

# 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 10.00-10.30am. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.



## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 27TH NOVEMBER 2022**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 Page 82 Psalter Week 1**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2: 1-5

*The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9 cf v 1

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 11-14

*Our salvation is near.*

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 37-44

*Stay awake so that you may be ready.*

COLLECT: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

### **From The Presbytery Window**

#### **Let us walk in the light of the Lord**

Today we enter into the beautiful season of Advent. Our attitude at this time is one of watching and waiting, as we pray for the grace of joy and hope. Our weary world is in so much need of this spirit and of the light and peace of the coming Christ. Isaiah looks forward to the time when the whole world will be gathered together in the peace of God's kingdom. Psalm 121, a psalm for pilgrims processing joyfully to Jerusalem, picks up this theme. They pray for peace, peace in the city, in their homes and among all whom they know. The letter to the Romans is a reminder to 'wake up', for salvation is near. It is also an encouragement to live in the light. Jesus tells us in the Gospel to stay awake. We are not to be so engrossed in our lives we are unprepared when the Lord comes. We renew our spirit of joyful hope this week and place the needs of our world before Jesus as we prepare for his coming.

*Fr Jimmy*

#### **POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK, NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

##### **For children who suffer**

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. Amen.

Please watch His Holiness message here: [The Pope Video, November Intentions – Roman Catholic Parish of Letchworth Garden City \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

## **FUNERALS**

The Funeral Mass for Giuseppina Sturman will be held on Monday 5th December at 11am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. There will be no 9.30am Mass that morning.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of dear Brenda Kedge. Details of her Funeral service will be given in due course.

## **Sr JOAN's MEMORIAL MASS**

A Memorial Mass for Sr Joan will be held at St Francis College Chapel on 17th December at 10.30am. Parishioners are invited to attend.

## **ST Hugh's TODDLERS' GROUP**

Exciting news! Our Baby & Toddler Playgroup starts on 1st December at 9.30am after a two and a half years unavoidable hiatus. It will follow the usual format: lots of free play with a variety of toys (dolls area, train track, building blocks, role play area, slides, ride-ons etc). A healthy snack will be served at 10.30am and the session will finish with singing and movement from 11.15 to 11.30. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. We are very excited to be able to offer this fantastic resource and we thank Cecilia Palao for taking on the role of group leader.

## **STM CHRISTMAS MARKET**

On Sunday 27th November, the congregation is invited to the Christmas Market organised by the St Thomas More Parents' Association. The perfect way to start the Festive season! Support local businesses by buying your presents from our wonderful traders: cosmetics, candles, booze, cordials, jewellery there is a lot to choose from and every purchase makes someone else's Christmas a little more special. The children will find plenty to do with Santa's Grotto and lots of crafting activities. There is also an opportunity to get the perfect Christmas photo with a professional photographer. Please pop down after Mass and join the fun!

## **LIVE STREAMING**

The eagle-eyed among you might already have spotted our brand new camera at the back of church. This will enable us to Live Stream our services without subscribing to costly dedicated channels. This wonderful service that has sustained our congregation during Covid and is still very much appreciated by our sick and

housebound parishioners, would not be possible without the work and dedication of Phil Clarke. To him and his family goes our most heartfelt Thank you.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES FOR REFUGEES**

Herts Welcomes Refugees would like your help filling Gift boxes for each refugee in the area. Instructions on what to fill the boxes with can be found on the parish website or at the back of church on our noticeboard. Boxes are required for children but also adults. Please drop off your donations at the parish office or church by 16th December so they can then be passed on. We thank Frank Nuttall for coordinating this wonderful initiative.

## **MORNING PRAYERS**

Every morning, Mon– Sat, at 9.10am, a group of parishioners meet before the daily Mass to say Morning Prayers. It is a wonderful opportunity to start the day refreshed and uplifted. Everyone is welcome to join.

## **HOMES FOR UKRAINE**

The government asked families in the UK to open their homes to Ukrainian refugees for a minimum of 6 months. Many UK families generously hosted for this amount of time. The BAAAU (Baldock and Ashwell Action Aid-Ukraine) are now looking for new homes in this area. A mother and 15 year old daughter need a home as soon as possible. If you are interested in hosting or know someone who might be interested please contact: Aygulka at [paygulechka21@gmail.com](mailto:paygulechka21@gmail.com), Vivienne Reed 07815308124 or Clare Davis 07816061416

## **MOTHER'S PRAYERS**

Mother's Prayers group is held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda's Room. Tea and coffee is served beforehand. All mothers and grandmothers are welcome.

