

# 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.



## **SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022 — Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 1**

**FIRST READING:** a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

*They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 144:8-13. R v.1

I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

**SECOND READING:** a reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5

*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

*God will away all tears from their eyes.*

**COLLECT:** Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold in what we do .

## **From The Presbytery Window**

### **Love one another just as I have loved you**

As Eastertide continues, we are invited to live as part of God's glorious plan in bringing about a new creation. Jesus's new commandment to 'love one another just as I have loved you' in John's Gospel is the key to transforming our world. The Acts of the Apostles continues the story of the mission of Paul and Barnabas. As they encouraged new Christian disciples to persevere in faith, we too can be encouraged to see what can be achieved when we allow God to work within and among us. Psalm 144 calls us to sing of God's goodness with the whole of creation, proclaiming God's compassion, love and glory to all. The vision of the heavenly Jerusalem in the Book of the Apocalypse (Revelation) promises a new heaven and a new earth. This is a new creation where God lives among God's people, becoming God-with-us. We can pray to love others more deeply as Jesus loves us so we can help play our part in making all things new. We remember those parts of the world where hatred and destruction are evident, asking only love and mercy prevail. In particular, we continue to join with others in praying for the people of Ukraine and for peace in their ancient Christian land. *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**

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

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

Friday 27th May 11am: Funeral Mass for Mary Rostron.

## **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.

## **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.

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

Our meetings are held in St. Hilda's room every fortnight at 2.30 on alternate Thursdays. 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.

On May 26th we will have discussion on "My earliest Memory";

on June 9th on "What I did on Coronation Day".

For further information please phone Patsy Marshall on 01462 620397

## **FOR A SYNODAL PARISH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION**

Our journey together as a Church depends upon our accompanying one another in our parish, trusting that the Spirit guides us as we act together. The joy of the Gospel remains hidden in our hearts until we come together, to offer it to one another for the healing of our parish and our world.

Two open parish-wide meetings are scheduled for us to listen and speak again as we did during the Advent listening events and written responses.

The contents of our parish synthesis statement sent to the Diocese will be presented as well as the synthesis from the Diocese sent to the bishops' conferences and the Vatican.

The ears of the Spirit are open: What remains to be said to one another? To the Diocese? To the Vatican/global Church? The hands of the Spirit are ours: What lies before us as we discern our journey together?

Meetings in the Saint Hilda Room:

**Wednesday evening, 8 June at 7.30 pm**

**Saturday morning, 11 June at 11.00 am**

Refreshments available.

## **THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE**

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System.

See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource. *Tony Sheen, Community Participation Co-ordinator - CAFOD*

## **PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are still available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

A heartfelt Thank you from everyone at Allen Hall.

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

*Saturday 14th May to Sunday 22nd May 2022*

Saturday 14th May

Vigil Mass, 6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 8th May

**Sunday 15th May**

9.30am: First Holy Communion Children and families

11.30am: Julian Brotherton RIP

Monday 16th May

9.30am: Cathy Lowthian RIP

Tuesday 17th May

10am: Funeral mass for Maria Calcasola RIP

Wednesday 18th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 19th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 20th May

9.30am: John Arthur Jubala RIP

Saturday 21st May

9.30am: Matthew Brotherton INT

6.00pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 22nd May**

9.30am: First Holy Communion Children and families

11.30am: People of the Parish

### **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.

### **FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND COST OF LIVING**

Caritas Westminster has collated information to help families with the cost of living crisis.

#### **One-stop information for people in Herts**

Useful links and resources for people living in Herts Hertfordshire County Council | Help to manage the cost of living

HertsHelp Call 0300 123 4044 to speak to an adviser, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit <https://www.hertshelp.net/hertshelp.aspx>

### **Grants to help pay off energy debts**

People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off.

More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

### **National Energy Action**

Their Warm and Safe Homes helpline, 0800 304 7159 is open daily, 10am-12pm, to support clients with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice.

### **Firm Foundations**

If there is anyone in your 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, contact Sr Silvana Dalianegra [silvanadallanegra@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:silvanadallanegra@rcdow.org.uk)

### **Stepping Stones – supporting people back into work**

Caritas Westminster is partnering with Homelessness Charity The Upper Room to deliver a training course for those working with people who are homeless or otherwise struggling and finding it hard to get dignified, decently paid work. Participants will learn useful information and skills to enable them to help people back into work. This is a one-year course with sessions once a month. Find out more here:

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/stepping-stones-1310.php>

### **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 Refugee Response*, : <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/refugee-response.php>

Financial appeals through the Ukrainian Eparchy and CAFOD are ongoing.

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

**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 or via our parish website; [www.pariah.readow.org.uk/lethworth](http://www.pariah.readow.org.uk/lethworth)  
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. 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

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

**Dates for your diary:**

Sun 22nd May	First Holy Communion Mass at 9.30am
Thu 26th May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord:</b> Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sun 5th June	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Confirmation Mass at 9.30am celebrated by Bishop Paul
Wed 8th June	<b>Synod meeting,</b> St Hilda Room 7.30pm
Sat 11th June	<b>Synod meeting,</b> St Hilda Room 11am
Sun 12th June	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>
Sun 19th June	<b>Corpus et Sanguis Christi.</b> 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](http://www.strejmi.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 [lethworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:lethworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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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.