

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 7pm) 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am. Holy Day Mass 9.30am &

7.30pm. Weekday Mass Mon-Thurs 9.30am. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Fri 9.30am. Morning Prayer Mon-Fri 9.10am. Confessions: Thursday & Saturday 10.00-10.30; Sat 6.15 to 6.45; & on request.



15th March 2020 The Third Sunday of Lent Year A Psalter Week 3

Please note, we have been advised to withdraw from use Parish Mass Books & hymn books. Other arrangements are being made for us to follow the Mass.

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*

The Israelites, dying of thirst in the desert, begin to doubt God's love for them. At God's command, Moses strikes the rock with his staff and out gushes water.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2. 5-8*

God's love is overflowing, which is why Christ came to save us, not because we deserve it. Trusting in God's love, we face the future with hope.

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*

The conversion of Samaria begins when Jesus stops by a well, where he meets a Samaritan woman coming to draw water. She gives him a drink, he, in turn, offers her the living water of God's spirit

Reflection: As we approach the halfway point of our Lenten journey to Holy Week and Christ's cross and resurrection, we hear how Jesus was in the middle of a one of his missionary and pastoral journeys. He knows what it is like to feel helpless, parched and weary. Understanding human need, Jesus offers an experience of God's Spirit to quench our deepest longings.

Public Health

The best way of protecting ourselves and each other from the spread of any virus is to maintain good hygiene by washing our hands thoroughly and regularly. We have been advised to suspend the physical sign of peace and reception of communion from the chalice. Anyone who is feeling unwell, or has cold or flu is not obliged to attend Mass. The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales recommends receiving communion in the hand only. Alcohol sanitiser is in short supply and we have been unable to source it. Eucharistic Ministers are reminded to wash their hands in the sacristy before and after communion.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

The next Confirmation session is on Monday 16th March at 8pm, in the St Hilda Room.

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient and beautiful part of our Lenten journey and our Lenten prayer. They mark Jesus' final journey through his passion and death on the cross. While we are unable to make the Stations as often as we like in Church this Lent due to the Church being re-decorated, there are lots of resources available to enable us to make these as a group, family or individually. Please join us in Church for the Stations at 7.30pm on both Monday 30th March and Monday 6th April.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Friday, 6th March was Lent Family Fast Day. Thank you for your offering to CAFOD of £1,172.99. You can still return your CAFOD envelope this weekend if you need to. Thank you much for your continued support and generosity. For information and on-line donations please visit;
www.cafod.org.uk

Parish Reconciliation Service takes place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st April. Gathering as a community seeking the love and mercy of the Lord before entering into the mysteries of Holy Week is a wonderful way to prepare for the Great Week and Easter. Priests will be available to hear confessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Journey in Faith This Sunday during the 11.30 Mass, Michelle and Mutairu, the Elect, will stand with us, and listen and receive the Apostles Creed. Please keep Mutariu and Michelle, in your prayers. The RCIA group meets on Wednesday, 18th March at 7.30pm in the St Hilda Room.

Lenten Retreat Online with St. John of the Cross -Dare to Love

www.retreat-online.karmel.at If you would like to follow this in a group after Mass please contact Jane on:
jane.e.snelling@outlook.com

Lenten Alms - Cardinal's Lenten Appeal

Please take a Lenten Alms envelope as you leave Mass. Lenten Alms contributes to three mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and Service in Society. With your support, the Cardinal has launched a programme focusing on the food poverty affecting people in every part of the Diocese, much of it hidden. Funds will support foodbanks, schools and other initiatives to relieve poverty, helping people back on their feet and able to live independently. The Cardinal is also calling everyone to consider volunteering. Thank you for your generosity. For more details please visit:

CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

Church Decoration

Parishioners are invited to view computer generated images of what the Sanctuary of the Church would look like under various suggested schemes. Please follow the link below. <https://alanjryan.smugmug.com/St-Hugh-Decoration/>

This link can also be found on the parish website. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth/>

Funeral Announcement

The Funeral Mass for the late Vinicio Pica will take place here on Friday 27th March at 10:30am. Followed by private cremation at North Hertfordshire Memorial Park. Please keep the Pica family in your prayers.

