

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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: a reading from the first book of Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23
The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 102: 1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R v.8

The Lord is compassion and love.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49
We who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38
Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

Collect / Opening Prayer

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

From The Presbytery Window

“My soul, give thanks to the Lord!”

Our readings invite and challenge us to live generous, kind-hearted lives of compassion, mercy and love. In the first reading, David, the future king of Israel, shows great magnanimity in sparing the life of his persecutor Saul. The dramatic incident in the camp highlights David's ingenuity and sense of honour, indicating Saul's days as king of Israel are numbered. These events prepare us for today's challenging Gospel, where Jesus urges us to show forgiveness even to our enemies and to be 'compassionate as your Father is compassionate'. The last verses make clear the demands of the kingdom can only be understood in the light of our relationship with God. St Paul teaches though there is much of the 'earthly Adam' in all of us, our desire and yearning must be to live and love as did Jesus Christ, the 'heavenly Adam'. Psalm 102 is a song of praise and gratitude for the Lord's own compassion and love. Given our 'earthbound' nature, we are all too aware we cannot live out the teachings of Jesus without help! This week, we might pray for the grace to be open both to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to the life of the risen Lord working in, with and through us. We pray, too, people everywhere may be open to God's compassion and love.

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. 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.** A video message from the Pope reflecting on the role, importance and challenges of consecrated women is available on our Parish website.

Memorial Masses

If a loved one 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.

Covid19 Guidance for Acts of Worship

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.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Fundraising Concert at Holy Trinity Church, London

The Passage a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3 March at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets at passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert or telephone 020 75921856

Diocese of Westminster Network meeting for all who welcome and support asylum seekers, migrants and refugees. Thursday 10th March 2022, 2pm- 3:30pm - online.

Join a community of support, hosted by Caritas Westminster, Join a community of support, hosted by Caritas Westminster, to share ideas and skills to help your parish and school become even more of a place of welcome and inclusion-for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

At this session we will be hearing from Megan from Schools of Sanctuary, Anjali from Newman Catholic College, as well as Ines from the Notre Dame Refugee Centre and Ed from ESOL provider, Twin. Please sign up on this website: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/asylum-seeker-and-refugee-response-network-schools-of-sanctuary-tickets-251155893037?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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

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

The next course will run on 06th March after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda's Room. con

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
SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th February 2022

Saturday 19th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Julie Cranston RIP
Sunday 20th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Luigi Rizzo RIP
Monday 21st Feria	9.30am	NO MASS
Tuesday 22nd Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle	9.30am	Lizzie Dean RIP
Wednesday 23rd Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	9.30am	Philip and Bridget Dean INT
Thursday 24th Feria	9.30am	Bob and Trish Haines INT
Friday 25th Feria	9.30am	NO MASS
Saturday 26th February Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Jason Allan RIP Lourdes Escano RIP
Sunday 27th February Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Amitha Jayawardene INT People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS:

St. John Paul II emphasized the graces that come when a Mass is offered. "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice." Masses can be offered not just for the repose of a soul but also in thanksgiving, celebration and for someone's health and wellbeing.

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 mid-March.

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

Lucia Camisa	James Stoppard
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.

Catholic Children’s Society Collection

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting our Crib collection during the Christmas Season. An amazing £1304.91 was raised. This money will go towards supporting families throughout our Diocese, including in our parish.

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
Tue 12th Apr	Concert at St Hugh of Lincoln

Our Catholic Schools

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

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

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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.