

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.



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

FIRST READING: a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

SECOND READING: a reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

COLLECT: God of everlasting Mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the Paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

From The Presbytery Window

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

The outpouring of God's love and mercy flows throughout this Sunday's liturgy. The joy of the resurrection which we celebrate in the Easter season rings out in the words of praise we repeat with jubilation in our Psalm: 'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end'. It reminds us in the midst of dark and challenging times the presence of the risen Christ is a comfort in our distress. In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how the early Church, filled with the Holy Spirit, gathered together to worship, bringing the risen Lord's healing to all who seek it. John, writing from the place where he was imprisoned for his beliefs, describes a vision of God's endless living love in our second reading. The risen Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the Eternal One stands with us, encouraging us to not be afraid. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the disciples are in hiding, fearful of what might happen to them. Jesus appears among them in the midst of their fear, his presence bringing them peace. Thomas is not there and cannot believe the others have seen Jesus. Eight days later, Jesus stands among them again and the reality of the resurrection is revealed to Thomas, too. Today, Jesus stands alongside us, tenderly drawing us out from doubt and disbelief. He has breathed his Holy Spirit upon us. Just as he sent the disciples two thousand years ago, he sends us out to bring peace and healing to a fractured, hurting world. We pray for the peace only Christ can bring, in our hearts, in our communities and in our world, remembering especially the people of 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.

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

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. *Cardinal Vincent*

SENIORS AT ST. HUGHS (SASH)

We hope to restart our meetings in St. Hilda's room, at 2.30 pm on 28th April, 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 April.

For further information please phone Patsy Marshall on 01462 620397

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The publication is thrilled to announce they have launched a new online newspaper with the full support of their first subscriber, none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

You can order a Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email:

michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Reporting and commenting on the life of the Catholic Church from the perspective of our faith is a great mission and one worthy of our support.

SPIRITANS APPEAL

Next weekend the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritans (formerly the Holy Ghost Fathers) will be making an appeal at all Masses. We are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703. Over 300 years on, over 3000 professed and lay Spiritans, drawn from all continents, today carry out their mission of evangelization in more than 60 countries throughout the world.

You can find more information about the Spiritans work here: [The Spiritans – British Province, Congregation of the Holy Spirit](#) Please be as generous as you can.

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.

HOLY WATER

Holy water newly blessed at the Easter vigil 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.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

To receive our newsletter via email, please contact the parish office. The newsletter is also available on our website.

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 8TH 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

A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. 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

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 silvanadallanegra@rcdow.org.uk

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 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:

Sat 30th April and Sun 1st May	Spiritans Appeal at St Hugh: all services will be celebrated by a visiting Spiritan priest and a collection will be taken to support the Spiritans important work of Evangelisation.
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.