

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: a reading from prophet Jeremiah 17: 5-8

A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust on the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 1: 1-4. 6. R Ps 39:5

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your believing his useless.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:17. 20-26

Happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.

Collect / Opening Prayer

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

From The Presbytery Window

Happy are those who trust in the Lord

The word of God reflects on happiness and trust in our readings this week. Looking for happiness has always been at the core of people's preoccupations. Jeremiah tells his audience they need to make a clear choice; either they trust only in people, or in God. With striking images from nature, Jeremiah contrasts dry, wild wastelands with a luxurious tree growing by the waterside. Using similar imagery Psalm 1 makes the same point, trusting in the Lord will bring happiness. It starts with a 'beatitude' which is also at the core of the Gospel. Luke's Beatitudes are shorter than and include warnings for those who have made wrong choices; 'Alas for you ...' For Paul it is Christ's resurrection which is the source of our hope and happiness. If he had not risen, we would have remained the most unfortunate of all people. Our prayer this week may well centre around the choices we have made, do make, and will make, as we try to find happiness, not just for ourselves, but for those around us and the world at large. We can also ask the Lord for greater trust in him.

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 religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.** We pray with Pope Francis. A video message from the Pope reflecting on the role, importance and challenges of consecrated women is available on our Parish website.

Funerals

The Funeral Mass for Carino Rosa will be celebrated on Tue 15th February at 11am.

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.

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.

Welcome back

Last week, we were very pleased to welcome back some of the smallest members of our Parish. The Children's Liturgy Sessions, for children from 4 to 7, have resumed in person in the St Hilda's Room. They run every Sunday, term time only, during 9.30am Mass. Please pray for our little children and their catechists as they build the foundations of their Faith.

Thank You!

The STM Parents' Association would like to thank the whole congregation for the warm welcome and the support received.

£128 was raised which is fantastic! Look out for more Bake Sales after Easter.

Job Opportunity at JHN

Invigilators required ASAP £8.91 per hour rising to £9.50 per hour from April 2022 An opportunity has arisen for invigilators to join our existing team. The ideal candidate will have strong communication and organisational skills and possibly the ability to act as a scribe and reader. No experience is necessary, as training will be given. Applicants will need to be available for work in the main examination period during May and June. Please contact Heidi Foyle (foyleh@jhn.herts.sch.uk) for further information and an application pack.

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.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

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MASS INTENTIONS
SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 12th to Sunday 20th February 2022

Saturday 12th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Sister Joan Yates RIP
Sunday 13th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Lizzie Dean RIP People of the Parish
Monday 14th Feast of SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	9.30am	Sister Joan Yates RIP
Tuesday 15th Feria	11am	Funeral Mass for Carino Rosa
Wednesday 16 th Feria	9.30am	Lizzie Dean RIP
Thursday 17th Feria	9.30am	Patrick Whyte RIP
Friday 18th Votive Mass of the Mystery of the Holy Cross	9.30am	Philip and Bridget Dean INT
Saturday 19th February Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Nazzaro Bob Roberti RIP Julie Cranston RIP
Sunday 20th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Luigi Rizzo 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.parish.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:

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
Fri 11th Mar	CAFOD Lent Fast Day, Small Acts of Love Make Big Things Happen
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

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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.