

# 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



## 1st Sunday of Advent

### Ps Week 1

#### Parish Mass Book: 82

We may think as Advent as a time of light-hearted celebration as we get ready for Christmas, but today's liturgy looks at it in a very different way, with warnings of disaster and exhortations to stand firm and pray constantly for the strength to survive all that is going to happen.

#### First Reading:

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The prophet tells the people that the Lord will fulfil the promise he made to the House of Israel.

#### Second Reading:

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

St Paul urges his readers to make more and more progress in the kind of life that they are meant to live.

#### Gospel:

*Luke 25:25-28. 34-36*

Jesus calls his disciples to stand erect and hold their heads high, because liberation is near at hand.

**Mass Times** Please note due to lack of space in the newsletter a list of Mass times, for the coming week are advertised in the church porch and on the Parish website.

**Fr Michael Lambert** was sadly involved in an accident on Wednesday evening. He is in a critical state and is currently in the ICU at Lister Hospital. Please keep Fr Michael in your prayers.

**Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** will take place on Wednesday, 19th December at 7.30pm. There will be priests available for confessions in preparation for the birth of the Lord. Please make a note of the date an effort to attend.

#### **Parish Visit of Bishop Paul McAleenan**

Our Bishop in Hertfordshire, Paul McAleenan will be celebrating the 9.30am and 11.30am masses on 23rd December, 4th Sunday of Advent. He will be at coffee in the St Hilda room after 9.30 mass. There will also be an opportunity to meet him over light refreshments in Fortescue Hall after the 11.30 mass.

#### **St Hugh's Parish Christmas Raffle**

It has been tradition in the Parish to hold a Christmas Raffle. The proceeds of the raffle go towards Parish funds or special projects. This year funds raised will go towards the creation and refurbishment of The Shrine Chapel of St Hugh. This will be situated in what is currently the Sacred Heart Chapel. There is also much needed redecoration work to be carried out inside the Church. We will have more fundraising activities during the year to help towards these costs but the Christmas Raffle is always a major contributor and an important source of income. Tickets are now on sale after Mass, and can also be purchased from the Parish House. Please do support this worthy cause, and take a few books to sell amongst family and friends. There are some very worthwhile prizes to be won, including a luxury M&S Hamper, two cash prizes each for £100 and more. The draw will take place on Sunday 16th December, during coffee, between the 9.30 a.m and 11.30 a.m. Masses. Thank you for your support.

### **Church Heating System**

As you will be aware our Church boiler is now 35 years old. Parishioners are reminded work will begin to replace our boiler this Monday, 3rd December. Heat will be restored to the Church by Saturday 15th December.

This means a few temporary adjustments to our normal arrangements. There will be no access to the Church from Monday 3rd December. Weekday Mass and the Liturgy of the Word, will take place in the St Hilda Room. While the Church will be available for use on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December, there will be no heat in the Church over this weekend. Use of the car park may be disrupted at times to allow access for the contractor's vehicles.

### **Journey Through Advent**

The Walk With Me booklets, £1 each, and Children's Calendars for Advent 2108 are now available in the church porch. If you would like one please put the money in the newspaper box.

**Notice to all Eucharistic Ministers** and those considering taking up the Ministry. Morning of Reflection on Saturday 8th December, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are invited to join a prayerful and quiet time to reflect on the Wonder of the Ministry at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew parish, Hitchin. The morning will begin with the Parish Mass at 10am and finish at 1pm with a shared packed lunch. If you are interested in attending please reply to Teresa Lawrence-Hyde on **07751886525 or 01462 735122**

**Mission Today** calendars for 2019 have been placed in the Church porch, anyone interested is invited to take a copy.

**The Big Give** This exciting match-funding scheme runs for a week from noon Tuesday 27 November to noon 4 December 2017. Any on-line donations made during that week to The Kanyike Project will be DOUBLED by the Big Give Charity. If you're a tax payer, you can claim Gift Aid too. If you make a donation of £5 Kanyike could get £12.50. For more info: <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/charity/www.kanyikeproject.org.ok>

**Kanyike Supper Concert** Please come and enjoy a relaxed evening of food, wine and music on 16th December, arriving at 5.45pm for 6pm start. Tickets available from **01462 675117**.

**Letchworth Foodbank – St Vincent de Paul Society** Once again, we need to appeal to your continuing generosity and ask you to help us with our Christmas appeal. The Christmas list includes: Tinned Ham, Christmas Pudding, Christmas Cake, Box of Biscuits, Children's Selection Box, Box of Chocolates, Large Bar Chocolate (150/200g), Snacks & Nibbles (e.g. peanuts), Christmas Crackers. As always, we thank you all for your continued support.

