

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.



LAETARE SUNDAY — Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 4

FIRST READING: a reading from the book of Joshua 5: 9-12

The People of God keep the Passover on their entry into the promised land.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:2-7. R v.9

Taste and see that the Lord is Good.

SECOND READING: a reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Collect / Opening Prayer

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

From The Presbytery Window

Rejoice! My son was lost and is found!

Midway through Lent on this Rejoicing or Laetare Sunday, we celebrate with hope and joy before we enter the darkness of Holy Week. We particularly rejoice in the reconciliation and forgiveness of sin bought for us by Jesus's suffering and death. Joshua describes the Israelites celebrating their first Passover in the Promised Land. No longer reliant on the manna God had sustained them with during their years in the desert they rejoice God has brought them to a place where the bounty of the earth feeds them. Psalm 33 praises and rejoices in God's goodness, glorifying the Lord, who hears and answers our prayers when we are afraid or in distress. Paul speaks of the 'new creation' made possible by Christ's suffering and death. Through his sacrifice, God has reconciled humanity to God's self and our faults are forgiven. Because of this, we are called to share the good news of forgiveness with others. In the story of the return of the prodigal son, we witness the total and utter forgiveness the father bestows on his selfish and wayward son, who now regrets his foolishness. Just as the father forgives his son, we know we will be forgiven, as we express sorrow for actions and inactions which take us away from God. In the coming weeks of Lent, celebrating the joy of knowing we are totally loved and forgiven, we ask for the grace to see ourselves as God sees us and to see others as God sees them. *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*

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

On Friday 25th March, Pope Francis has consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He was joined in prayer and consecration by all bishops and parishes in our universal Catholic family. Please continue to pray for Peace. "We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer. Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world." *Pope Francis, Act of Consecration.*

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 26th to Sunday 3rd April 2022

Saturday 26th March:

Vigil Mass, 6.00pm Lizzie Dean RIP

Sunday 27th March, Third Sunday of Lent:

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Martha Meynert RIP

Monday 28th March, Lent Feria:

9.30 Edward Sheenan RIP

Tuesday 29th March, Lent Feria :

9.30am Pat & Roseann Wrynn RIP

Wednesday 30th March, Lent Feria:

9.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 31st March, Lent Feria:

11am Funeral Mass for Della Stockwell RIP

Friday 1st April, Lent Feria:

9.30am Jason Allan & Una McConville RIP

Saturday 26th March, Lent Feria:

9.30am Iris Lawlor RIP

Vigil Mass 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 3rd April, 5th Sunday of Lent:

9.30am Holy Forgotten Souls of Purgatory

11.30am 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 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.

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

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.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Meetings scheduled:

Second Sunday of Easter, April 24th

Third Sunday of Easter, May 1st

In church at 10.30am, after family Mass.

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.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

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:

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
Sunday 24th April	Synod meeting 10.30am in church

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.