

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.



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

FIRST READING: a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52

We must turn to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 99:1-3. 5. R v.3

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING: a reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10: 27-30

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, lead us to share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

From The Presbytery Window

I know them and they follow me.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday' the Gospel verses are taken from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. Here Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who brings life, love and protection to those within his flock. Continuing to read the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of Luke's Gospel, throughout Easter, we follow Paul and Barnabas to Antioch where their message is rejected by the Jewish leaders. Undeterred, they turn their preaching to those yet to hear the Word of God. To the joy of the disciples, these people readily hear and receive the message of eternal life offered by the Lord, fulfilling the commission given by Jesus himself. Psalm 99 celebrates the joy, gladness and mercy eternal life promises to those who delight in being the Lord's people, the sheep of his flock. John's Apocalypse, or Revelation, recounts his vision of heaven. Amid countless people robed in the whitest of garments, we see Jesus the Lamb, standing at the throne of God. The people will be protected from hunger, thirst and sorrow which come to those who stand before God's throne. Jesus the Good Shepherd reminds us of the blessings of care and protection his sheep are promised now, and in eternal life, with Jesus and his Father. We can pray especially for those who, for whatever reason, feel lost and without the protection of the shepherd they once knew. We also remember those who are searching for a flock in which to make their home, as we continue to pray for peace in our 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.

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

Tue 17th May 10am: Funeral Mass for Maria Calcasola.

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

Sadly, we are expecting a number of funerals in the next few weeks but the dates have to be confirmed. Please check our website for any change to our weekly Mass times.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

PRAYER RESOURCES:

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

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

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 7th May to Sunday 15th May 2022

Saturday 7th May

Vigil Mass, 6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 8th May

Good Shepherd Sunday

9.30am: Anthony Gunasekera RIP

11.30am: Deceased members of the Calcasola Family

Monday 9th May

9.30am: Julian Brotherton RIP

Tuesday 10th May

9.30am: Fr Tony Brunning RIP

Wednesday 11th May

9.30am: Canon Philp Hugh Cross RIP

Thursday 12th May

9.30am: Dorothy McBride RIP

Friday 13th May

9.30am: Patrick Geoghegan INT

Saturday 14th May

9.30am: Dorothy McBride RIP

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 15th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: First Holy Communion Children and families

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

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 22nd to Friday 29th 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://Westminster Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com))

CARITAS SUPPORT TO FAMILIES

Some families are finding things harder now in 2022 than they did in 2020. *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.

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:

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 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	The Ascension of the Lord: Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sun 5th June	Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Mass at 9.30am celebrated by Bishop Paul
Sun 12th June	The Most Holy Trinity
Sun 19th June	Corpus et Sanguis Christi. Thanksgiving Mass for First holy Communion at 9.30am
Sun 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.strejmi.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.