

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT— Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 3

FIRST READING: a reading from the book of Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

I Am sent me to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R v.8

The Lord is my compassion and love.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 13: 1-9

Unless you repent you will perish as they did.

Collect / Opening Prayer

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and alms giving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

From The Presbytery Window

God of Compassion and Love

In our readings we hear God's self-revelation and of God's relationship with God's people. This relationship is one of great love but contains an awareness of our fragility. Hence we hear God's warnings, God's continuous forgiveness and patience, God's offer for us to start again. Exodus recounts the call of Moses and the revelation of God's sacred name. Paul reminds us although we are baptised we too can fall, as the chosen people did, despite being guided by Moses. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us to repentance, reminding us, in the parable of the fig tree, God is slow to anger and rich in mercy. We can join with the Psalmist in praise and thanksgiving to the God of compassion and love. This week, we can allow our readings to remind us not to be complacent but to listen to God's word and never forget God's blessings. **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". **Pope Francis**

Praying with Cardinal Vincent

"Day by day the news from Ukraine becomes more heart-rending and appalling. I find it so distressing. It is hard to take in. I am sure you do too [...]. Patterns of regular prayer in our parishes, such as vigils and Holy Hours, are not at all out of place in these desperate days. I thank all who are working hard to support efforts to get help to desperate people[...] This week, ways of assisting Ukrainian refugees arriving in this country are opening up. Our Caritas network will help you to plug into this great and necessary effort. Please do encourage all who can to come forward to help. May the Lord help us to bring this onslaught to an end. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. **Cardinal Vincent**

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

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.

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.

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.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2022 - see info on desk.

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

“ This weekend, the city that bears [Our Lady's name], Mariupol, has become a city martyred by the ruinous war that is devastating Ukraine. Faced with the barbarism of the killing of children, and of innocent and defenceless citizens, there are no strategic reasons that hold up: the only thing to be done is to cease the unacceptable armed aggression before the city is reduced to a cemetery. With an aching heart I add my voice to that of the common people, who implore the end of the war. In the name of God, listen to the cry of those who suffer, and put an end to the bombings and the attacks! Let there be real and decisive focus on the negotiations, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre! I would like once again to urge the welcoming of the many refugees, in whom Christ is present, and to give thanks for the great network of solidarity that has formed. I ask all diocesan and religious communities to *increase their moments of prayer for peace*. God is only the God of peace, he is not the God of war, and those who support violence profane his name.” **Pope Francis, Angelus 13th March**

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.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Wed 6th April at 7.30pm.

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

PARISH OFFICE NEW OPENING HOURS: Monday 9-2.30pm, Tuesday 9-2pm and Thursday 9am—2.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD WEEK OF LENT:

Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th March 2022

Saturday 19th March:

Vigil Mass, 6.00pm Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 20th March, Third Sunday of Lent:

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Della Stockwell RIP

Monday 21st March:

Funeral Mass 2.45pm Emma Maljath RIP

Tuesday 22nd March, Lent Feria :

9.30am The McKenna Family INT (60th Anniversary in Letchworth)

Wednesday 23rd March, Lent Feria:

9.30am Patrick Whyte RIP

Thursday 24th March:

Memorial Mass 10.30am Peter Ellmers RIP

Friday 25th March, The Annunciation of the Lord:

9.30am Jo Chicho RIP

Saturday 26th March, Lenten Feria:

Vigil Mass 9.30am Special Intention

6.00pm Lizzie Dean RIP

Sunday 27th March, Laetare Sunday:

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Martha Meynert 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 late April.
- If you wish to arrange a Memorial Mass for a loved one, please get in touch with the office to arrange an appointment.

PARISH PALS-YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL

What: an opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and socialise afterwards in a local pub or restaurant.

When: Monday 28th March @ 7pm

Where : Our Lady's Church, Hitchin

Why: you get to meet likeminded people

Who: open to all 18 to 35.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE.

Saturday 26th March 2022, 10-4pm

Venue: Our lady Immaculate & St Andrews Church SG5 1QS (for directions to the car-park use:SG5 1SD). Cost:£60 (per Couple).

To register interest please email:

catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com

Please give notice to Fr Jimmy if you wish to get married.

LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG

ADULTS (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 2nd April 2022** in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. **Register** by email-
ing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

PARISH NEWSLETTER.

If you wish to receive our newsletter via email, please contact the parish office. The newsletter is also available on our website as well as printed.

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR PARISH.

If you can spare a bit of time and your talents, we would love you to get involved! From Readers to Eucharistic Ministers, welcomers, firemarshalls and more. Get in touch to discuss how you can make a difference in our parish.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

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

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

Collection 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:

Friday 25th March	Annunciation of the Lord, 9.30am
Sunday 27th March	Walk For Peace and Lenten Reflection at St Thomas More Catholic Primary
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

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

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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.