## **WEEKDAY MASS IN ST HILDA ROOM**

In an effort to save on the cost of utilities, weekday Masses are now celebrated in the St Hilda Room. Funeral Masses and Masses attended by our school will be held in church as normal.

## **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 26th November to Sun 4th December 2022*

Saturday 26th November

6.00pm: Ramatoulie Faye INT

**Sunday 27th November**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Margaret Fitzgerald INT

Monday 28th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 29th November

9.30am Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Wednesday 30th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 1st December

9.30am: Theobald Dep RIP

Friday 2nd December

9.30am Fr John Sullivan RIP

Saturday 3rd December

9.30: Audrey Donnelly INT

6.00pm: People of the Parish

**Sunday 4th December**

9.30am: Oliver Pykerman RIP

11.30am: Leonardo Antonaci RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from the end of January.

## **CAFOD PAKISTAN APPEAL**

Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan have affected thirty million people. To donate to the Pakistan Floods Appeal: [Catholic international development charity | CAFOD](https://www.catholicinternationaldevelopmentcharity.org.uk/CAFOD)

## **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES SUPPORT**

Reset's resources and tool kits for people wishing to host Ukrainian refugees: <https://resetuk.org/toolkits/homes-for-ukraine/useful-links> *Caritas Westminster Refugee Response*, : <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/refugee-response.php>

Ukrainian Eparchy's financial appeal:

<https://www.ucc-gb.com/post/helpukraine-emergency-appeal> CAFOD:<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

## **SASH (Seniors at St. Hugh)**

SASH meetings:

8th December – Scrabble;

22nd December - Family tips for Christmas, plus Carols and mince pies.

If you have recently retired, or moved to this Parish or used to attend the group before the dreaded Covid, or for any other reason, then why not give us a try? The SASH group meets on Thu at 2.30pm in the St Hilda's Room.

## **MASS TIME CHANGE**

On Wed 7th December and Saturday 24th December, morning Mass will start at 9am.

## **CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Wed 14th December at 7.30pm.

## **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

Give a gift of hope this Christmas. In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at [https:// world-gifts.cafod.org.uk/](https://world-gifts.cafod.org.uk/) or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

## **WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Christmas Celebration The annual Christmas Celebration concerts at Westminster Cathedral will take place this year on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st December. For tickets, visit [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk).

**SVP Awareness** The SVP offer a range of free online taster sessions including : 'care leavers', 'end of life companionship', 'social justice', 'holiday camps', and 'support for refugees and migrants'. For further information visit [www.svp.org.uk/discover](http://www.svp.org.uk/discover). If you are aware of a need, please contact them at [request@svp.org.uk](mailto:request@svp.org.uk).

## **PARISH MEETING**

We look forward to seeing you at the next Parish Meeting on 31st January 2023 at 8pm.

## **FORTESCUE HALL**

Our hall is now available to be hired. Our new rates are: Mon- Fri Parishioner: £17; Organisation:£20. Saturday/Sunday daytime only: Parishioner: £20; Organisation: £25

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

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
Richard Parker	Barry Brown
Stephen Prohaska	Angela Horne
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
Anna Harte	George Marston
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Toby Hughes	Brenda Feeney
Mary Wallace	Philomena Johnson
Reg Rolph	Mick McGrinder
Rosie Child	Andrew Browne
Anne Hudson	Willie Hudson
John Ferguson	Sarah Moore
Liam Prendergast	

**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.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. 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 October 2022:** the total collection for the month of October is £7542.03, including standing orders and in church donations. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**Dates for your diary:**

Sun 27th Nov	STM Christmas Market at Fortescue Hall 10am - 3pm
Thu 8th Dec	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
Wed 14th Dec	Parish Reconciliation Service 7.30pm
Tue 31st Jan	Parish Meeting 8pm, St Hilda Room

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk)

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

Tel: 01438 314643    [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

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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.