

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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ps Week 2

Parish Mass Book: 160

The celebration of Christ the King invites us to place Christ at the centre of our lives and follow the example of Jesus the servant king in our attitudes and actions.

First Reading:

Daniel 7:13-14

The prophet Daniel sees a new king coming in glory.

Second Reading:

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ will gather all people into his embrace of mercy when he comes in glory.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Jesus is a witness to the gift of the kingdom of God. We catch glimpses of this kingdom when we see people living the value of justice, love truth and peace.

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.

Thank You Party Fr Jimmy would like to thank all parishioners who attended the Feast of St Hugh Parish Social last Sunday. It was lovely to see so many of you there and have time to talk with you all. Also a very big thank you to the ladies in the parish who baked cakes. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed. Many people complimented the food which was provided by Lunchmate in Station Place. A reminder the Parish Christmas Party will be held in the Parish House from 7pm, on Friday 4th January. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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 will be on sale after all Masses, 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.

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.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Cardinal Vincent was taken ill during Mass in the Cathedral. Following the advice of his doctor the Cardinal will be taking a period of rest, during which his appointments will be cancelled. Please keep the Cardinal 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.

Stevenage Deanery Mass for Deceased

Clergy will take place on Tuesday 27th November at 11:00am at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, SG1 1NJ.

Kanyike Supper Concert Please come and enjoy a relaxed evening of food, wine and music on 16th December. Tickets available from *01462 675117*.

Church Heating System

Our Church boiler is now 35 years old. Fr Jimmy and the parish finance committee are advised it needs to be replaced. Each time the boiler is repaired parts are becoming more difficult to obtain. Work will begin to replace our current boiler on 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. There is no plan to replace the Church heaters.

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

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection

Thank you for your generosity to the Sick & Retired priests' Fund. So far our parish has raised £1622.43. Please continue to pray for the sick and retired priests. For more information about this fund please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

The Madonna The original St. Hugh's Church had a statue of the Madonna and Child by Phoebe Stabler in a prominent place. When the new church was built the statue was transferred to the Lady Chapel. (For more information about the artist and her work please see 'Phoebe Gertrude Stabler 1879 - 1955' online). As Parishioners will be aware our statue has been in need of restoration for some time and has been taken to a local artist's studio for refurbishment. Hopefully it will be returned by Easter.

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*

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.

The John Henry Newman School are holding a Christmas Roller Disco on 1st December between 3-7:30pm. Tickets are available from parent pay and are £6 each. There will also be hot food, mocktails and games.

STM Parents Association will be running a Christmas Market in Fortescue Hall on Sunday 9th December from 10am - 4pm. The idea is to offer small local businesses, a platform while raising funds for our school. In addition to the market, there will also be a Santa's Grotto, food, drinks and a raffle. Please join us on the day and spread the word far and wide! If you are interested in booking a stall, please contact Emma on **07887992958: emmapuoi@hotmail.com** or Sarah on **07725869577: sarahemooremrs@gmail.com**

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.

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**

SASH Please note the SASH meeting due to be held on 29th November has been cancelled. For further details about SASH meetings please contact Patsy on **620397**.

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**

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

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**

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**.

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

Cardinal Vincent Nichols	
Lucia Camisa	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

25th Nov - KSC

2nd Dec - Youth Group

9th Dec - Prayer Group

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

Collection: Sunday 18th November 2018

Envelopes: £234.27; Loose: £435.72;

Standing Orders - £963.23

TOTAL: £1633.22

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Thursday 22nd Nov	Slaves in Our City - Caritas Westminster (London W1kK3AH)	6.30pm-8.30pm Farm Street Church .
Saturday 24th Nov	KiSS Dinner & Dance	The Broadway Hotel
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

Our Catholic Schools

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth.

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

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

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