contact list.

The Share the Journey is a campaign set up by Caritas to raise awareness of the difficult and dangerous journeys that thousands of migrants undertake every day. In support of this campaign a parishioners from Our Lady's in Hitchin is organising a series of solidarity walks in May and June. A complete list of walks is on the notice board in the church porch. To find out more about Share the Journey go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey> .

SASH – A group for mature people meeting on alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm usually in St. Hilda's room. We enjoy good company, often homemade delicious things to eat, and exercising our sense of humour. For further details please contact Patsy on 620397.

May 25 - Trip to Titanic Exhibition (places to be booked in advance from Patsy)

May 31 - Illustrated talk by Sheila Edgar on the Interior of Buckingham Palace. All parishioners are invited.

June 14 - Tea in the Garden 50 Highfield

June 28 - Trip to Lavender fields (tbc)

July 12 - Scrabble

July 26 - Talk by Age Concern (tbc)

The Sistine Chapel Choir

The Holy Father's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican on Saturday 26th May 2018 at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour, and is free of charge (no tickets required). Come and experience this world famous choir singing in the beautiful setting of Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome.

Rosary Bike Ride - Les Whittaker will cycle 350-400 miles from East Grinstead to Walsingham to raise money for Good Counsel Network, the Pro-Life Charity which provides practical help and support for mothers, and organises peaceful prayer vigils. Les will pray 50 rosaries on the way to Walsingham and 50 more on the way back, praying that through Our Lady's intercession, the culture in this country will change to one which respects the sacredness of life at all stages. Please pray for Les as he undertakes his prayer pilgrimage and if you can, please sponsor him at justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride

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

Johanna Pooley	Lucia Camisa
Noreen Capewell	Angela Horne
Anna Harte	Margaret Haywood
June Rolph	Philomena Johnson
Nellie O'Brien	Patricia Ferguson
Joe Fernandes	Mary Wallace
Debbie Giacobelli	George Marston
Elizabeth McKenna	Aron Haughton
Ken Freeman	Eileen McCarthy
Olive Hay	Pat Nevitt

Coffee After 9.30 Mass on Sunday

20th May - KSC

27th May - Breakfast Group

3rd June - SVP

Collection: Sunday 6th May

Envelopes: £322.34; Loose: £806.62;

Standing Orders - £981.92

TOTAL: £2110.88

**Amount collected for the Priests'
Training Fund to date = £3580.86**

**Amount collected to date from APF
Red Boxes = £387.13**

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Sunday 20th May	Sacrament of Confirmation	9.30am in Church
Monday 21st May	Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church	
Thursday 24th May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	
Wednesday 15th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holyday of Obligation

Schools

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth.

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

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

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

Safeguarding Officer - from 5th July 2018 Rebecca Clarke

Hospital R C Team: Tel: 01438 285138

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

Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

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