

# 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 EASTER — Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 3**

**FIRST READING:** a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

*We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R v.2

*I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

**SECOND READING:** a reading from the book of the Apocalypse 5:11-14

*The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.*

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 21: 1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.*

**COLLECT:** may your people exult forever, o God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

## **From The Presbytery Window**

### **It is the Lord!**

In the Easter season we see and feel the strength of those who witnessed the resurrection. Through them we too witness the love of the risen Christ and power of his resurrection even in times of terror and persecution. The Acts of the Apostles continually presents the Apostles bravely announcing Jesus is risen by the power of God, despite the threat of persecution and the daily harm they face. The Apocalypse transports us to a vision of heaven. John, the Apostle and Evangelist, and author of the Book of Revelation, as the Apocalypse is also called, shares a vision. The whole of heaven and all of creation bows before the 'Lamb that was sacrificed'. In his Gospel John recounts the risen Christ showing himself to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias and challenges Peter to affirm his love three times. Psalm 29, a great song of praise and thanksgiving to God, was prayed and sung by Jesus and his disciples. We too, can praise the Lord for the signs of resurrection around and within us, being attentive to the mystery of his Passion and Resurrection in our world. We continue to pray for peace across the world especially for the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. *Fr Jimmy*

## **Praying with Pope Francis**

**For Faith-Filled Young People.** In May, we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. Amen.

## **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

[Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network \(Apostleship of Prayer\) - EYM \(popesprayer.va\)](http://popesprayer.va)

**Pray As You Go** is a daily prayer session based on Ignatian Spirituality designed to go with you wherever you go. It's not a homily: it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. Well worth giving it a try. [Pray as you go \(pray-as-you-go.org\)](http://pray-as-you-go.org)

## FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

3rd May 11.30am: Funeral Mass for Vincent Jordan.

5th May 2.30pm: Funeral Mass for Catherine Lowthian.

23rd May 10am: Funeral Mass for Dorothy McBride.

## PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

## CARITAS SUPPORT TO FAMILIES

Some families are finding things harder now in 2022 than they did in 2020. With the end of the £20 uplift to Universal Credit, the rise in National Insurance contributions and a cost of living crisis, many more households are struggling financially. According to the charity National Energy Action, the recent hike in fuel prices has brought the total number of 'fuel poor' households in the UK up to six million.

*Caritas Westminster* has therefore decided to continue providing supermarket vouchers as part of its short-term relief, whilst also providing long-term support through its Road to Resilience programme. One-third of the parishes and schools that have distributed vouchers are working on building transformational and sustainable social action projects that can support people in the community to build up their resilience to future shocks.

## FIRM FOUNDATIONS

If there is anyone in our parish keen to train as a *Money Champion*, providing practical and effective support to people facing financial difficulties and building up resilience in the community, please contact Sr Silvana Dallanegra [silvana-dallanegra@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:silvana-dallanegra@rcdow.org.uk)

## SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

*Reset* have updated their list of resources and tool kits for people wishing to host Ukrainian refugees. Please see the link below:

<https://resetuk.org/toolkits/homes-for-ukraine/useful-links>

*Caritas Westminster* together with other partners will be advertising supplementary support in the coming weeks for family hosts. Please encourage those people who have signed up to host to also register here on our website so we can gather when the time is right. <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/refugee-response.php>

We continue to support through the ongoing financial appeals, both through the Ukrainian Eparchy and CAFOD. The links to these appeals can be found below.

<https://www.ucc-gb.com/post/helpukraine-emergency-appeal>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

**POVERTY CHALLENGE 2022: SEE, JUDGE, ACT.** Many members of our communities face a steep rise in the cost of living. People who were already poor and most affected by Covid-19 will also be hit hardest by price rises. Joseph Rowntree Foundation estimates that a further four million UK households could end up below the poverty line in 2022, adding to 14.5 million UK households already in poverty. CSAN has published a short formation resource, *'Hoping for mild at least'* which aims to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses using the Church's approach of 'See, judge, act'. The booklet is available to download on our website under NEWS.

## MASS INTENTIONS - OCTAVE OF EASTER

*Saturday 23rd April to Sunday 3rd May 2022*

Saturday 23rd April

Vigil Mass, 6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 24th April

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: James Cleary RIP

Monday 25th April

11.30am: Memorial Mass for John Hardy

Tuesday 26th April

9am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 27th April

9am: for the Church

Thursday 28th April

9am: Marius Walsh RIP

Friday 29th April

9am: Holy Souls

Saturday 23rd April

9.30am: Della Stockwell RIP

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 1st May

9.30am: Maria and Pietro Pallini RIP

11.30am: Leonardo Antonaci 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:

- Mass cards are available from the parish office.
- Available dates start from the second week of May.
- If you wish to arrange a Memorial Mass for a loved one, please get in touch with the office to arrange an appointment.

## BAPTISM COURSE

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

## MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

Nicoll Road, NW109AX. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski,

Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection- Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine. Bakerloo Line & Tube, Willesden Junction Station (Old Oak Lane exit), Buses 18, 187, 206, 226, 228, 260, 487.

## CATHOLIC LISTENERS

Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk.

For further information please contact Ade at [<http://about:blank/>]

Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

**We are here to listen 0800 448 0704**

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Join Cardinal Vincent Nichols as he leads the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022! All Parish groups, pilgrims, volunteers and Assisted Pilgrims (also known in Lourdes as 'malades') and their carers are invited to make bookings to participate in this, the first Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage returning to Lourdes since 2019. Booking forms are available in paper copy and online from the back of Westminster Cathedral, the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office in Vaughan House or [Westminster Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours](#) ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com))

**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
Toby Hughes	Tony Burns
Mary Wallace	Philomena Johnson
Reg Rolph	Mick McGrinder
George Marston	

**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](http://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.

**Collection for April 2022:** in church collection: £3254.22. Thank you for your generosity.

**Dates for your diary:**

Sun 15th and 22nd May	First Holy Communion Masses at 9.30am
Thu 26th May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord:</b> Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sunday 26th June	Baptism course after 9.30am Mass. The course will be held in the St Hilda's Room.
Sun 5th June	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Confirmation Mass at 9.30am celebrated by Bishop Paul
Sun 12th June	<b>The Most Holy Trinity Sunday</b>
Sun 19th June	<b>Corpus et Sanguis Christi.</b> Thanksgiving Mass for First holy Communion at 9.30am

**Our Catholic Schools**

**St Thomas More RC Primary School,** Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

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

**Safeguarding Officer -** Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.