

# 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.



## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT— Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 1**

**FIRST READING:** a reading from the book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

*The creed of the chosen people.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R v.15

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13

*The creed of the Christian.*

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

*Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.*

### **Collect / Opening Prayer**

*Grant us, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.*

## **From The Presbytery Window**

*'If you are the Son of God'* - On our journey through Lent we trust in the call of the Spirit who beckons us out into the wilderness to see more clearly, to love more dearly and to follow more nearly, the Lord of Life. Our first reading shows faith in the Lord leads to deliverance into life and fullness. It anticipates something of the saving power of Christ which brings an abundance of life. In his letter to the Romans St Paul reminds us our salvation is very near as the Word is alive and active in our hearts and on our lips. Our Psalm speaks of the Lord who is with us in all our distress and in whom we can trust. Jesus puts his trust in the Father and overcoming his testing, he continues to walk in the way of love. We pray we may stay close to Jesus as we journey with him toward his Passion in Holy Week. Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from every kind of evil. *Fr Jimmy*

## **Praying with Pope Francis**

The release of the Pope's video message on this month's intentions has been postponed to next week. His Holiness has called for all Catholics to pray and fast for Peace in Ukraine. "Those who wage war forget humanity. They do not start from the people, they do not look at the real life of people, but place partisan interests and power before all else. They trust in the diabolical and perverse logic of weapons, which is the furthest from the logic of God. And they distance themselves from ordinary people, who want peace, and who – the ordinary people – are the real victims in every conflict, who pay for the follies of war with their own skin. I think of the elderly, of those who seek refuge in these times, of mothers fleeing with their children... They are brothers and sisters for whom it is urgent to open humanitarian corridors, and who must be welcomed. With a heart broken by what is happening in Ukraine – and let us not forget the wars in other parts of the world, such as Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia... – I repeat: put down your weapons! God is with the peacemakers, not with those who use violence." **Pope Francis, Angelus, 27th Feb 2022.**

## Funerals and Memorial Masses

10th March 12noon: Funeral Mass for Gerald (Gerry) Myers.

14th March 12.30: Funeral Mass for Eduardo (Pino) Cavaliere.

21st March: Funeral Mass for Emma Majlath.

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

28th March 11am: Funeral Mass for Della Stockwell.

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

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. *Encountering The Spirit* is available to download here: <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.

## CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

Please take a CAFOD envelope and return it following CAFOD Lent Fast Day on Friday 11th March.

**Caritas Westminster Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal 2022** - see info on desk.

## Lenten Material

The Walk with Me Lenten Journey of Prayer is available priced £1. It has a reflection for each day of Lent. Also available free of charge is the Walk with Me Children’s Calendar for Lent.

## Baptism course

Unfortunately, this Sunday session has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. A new date will be available shortly.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our First Holy Communion Children have had their First Reconciliation on Sat 5th March. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation.

## CAFOD & The DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)

As Russia's invasion of Ukraine brings destruction and death to its cities forcing thousands of Ukrainians to flee their homes, CAFOD has joined with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help in a rapidly worsening humanitarian crisis. Ahead of Thursday’s DEC appeal, CAFOD committed £100,000 in funds to its partners in Caritas Internationalis, one of the world's largest aid networks. Caritas Ukraine, Caritas Spes Ukraine and partners in neighbouring countries are on the ground supporting families caught up in the conflict. On Tuesday a Caritas Spes shelter in Kharkiv was hit by shelling while families sheltered on a lower floor of the building. CAFOD's local Caritas partners have sent reports from the ground in Ukraine. Tetiana Stawnychy, President of Caritas Ukraine, said: "The current crisis will inevitably lead to a colossal humanitarian catastrophe.

I am truly proud of our team who are working hard to look to the needs of the most vulnerable. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from our partners and people of good will from abroad. This is a huge trauma. I see a lot of parents struggling to shepherd their children through this, running them to the basement whenever the air raid sirens go off. People are moving. We have 25 welcome centres in Ukraine providing hot food, shelter, psycho-social support, a warm place to sleep and helping people on their way. We've also been helping along the borders providing tents, heaters, hot food, drinks and psycho-social support to women and children who are scared."

**You can help the people of Ukraine** in the following ways: **pray** for those affected by the war; **donate** to the DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal [dec.org.uk](http://dec.org.uk) £30 provides essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month; £50 provides blankets for four families; £100 provides emergency food for two families for one month; **urge the British Government** to work for peace in Ukraine and safety for refugees.

**ST HUGH OF LINCOLN**  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**FIRST WEEK OF LENT**  
Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th March 2022

Saturday 5th March <b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.00pm	Barbara Hunt
Sunday 6th March <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Leonardo Antonaci RIP
Monday 7th March <b>Lent Feria</b>	9.30am	Bridie Duignan INT
Tuesday 8th March <b>Lent Feria</b>	9.30am	Anne & Eugene Neary RIP
Wednesday 9th March <b>Lent Feria</b>	9.30am	Pat Whyte RIP
Thursday 10th March <b>Funeral Mass</b>	12 noon	Gerry Myers RIP
Friday 11th March <b>Lent Feria</b>	9.30am	Lizzie Dean RIP
Saturday 12th March <b>Lent Feria</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	9.30am 6.00pm	Julian Brotherton INT Quirico Giancola RIP
Sunday 13th March <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am 11.30am	Harry & Maureen McCann RIP 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 March have already been booked. Available dates start from April.

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

Nora Ivers	
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](http://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:**

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

Tel: 01462 620670 [www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk)

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

Tel: 01438 314643 [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

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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.