Help the Flower Arrangers for Easter

Parishioners are welcome to help the flower arrangers decorate the Church on Holy Saturday morning, 11t April. No experience needed. Please call Jacquie on **01462 675117** If you can commit to an hour or so. Thanks

SASH - Do you remember listening to Uncle Mac's favourites' on the radio? Have you moved to Letchworth to help with your grand children? Do you want to meet mature people? Join or re-join the SASH group this year. Whilst work is being carried out in the church we will meet at 2pm on alternate Wednesdays in the **FORTESCUE HALL**.
March 25 - Easter table decoration or bonnet
April 15 - My Easter memory
April 29 - Out to Tea

Settlement Scheme for European Citizens

We have been asked by Cardinal Vincent Nichols to share with you a statement from Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. "All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process are at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities" Please note, Irish citizens and anyone else living in the U.K. through the Common Travel Area (CTA) Agreement are not required to apply.

STM PA Bingo Evening

The STM Parents Association are holding a Bingo Evening on Friday 20th March, arrive from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 per person which includes a curry from Shapla White. Games are £2 for 3 strips. If you would like tickets or any more info please email pta.stthomasmore@gmail.com

Locrian Chamber Choir with String Orchestra will perform their Spring Concert here this Sunday, 15th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 and are available on the door on the evening.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Vinnie Pack Appeal We thank you very much for such a generous response to our "Vinnie Pack" Appeal during Advent. You donated £1,121.83 which will help greatly in providing basic cold weather items for people who are rough sleeping or homeless. Our packs include a thermal hat, gloves, socks and basic toiletries. These small comforts are greatly appreciated by those who need them.

Table Top Sale in aid of STM PA

On Sunday 29th March after 9:30 Mass in Fortescue Hall Come and buy/sell new/nearly new children's items including books, clothes and toys. Secondhand uniform will also be for sale. A good opportunity to have a clear out during Lent. Set up from 9am. This will be instead of the coffee morning and refreshments will be available. If you would like to book a table please email ceciliajmj@googlemail.com.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament Matrimony Westminster Cathedral Saturday 30th May at 3pm.

The Cardinal will be inviting all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and every year over 60th) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020 to this Mass. If you are celebrating an anniversary please send your details to the Parish Office, no later than 25th March. The details should include husband & wife's name, wedding date, full postal address, email address and telephone number. Thank you.

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	Samuel Robinson
Angela Horne	Mick McGrinder
Christopher Gillham	Anna Harte
Della Stockwell	George Marston
Margaret Haywood	Joe Fernandes
Debbie Giacobelli	Aron Haughton
Nellie O'Brien	Peter Elmers
Sylvia Hills	

Coffee After 9.30 Mass on Sunday

15th March– Youth Group
22nd March - STM PA

Lent Faith Sharing Booklets are now available in the Church porch for a donation of £1. Please put the money in the newspaper box. The Children's Lent Calendar is free, please take one.

Parish Collection Sunday 8th March

Envelopes: £288.72; Loose: £526.64;
Standing Orders: £1,202 ; Total £2017.36

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event/Activity	Time & Place
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick's Day Coffee after Mass	9.30am in Church The St Hilda Room
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph, Patron of the Diocese Coffee after Mass	9.30am in Church The St Hilda Room
Wednesday 25th March	Annunciation of the Lord	9.30am in Church
Wednesday 1st April	Parish Reconciliation Service	7.30pm in Church
Sunday 12th April	Easter Sunday	
Sunday 3rd, 10th, 17th May	FHC Masses	9.30am in Church
Sunday 7th June	Sacrament of Confirmation	9.30am Church

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

Safeguarding Officer - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 lethworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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.