

# 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.



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

**FIRST READING:** a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with Him after his Resurrection.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R v.24

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**SECOND READING:** a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

*He humbled himself, but God raised him high.*

**GOSPEL:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20: 1-9

*He must rise from the dead.*

**Collect:** O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

## **From The Presbytery Window**

Christ, my hope, has risen!

Today we arrive at the oldest of the Church's Feast Days, the pinnacle of the Church's year, the wonder-filled celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 117 joyfully foresees the resurrection of Jesus and recognises it as the work of God. John records how Peter and the unnamed 'beloved disciple' and later Mary Magdalene, slowly come to realise Jesus has risen from the dead. The relationship between Jesus and the 'disciple he loved' is a model for all faithful Christians; God invites us into a loving, intimate relationship with Christ. The Acts of the Apostles demonstrates one of the fruits of the resurrection is to break down barriers between peoples, in this case Peter, a Jew, stays in the home of Cornelius, a Gentile. This goes beyond what is culturally permitted: Peter is risking defilement by having contact with a non-believer. Paul too, emphasises the consequences of the resurrection for the followers of Jesus and appeals to the Early Church in Colossae to be aware of the mystery of true life with Christ. He calls them to live the sort of life fitting for those raised to new life in Christ. On this Easter Day, we pray to recognise the dignity belonging to us as Christians and for the grace to live it out in practice doing good as Jesus did, in our daily, ordinary lives.

*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.

## OFFICE REOPENING

Normal hours resume on Thu 21st April.

## 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION MASSES

Please note that, this year, there will be two First Holy Communion Masses, 15th and 22nd May, and one Confirmation Mass on Pentecost, 5th June. The Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Corpus Christi, 19th June. All of these celebrations will take place at 9.30am Mass.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support for my Lenten Appeal. This year's appeal supports initiatives run by parishes and Caritas Westminster to enable people on the margins to lead a life of dignity and worth. Your generosity enables us to continue this work throughout our Diocese. You can view two short films about the impact of your previous support on the website [CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](https://CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk). *Cardinal Vincent*

**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.'

## CAFOD & The DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal [www.dec.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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 WATER AVAILABLE

Newly blessed Easter water is available from the Sanctuary.

## **MASS INTENTIONS - OCTAVE OF EASTER**

*Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th April 2022*

Saturday 16th April

### **Easter Vigil Mass 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

Monday 18th April

10.00am: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Tuesday 19th April

10.00am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 20th April

10.00am: Fr Kevin McDevitt RIP

Thursday 21st April

10.00am: Della Stockwell RIP

Friday 22nd April

10.00am: Peter Ellmers RIP

Saturday 23rd April

10.00am: Mabel and Jack Mills RIP

6.00pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 24th April

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: James 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.

## **STM BAKE SALE**

Next Sunday, 24th April, the STM PA will be running a bake sale between our morning services. This is to raise funds for a Prayer Garden for the children. Please support this initiative if you can.

## **SENIORS AT ST. HUGHS (SASH)**

We hope to restart our meetings in St. Hil-

da’s room, at 2.30 pm on 28th May, and then meet every fortnight. If you are new to this Parish, have recently retired, or moved to support your family, or become rather isolated due to COVID or bereavement, and want to meet mature people, come and join our friendly group. We will be playing SCRABBLE on 28th May.

For further information please phone Patsy Marshall on 01462 620397

## **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://londonjeh.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.

## **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>

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

To receive our newsletter via email, please contact the parish office. The newsletter is also available on our website. Please accept our apologies for the quality of the printing. Our machine was recently serviced but clearly NOT very successfully! The technician will be paying another visit soon.

## **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.

**We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:**

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| 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.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://www.pariah.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:**

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| Sunday<br>24th April | STM Bake sale after 9.30am Mass   |
| Monday 2nd<br>May    | Annual Mass for Migrants at Westminster Cathedral. 2pm: Banner procession; 2.30pm Mass. |
| Sunday 26th<br>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](http://www.strcjni.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.