**Diocese of Westminster Youth Mass** On Saturday 8 December, beginning at 3pm at St. Dominic's Priory (Southampton Rd, London NW5 4LB), Westminster Youth Ministry will be celebrating its annual Diocesan Youth Mass. Led by Bishop John Wilson. For more information as well as to apply for next year's free music scholarship visit [dowym.com](http://dowym.com)

**CAFOD** Please help yourselves to a CAFOD World Gifts catalogue in the porch. You can find lots of gifts ideas whilst supporting a worth while cause.

### **STM Artisan Christmas Market**

On 9th December the STM Parents Association will be running a Christmas market at Fortescue Hall from 10am to 4pm. This is not your usual Christmas Fayre. The Catholic Church has a strong and solid tradition in Social Justice and the Holy Father has been very vocal about bringing back our Christian values into the business world. Our market seeks to not only raise much needed funds for our school, it also wants to give a platform to local businesses run by local parents. In these times of economic uncertainty it is paramount that we pull together as a community and strive to make a difference. Research shows that for every £10 spent with a local independent shop, up to an additional £50 goes back into the local economy. Please come along and support this worthy initiative and get some Christmas shopping done! We have gourmet food, handcrafted decorations, artisan gin, designer clothes for children, artworks, ethical beauty products, wooden toys and fantastic gift ideas and the most delicious mulled wine!

**Healing and Wholeness Service** will take place at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Church in Hitchin this Sunday 2nd December at 2.30 pm.

**The Passage** is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 27th November – 12 noon Tues 4th December to support its work with homeless people this winter. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations, a donation of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 and with Gift Aid £22.50. For more info: [\*andrew.h@passage.org.uk\*](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

**The Salvation Army** are opening their hall on Christmas Day for anyone who might be on their own. There will be limited capacity so it will be first come. **How you can help?** They are looking for volunteers who can help on Christmas Day - drivers, servers, welcomers, befrienders, clearer uppers. Each volunteer will need to complete a form. They hope to give each guest a gift to unwrap. Can you provide a small gift suitable for male and female guests? They are also looking for donations to help cover the cost of the meal and other treats for the day. If you are able to help in anyway please contact Wendy on ***01462 677263 or 01438 351062***

**Orpheus Choir Christmas Concert** at Our Lady's Church 16 Nightingale Road, Hitchin will take place on Sat 8th December at 7.30pm. The evening will include: Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols, Northern Lights by Ola Gjeilo, O Magnum Mysterium & Ave Maria by Morten Lauridsen & Christmas carols to join in with. Tickets are £5 per person and includes refreshments. Please call the Parish office ***01462 459126***.

**Advent & Christmas Concert** with Jo Boyce & Friends, will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell, Stevenage, SG1 1NJ. To reserve Tickets please contact Sue Coy on 01438 234387 [\*suemcoy@ntlworld.com\*](mailto:suemcoy@ntlworld.com) Adult £8.00 each concession £6.00.

**Catholic History Walks** in London at Christmas and New Year will take place on Sunday 16th December 2018 & Wednesday 2nd January 2019, both at 3pm. Join the seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

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

Cardinal Vincent Nichols	Lucia Camisa
Fr Michael Lambert	Noreen Capewel
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	Pat Nevitt
Veda Ryan	Helen Fitzgibbons
Angela Scouller	George Powell

**Coffee After 9.30 Mass on Sunday**

2nd Dec - Youth Group

9th Dec - No Coffee

16th Dec - FHC

**Coffee will take place in  
St Hilda's Room**

**Collection: Sunday 25th November 2018**

Envelopes: £264.45; Loose: £372.12;

Standing Orders - £963.23

**TOTAL: £1599.80**

Sick & Retired Priest Fund £1677.43.

**Dates for your diary:**

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Sunday 9th Dec	St Thomas More PA Christmas Market	10am-4pm in Fortescue Hall
Sunday 16th Dec	St Hugh's Raffle - Grand Prize Draw	11am in The St Hilda Room
Sunday 16th Dec	Kanyike Supper Concert	6pm in Fortescue Hall
Wednesday 19th Dec	Parish Reconciliation Service	7.30pm in Church
Friday 4th Jan	Parish Christmas Party	7pm in the Parish House

**Our Catholic Schools**

**St Thomas More RC Primary School**, Highfield, Letchworth.

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk)

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

Tel: 01438 314643    [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Officer** - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636

**Hospital R C Team:** Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333

Via text message: 07884 187463 Email: [chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net](mailto: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.