

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 6pm) 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 5.15 to 5.45; & on request.



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: a reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Do not praise a man before he has spoken.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R cf v.2

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

Collect / Opening Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion.

From The Presbytery Window

The disciple will imitate their teacher

Our readings remind us our words and actions reflect the reality of our inner selves. Even as we pray and long to live the values of Jesus, our speech may betray the ways in which we have yet to be fully converted, and show our need for God's mercy. Our first reading encourages us to be discriminating in conversation with others, noticing the quality and content of another's speech before choosing to imitate them. Jesus in the Gospel invites us to choose him as our teacher and guide, 'the fully trained disciple will always be like their teacher'. We're reminded to avoid the temptation to follow others blindly or to criticise them when our own faults are as evident. Our lives will reflect our own purity of heart and likeness to Jesus. While this may seem a hard teaching and difficult to put into practice, St Paul tells us we should never give up, never admit defeat, because while we are working at the Lord's work, we can never be labouring fruitlessly. God will always give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! So we can recite the Psalm with joy, offering praise and thanks to the Lord, who sustains those who place their trust in God. Rooted in Jesus, we will flourish like a palm tree or a Lebanon cedar by an oasis, forever proclaiming the goodness of God. *Fr Jimmy*

Praying with Pope Francis

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.

ASH WEDNASDAY SERVICES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: 9.30AM AND 7.30PM Please join us at one of these services to start our Lenten journey of reflection and prayer.

Funerals and Memorial Masses

Please note the following dates as they entail changes to normal Mass times.

10th March 12noon: Funeral Mass for Gerald Meyers.

14th March 12.30: Funeral Mass for Eduardo Cavaliere.

21st March: Funeral Mass for Emma Majlath.

24th March 10.30am: Memorial Mass for Peter Ellmers.

If you wish to arrange a Memorial Mass for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office and book an appointment to see Fr Jimmy.

Lenten Resource—Encountering The Spirit

“**Encountering the Spirit**” is a faith-sharing resource produced by the Agency for Evangelisation team for Lent 2022. It is offered to encourage and enable the continuation of “spiritual conversations” begun during the parish listening phase of the diocesan synodal process. It can be used in many different ways; by existing small communities, by newly-formed groups in homes or at church, or by synodal parish gatherings during the week or after weekend or weekday Masses. Fr Chris Vipers, Head of the Agency for evangelisation says, ‘We have travelled a long way in a short time, and we have learnt so much from one another in these days. Our hope is that this resource for our Lenten journey will take us further – and deeper’. **Encountering The Spirit** is available to download: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/>.

Fundraising Concert in our Church

On Wed 13th April at 7pm, John Edwards will be directing the Jubilate Chamber Choir in Haydn’s Passion - The Seven Last Words. Proceeds will be donated to Caritas Bakhita House to provide accommodation and support to women escaping human trafficking and modern slavery.

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

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.

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.

A Message from Cardinal Vincent

Together with the Pastoral letter, Cardinal Vincent has sent a video message to pupils across our Diocese to invite them and their families to attend Church once more. Online streaming has been a wonderful tool keeping us united as a community. As we take steps towards normality, our Cardinal invites everyone to physically attend Mass once more if their health allows it.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 11 March**. Join in Family Fast Day with your parish, friends and family so that more children can grow up big and strong. By eating simply and giving what you save, you’ll be making a place at your table for disadvantaged children this Lent. Because no child should go hungry.

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MASS INTENTIONS
EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 Saturday 26th February to Sunday 6th March 2022

Saturday 26th February Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Lourdes Ascano RIP
Sunday 27th February Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Amithe Jayawardene INT People of the Parish
Monday 28th February Feria	9.30am	Fr Dominic Byrne RIP
Tuesday 1st March Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	9.30am	Maurice Boughton RIP
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	9.30am 7.30om	People of the Parish Ranjith Dhannapala RIP
Thursday 3rd March Lent Feria	9.30am	Della Stockwell RIP
Friday 4th March Lent Feria	9.30am	Lizzie Dean RIP
Saturday 5th March Lent Feria Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Matthew Brotherton RIP Barbara Hunt RIP
Sunday 6th March First Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Leonardo Antonaci RIP

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
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
Anna Harte	Christopher Gillham
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Ken Freeman	Toby Hughes
Mary Wallace	Philomena Johnson
Reg Rolph	Mick McGrinder
George Marston	Tony Burns

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
Wed 13th Apr	Concert at St Hugh of Lincoln, Hayn’s Passion 7pm performed by the Jubilate Chamber Choir

Our Catholic Schools

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

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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.