

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office open: Monday, Tue and Thursday 9am—1pm

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 7pm) 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: a reading from prophet Jeremiah 1: 4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 70: 1-6. 15. 17. R v.15

My lips will tell of your help.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:13-13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love: and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 4: 21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.

Collect / Opening Prayer

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.

From The Presbytery Window

Christ the prophet

Following Jesus's own use of words from the prophet of Isaiah in last week's Gospel, our readings help us consider the rejection faced by God's prophets. We also receive words we can rely on, words of love and trust. God's word to Jeremiah confirm him in his calling and reassure him despite trials he will never be abandoned. The Psalmist sings of God's help, justice, strength and dependency. From his youth God has never failed him. Paul's beautiful hymn to love in the letter to the Corinthians, teaches us love is the only true way of life, sustaining us whatever happens., the people of Nazareth react to Jesus's challenging words in the Gospel with anger and some even try to kill him. Early on Luke shows Jesus reaching out to people on the margins of society. Some people react to Jesus's challenging words with anger and some even try to kill him. In his rejection the cross is already present. Perhaps this week we may pray for the gift of trust in God's love which conquers all things.

Fr Jimmy

Praying with Pope Francis

Every month Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His **monthly prayer intention** is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. This month, we pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. We pray with Pope Francis.

A video message from the Pope reflecting on religious discrimination is available on our Parish website.

Funerals

The Funeral Mass for Zbyszek Ciolko, who died on 04th January 2022, is at 11.30am (please note this has been changed from 11am) on 02nd February. Fr Cezary and Fr Jimmy will concelebrate.

Memorial Masses

If one of your loved ones has passed away during the pandemic and their funeral was affected by Government guidelines, you are very welcome to organise a Memorial Mass so that family and friends can gather, celebrate their life and honour their passing. Please book an appointment with Fr Jimmy via the Parish Office.

A Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Julie Cranston will be celebrated on Sat 19th Feb at 6pm.

St Thomas More's PA Bake Sale

The STM Parents' Association is currently raising funds to create a Prayer Garden at school. Cakes, biscuits and other baked goods will be on sale after 9.30am Mass and before 11.30am Mass on 6th Feb. Please support this initiative so you can set the PA off in their fundraising efforts. The target to reach before the end of the academic year is £1000 in order to secure the plants, material and labour to set up the garden. However, it would be lovely to be able to afford a statue of St Francis to place in the garden for the children to reflect and pray. Keep an eye out for other initiatives to support our Primary school.

Covid19 Guidance for Acts of Worship

The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from covid infection is to be fully vaccinated; this means two doses plus a booster for anyone aged 16 or over. The Church in England and Wales supports the vaccination programme and encourages people to be vaccinated. The scientific consensus is we are transitioning from a pandemic stage to an endemic one. There is still a risk associated with gathering for prolonged periods in enclosed spaces. However, as we move safely towards a normal lifestyle, some of the anti-covid measures taken so far can be relaxed.

Hymn and Mass books will be available from Sat 6th Feb. The Sign of the Peace will be re-

introduced from the First Sunday of Lent, 6th March. No change yet regarding receiving Communion on the tongue. For a full version of the Catholic Bishops' Conference Guidance for Churches—January 2022, please check the parish website.

Catholic Children's Society – Offerings at the Crib, FINAL WEEK

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. Our Parish will be donating our Crib and candle offerings until 2nd February, The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to the CCS. Donations can also be made via www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

Key-holders Register

As you can appreciate, safety is paramount. We would therefore like to update our parish records as, due to Covid, this has not been done for a while. If you are in possession of a set of keys for Church and/or Fortescue hall, please contact the Parish Office so your name can be noted down. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and thank you to those who have already come forward.

Meditation Group

Meditation is a calming way of leading into stillness, into a deep awareness of God's presence. Our meditation group meets every Tuesday from 5.30. to 6.30 in the St Hilda room. All are welcome. We listen to a short reading, meditate and conclude with a time of reflection. For further information please see the notice board in the church porch or contact Patricia on 01462 684118

Baptism Course

If you wish to have your child Baptised, attending a preparation course is essential. Please be reminded that the Church encourages parents to Baptise their children as soon as possible after birth. As a congregation, we would love to welcome your child into our shared Faith. Every baby is a new addition not only to their nuclear family but also to our Catholic family throughout the world. The next course will run on 06th March after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda's Room.

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MASS INTENTIONS
FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 Saturday 29th to Sunday 06th February 2022

Saturday 29th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Fr Patrick Howard RIP Fr Desmond Baker RIP
Monday 31st January Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest	9.30am	Susan O'Brien RIP
Tuesday 1st February Feria	9.30am	June Hatley RIP
Wednesday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord	9.30am	People of Parish and St Thomas More School
Thursday 3rd February Memorial of Ss. Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury	9.30am	Sr Joan Yates RIP
Friday 4th February Feria	9.30am	Fr Desmond Baker RIP
Saturday 5th February Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	9.30am 6.00pm	Agata Rizzo RIP
6th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Fr Dominic Byrne RIP Leonardo Antonaci RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

If you wish to book a Mass, please contact the Parish Office. You can offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one, for someone who is struggling, for someone's spiritual wellbeing. "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!", Pope Paul VI. Mass offering is a tradition that goes back to the Early Church which has been kept alive generation after generation for two thousand years. Please note:

- ◆ Due to Covid19, we have moved Mass cards from the porch but they are available from the parish office.
- ◆ All Masses to be celebrated in February have already been booked. Available dates start from March.

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

Lucia Camisa	
Stephen Prohaska	Angela Horne
Anna Harte	Christopher Gillham
Della Stockwell	Joe Fernandes
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Ken Freeman	Toby Hughes
Mary Wallace	Philomena Johnson
Reg Rolph	Mick McGrinder
George Marston	Tony Burns
Aron Haughton	Elizabeth McKenna

Easy Giving

To make giving to your parish easier there is a Contactless Machine in the Church porch. You can also contribute via our parish website; www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth Thank you.

Standing Order

Making your offering to the Church by Standing Order is simple and enables the Finance Committee and Fr Jimmy to plan the parish finances accurately and budget accordingly. Please contact the Parish House if you would like information about giving by Standing Order.

Dates for your diary:

Sun 30th Jan	Enrolment mass for Confirmation candidates
Wed 2nd Feb	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Mass 9.3am
Sun 13th Feb	Racial Justice Sunday
Tue 1st Mar	Feast of St David, Patron of Wales, Mass 9.30am
Wed 2nd Mar	Ash Wednesday. Mass with the Blessing & Distribution of Ashes 9.30am and 7.30pm.
Sun 6th Mar	Baptism course, St Hilda's Room after 9.30 Mass
Thu 17th Mar	Feast, St Patrick, Patron of Ireland, Mass with the Blessing of Shamrock 9.30am
Sat 19th Mar	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church & Patron of Westminster Diocese, Mass 9.30am with the Litany of St Joseph

Our Catholic Schools

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

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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.