

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.



PALM SUNDAY — Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 2

PROCESSION:

GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

MASS:

FIRST READING: a reading from the book of Isaiah 50: 4-7

I did not cover my face against insult - I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R v.2

My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

SECOND READING: a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

GOSPEL: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 22: 14-23: 56

From The Presbytery Window Into your hands I commit my spirit

This Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the Church's liturgical year. We read two passages from the Gospels, relating how the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, accompanied by crowds who acclaim him as Saviour and King, gave way to his betrayal and death, alone and abandoned by all. The other readings help us understand the meaning of the Passion. The First Reading is one of the passages about the suffering servant of God from the prophet Isaiah. As Christians, we read this as showing how Jesus lived out his patient trust in God. It can help and enable us to bear our trials and difficulties. In Psalm 21 (22) we hear familiar echoes of the crucifixion narratives. You may like to find the whole of the psalm in your bible or online; its words of hope in the midst of great suffering and profound trust in God are the prayer of Jesus from the cross. Paul's text is a hymn to Jesus's life and death. Christ's humility in becoming human was even more profound when he accepted to die a shameful death on a cross. But God raised him from death and gave him the highest name of all, so all beings should bend the knee to Jesus and 'acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' This week we accompany Jesus; we pray for the grace of an awareness of our weakness and for sorrow and true contrition in the face of the sufferings of Jesus. We also continue to pray for peace across the world, especially in Ukraine and eastern Europe. *Fr Jimmy*

Praying with Pope Francis

In April, we pray with Pope Francis for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. Amen.

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

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

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

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

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is on 24th April. If you wish to pray the *novena* of Divine Mercy, please be reminded that this starts on Good Friday. Hitchin and Baldock churches will run a Holy hour at 3pm with prayer and confessions.

THE PASSAGE, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

CELEBRATE YOUNG PEOPLE

Celebrating Young People Awards honour the achievements of remarkable young people who make our communities a better place. Nominated by anyone from friends and family to teachers and clergy, the winners are drawn from England and Wales to reflect achievements in every area of social action. Nominees can be ages 11 to 25. For info: <https://millionminutes.org/national-awards>

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

CAFOD is leading and coordinating that appeal in England and Wales on behalf of our sister national Caritas agencies working in, and on the borders of Ukraine. CAFOD can accept, process and quickly transfer donations to our partners who can then focus on delivering the much-needed assistance. They have specifically asked for financial assistance rather than donations of goods Through CAFOD, the Catholic community of England and Wales can give practical assistance in and around Ukraine. Caritas sister organisations in Ukraine (Caritas Spes and Caritas Ukraine) and in neighbouring countries are already helping people who are affected.

To support CAFOD's appeal for relief work in the war region, please go to cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis.

To support CSAN's work extending the Catholic Church's responses to poverty throughout England and Wales, including for refugees, please go to csan.org.uk/donate.

POVERTY CHALLENGE 2022: SEE, JUDGE, ACT. Many members of our communities face a steep rise in the cost of living, particularly from April 2022. 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS HOLY WEEK

Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th April 2022

Saturday 9th April

Vigil Mass 6.00pm: Josephine Meeten RIP

Sunday 10th April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Fr Desmond Baker RIP

Monday 11th April

9.30am Della Stockwell RIP

Tuesday 12th April

9.30am: Pino Cavaliere RIP

Wednesday 13th April

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 14th April

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Friday 15th April

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 16th April

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8.30pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 17th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

9.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

11.30am: Frances Cleary 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 May.
- If you wish to arrange a Memorial Mass for a loved one, please get in touch with the office to arrange an appointment.

FOODBANK EASTER OPENINGS

The Distribution Centre at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall will be open on Good Friday April 15th. from 10am to 12 noon. The Hitchin and Baldock centres will remain closed. All will return to normal hours on Tuesday April 19th.

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (UK)

Calling all Doctors and Nurses and Carers to join The Catholic Medical Association Annual Conference 2022 At St Mary's University, Twickenham April 23rd 2022 “Palliative Care: The Christian Way” For details and application cygnetdoc@aol.com cma-conf39@gmail.com <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

EARTH DAY CLIMATE CONFERENCE

Dates: Saturday 23 April and/or Sunday 24 April 2022 Times: 1.00pm - 5.00pm (London time). Open to all

Invited contribution: £65

Venue: London Jesuit Centre

Register: [London Jesuit Centre EARTH DAY CLIMATE CONFERENCE 23/24 April 2022 \(office.com\)](https://londonjesuitcentre.org.uk/earth-day-climate-conference-23-24-april-2022)

Overview: Climate change is perhaps the defining issue of our time. The London Jesuit Centre is excited to host an online conference exploring the climate crisis, how to respond, and where God is working within it.

DIGNITY OF WORK.

The job market can be a minefield, particularly for those for whom English is not their first language, or who might not be aware of the options available to them. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to join their free online ‘**Stepping Stones**’ programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training and support to become a **Dignified Work Champion** in your parish or outreach project. This programme has been funded by the St John Southworth Fund. More information, video and registration www.tinyurl.com/workchampions The programme will start after Easter, the deadline for applications is 15th April 2022.

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.

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
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.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 March 2022: in church collection: £1946.55 Thank you for your generosity.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th April	Concert at St Hugh of Lincoln, Haydn's Passion 7pm performed by the Jubilate Chamber Choir
Sunday 24th April	STM Bake sale after 9.30am Mass
Monday 2nd May	Annual Mass for Migrants at Westminster Cathedral. 2pm: Banner procession; 2.30pm Mass.
Sunday 26th June	Baptism course after 9.30am Mass. The course will be held in the St Hilda's Room.

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk

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

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Officer - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 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

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.