

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office: Monday 9-2.30pm, Tuesday 9-2pm and Thursday 9am—2.30pm

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 6pm) 9.30am & 11.30am. Holy Day Mass 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 9.30am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9.10am.

Adoration & Confession Wednesday & Saturday 10.00-10.30. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45 & on request.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 1

FIRST READING: a reading from the book of Isaiah 43: 16-21

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 125 R v.3

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.

SECOND READING: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 18: 1-11

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first person to throw a stone at her.

Collect / Opening Prayer

Grant, o Lord, to these chosen ones that, instructed in the holy mysteries, they may receive new life at the font of Baptism and be numbered among the members of your church.

From The Presbytery Window

All I want is to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection!

We are invited to recognise the utter completeness of God's forgiveness and his desire to restore us to new life. The prophet Isaiah tells us the people learned anew their God was to be known not only through remembering the past but in the experience of their lives now.

Psalm 125 recalls and celebrates the joy experienced by the exiles as they return home. God's mercies in the past give grounds for hope in present distress. Paul loves Christ very deeply and vividly longs to 'have Christ, and be given a place in him'. He yearns to be in an intimate relationship with him. Yet he also knows he cannot be complacent and is still 'straining ahead' for what is to come.

The Gospel tells the story of those who want public humiliation and condemnation of the woman taken in adultery and of Jesus himself. The accusers have a narrow view of the mercy of God and want to use the woman as an opportunity for scoring points against Jesus. Jesus understands wisely and demonstrates bravely the overwhelming mercy of God. We pray to experience the complete acceptance and forgiveness of Jesus in our lives. As followers of Christ, may we be heralds of his life-giving love, mercy and freedom to the world. We continue to pray for peace across the world, especially in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. **Fr Jimmy**

Praying with Pope Francis

In April, we pray with Pope Francis for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. Amen. Pope's Prayer Network: Pope's WorldWide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) - EYM (popesprayer.va)

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

4th April 10.30am: Funeral Mass for Dominic Murphy.

6th April 9.30am: Funeral Mass for Rose McGowan.

25th April 11.30am: Memorial Mass for John Hardy.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

Wed 6th April at 7.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesday at 7.30pm & Fri after 9.30am Mass.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

A leaflet detailing our Easter services is now available on our website and on the desk at the back of our church.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Please note that the two meetings have now been cancelled and will run on different dates, yet to be decided.

As a Parish, we have collected and assimilated your thoughts and comments from our listening events and handouts during Advent. These were passed onto the diocese and will join the contributions of the world Church in Rome in 2023.

We would like to share this information with you and we'll be holding two events in Easter so that you can listen and consider how we can, as a parish, further journey together in a missionary spirit and develop our visions and dreams.

Everyone welcome! This may be an opportune time to invite family and friends distant from the Church and of other faiths or none.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised that the office will be closed from Thu 7th to Wed 20th April. For urgent queries, please speak to Fr Jimmy.

CAFOD & The DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal www.dec.org.uk

In union with Pope Francis, Cardinal Vincent Nichols consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the evening of Friday March 25, 2022. The Mass and Act of Consecration took place at Westminster Cathedral at 5:30pm. It was attended by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Gugerotti, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Fiona Bruce, MP, representing Her Majesty's Government and representatives from fellow Christian Churches. "At that moment of his dying, Jesus said to each of us that Mary, His mother, standing at the foot of the cross, is to be our mother also. His words, 'This is your mother', spoken in the great pain of His last agony, touch our hearts and shape our daily prayer. [We] turn to our heavenly Mother in this great worldwide act of Consecration, the words of which express and explore so much of our faith and of our trust in her. [...] in raising our minds and hearts to God, we do so in union with the death and resurrection of Jesus, turning fervently to the one who is given to be a Mother of us all. I invite you all into this pathway of prayer. Let the prayer of each one of us be a prayer for peace in our broken and troubled world." *Cardinal Vincent*

If you wish to donate to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, please visit the CAFOD website above or Caritas www.caritas.org.

LENTEN RESOURCE—

ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT is a faith-sharing resource produced by the Agency for Evangelisation team for Lent 2022. *Encountering The Spirit* is available to download here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/>.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next available course is on 26th June 2022 after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda's Room. Please contact the office to book your place.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT:

Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th April 2022

Saturday 2nd April

Vigil Mass 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 3rd April, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Holy Souls

11.30am Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Monday 4th April

Funeral Mass 10.30am Dominic Murphy RIP

Tuesday 5th April, Lent Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 6th April

Funeral Mass 9.30am Rose McGowan RIP

Thursday 7th April, Lent Feria

9.30am Mary Quinn RIP

Friday 8th April, Lent Feria

9.30am For CAFOD INT

Saturday 9th April, Lent Feria

9.30am Catherine McCabe RIP

Vigil Mass 6.00pm Josephine Meeten RIP

Sunday 10th April, Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Fr Desmond Baker RIP

MASS BOOKINGS:

“The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer” *Pope Paul VI*. 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 April have already been booked. Available dates start from May.
- If you wish to arrange a Memorial Mass for a loved one, please get in touch with the office to arrange an appointment.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER CARDINAL’S LENTEN APPEAL 2022 - see info on desk. The *Mosaic Magazine* issued for the appeal is available online here:

[Mosaic, Lent 2022 by RCWestminster - Issuu](#)

A THANK YOU FROM STM

Thank you to all the parishioners who joined the children and parents of our primary school on the walk for Peace. It was a lovely gathering and the hot cross buns a welcome treat after the walk. The school can’t wait to see you all again at the STM Summer Festival on 10th July. Save the date!

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (UK)

Calling all Doctors, Nurses and Carers to join The Catholic Medical Association Annual Conference 2022 At St Mary’s University, Twickenham April 23rd 2022 “Palliative Care: The Christian Way”. For details and application contact: cygnetdoc@aol.com or cmaconf39@gmail.com Website: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

FOODBANK EASTER OPENINGS

The Distribution Centre at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall will be open on Good Friday April 15th from 10am to 12 noon. The Hitchin and Baldock centres will remain closed. All will return to normal hours on Tuesday April 19th.

EARTH DAY CLIMATE CONFERENCE

Dates: Saturday 23 April and/or Sunday 24 April 2022

Times: 1.00pm - 5.00pm (London time)

Level: Open to all

Invited contribution: £65

Venue: London Jesuit Centre

Register: [London Jesuit Centre EARTH DAY CLIMATE CONFERENCE 23/24 April 2022 \(office.com\)](#)

Overview

Climate change is perhaps the defining issue of our time. The London Jesuit Centre is excited to host an online conference exploring the climate crisis, how to respond, and where God is working within it. Join us this Earth Day weekend for a range of fascinating and provocative talks from experts and practitioners at the cutting edge of the response to the climate crisis.

MASS TIMES AFTER EASTER

Please note that morning Mass during the Octave of Easter will be celebrated at 10am.

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

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
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

Collection for March 2022: in church collection: £1946.55 Thank you for your generosity.

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 with 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.

Planned Giving: Parishioners who are part of our Planned Giving Scheme can collect their box of envelopes from the Church. Thank you for your offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th April	Parish Reconciliation Service 7.30pm
Wednesday 13th April	Concert at St Hugh of Lincoln, Haydn's Passion 7pm performed by the Jubilate Chamber Choir
Sunday 24th April	STM Bake sale after 9.30am Mass.
Monday 2nd May	Annual Mass for Migrants at Westminster Cathedral. 2pm: Banner procession; 2.30pm Mass.

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 letchworthsg@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.