

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT— Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 2

FIRST READING: a reading from the book of Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1

The Lord is my light and my help.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:17—4:1

Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face changed.

Collect / Opening Prayer

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

From The Presbytery Window

This is my Son the Chosen One. Listen to him!

Listen to him. Lent is the season of seeking out and listening to the Lord. Every year on this second Sunday of Lent we read an account of the Transfiguration, a transforming spiritual encounter linking Jesus to the fulfilment of the law and the prophets. Here we see a foretaste of the glory of the risen Christ, a vision of how our lives are transformed by the presence of Christ within us. Genesis tells us of a meeting between God and Abram. Through Abram's faith God makes an eternal covenant with the people of Israel. Our Psalm is a song of longing and hope in the faith of the Lord, a call to prayer encouraging us to seek God's light, guidance and strength. In the letter to the Philippians (Second Reading), we are entreated to be united in our faith. Christ will transfigure us. In Luke's account of the Transfiguration Jesus takes his close companions with him to pray. Here Jesus is placed firmly as the fulfilment of God's Covenant to the people of Israel. There are echoes of the past and glimpses of Jesus's coming death in the weariness of the disciples praying with him. In this short passage we're encouraged us to listen to Jesus, the Chosen One. Entering into prayer this week, remember we are never alone as we pray. As companions in and of Christ, we are part of an eternal community united by the light of Christ within us. Christ is our help and our stronghold, together we answer the call and listen to him. **Fr Jimmy**

Praying with Pope Francis

In March, we pray with Pope Francis for "Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action".

The Pope also urges everyone to keep praying for Peace in Ukraine. Please watch His Holiness' video message on the parish website.

Funerals and Memorial Masses

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

21st March 2.45pm: Funeral Mass for Emma Majlath.

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

31st March 11am: Funeral Mass for Della Stockwell.

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

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.

Seniors at St Hugh’s—SASH

If you have been or would like to become a member of the above group, please come to a meeting in St. Hilda’s Room at 2pm on Thursday 24th March. We need to discuss whether/how we wish to continue and what we should do with the remaining funds. For further information, please phone me on 620397. Looking forward to seeing you on the 24th. Patsy

STM WALK FOR PEACE

As the tragic events in Ukraine unfold, our primary school has leapt into action and pupils have been busy learning about the plight of refugees. The children, staff and PA would like to invite all parishioners to a Walk for Peace on 27th March from 2.30pm. We will start from STM and walk part of the greenway, looping back to the school to be greeted by hot cross buns and hot drinks and crafts for the children. The walk is about one mile and not too taxing for little or tired legs. Fr Jimmy will lead a prayer for Peace and there will be music. We can’t think of a better way of spending Laetare Sunday/ Mother’s day! Peace placards and posters welcome.

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

Pope Francis has condemned Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and expressed his solidarity with the country on Sunday.

“Rivers of blood and tears are flowing in Ukraine. [This] is not merely a military operation, but a war, which sows death, destruction, and misery. The Holy See is ready to do everything, to put itself at the service of this peace.” The Pope has sent two cardinals to Ukraine “to serve the people, to help.” The Pope named the two cardinals as papal almoner Cardinal Konrad Krajewski and Cardinal Michael Czerny, interim prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. “The presence of the two cardinals there is the presence not only of the pope, but of all the Christian people who want to get closer and say: ‘War is madness! Stop, please! Look at this cruelty! The number of victims is increasing, as are the people fleeing, **especially mothers and children**. The need for humanitarian assistance in that troubled country is growing dramatically by the hour. I make a heartfelt appeal for humanitarian corridors to be genuinely secured, and for aid to be guaranteed and access facilitated to the besieged areas in order to offer vital relief to our brothers and sisters oppressed by bombs and fear.” 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 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.

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

Parish Reconciliation Service: Wed 6th April at 7.30pm.

Stations of the Cross: every Wed during Lent at 7.30pm until 6th April.

**ST HUGH OF LINCOLN
MASS INTENTIONS
SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

Saturday 12th to Sunday 20th March 2022

Saturday 12th March Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Quirico Giancola RIP
Sunday 13th March Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Harry & Maureen McCann RIP
Monday 14th March Funeral Mass	12.30am	Pino (Eduardo) Cavaliere RIP
Tuesday 15th March Lent Feria	9.30am	Tonina Rizzo RIP
Wednesday 16th March Lent Feria	9.30am	Lizzie Dean RIP
Thursday 17th March Feast of St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland	9.30am	Aoife Donegan Kennedy RIP
Friday 18th March Lent Feria	9.30am	Maureen Hogbourne RIP
Saturday 19th March Solemnity of St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	For the People of Ukraine Luigi Rizzo RIP
Sunday 20th March Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Della Stockwell 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 March have already been booked. Available dates start from mid-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

Collections total for Feb 2022: standing orders £5234; Stripe: £34.31; in church collection: £1030.9 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.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 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:

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
Sun 27th Mar	Walk For Peace and Lenten Reflection at St Thomas More Catholic Primary
Wed 6th Apr	Parish Reconciliation Service 7.30pm
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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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.