

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 4TH DECEMBER 2022

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 Page 85 Psalter Week 2

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11: 1-10

He judges the wretched with integrity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 cf v 7

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

SECOND READING: Romans 15: 4-9

Christ is the saviour of all people.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

COLLECT: Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

From The Presbytery Window

A Voice cries in the Wilderness, Prepare a Way for The Lord

As we take another step into Advent, Isaiah introduces one of the main themes of this period of the Church's year, peace. Isaiah paints a picture of the whole world, of people and all creation living together in harmony. They will be led by a King who has the qualities to rule justly. Psalm 71 too speaks of the desire for peace and justice for all. For Paul, when he writes to the Romans, hope can be found in Scripture. All the more reason for us to be tolerant with one another so we can give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Gospel John the Baptist appears by the river Jordan entreating people to repent and prepare a way for the one who is to come. He tells them being a son or daughter of Abraham will not be enough to be sure of being saved. There is no room for complacency. People are to repent and change their way of life. Mindful of this week's readings, we can be aware of the community in which we live and, by word and deed, encourage people to set out on their journey to meet Jesus at Christmas. We continue to pray for those who live daily with violence and war as we pray for peace. *Fr Jimmy*

POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK, DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation. Amen. (The Pope's video message has not been issued yet. It will be available next week)

BRENDA KEDGE'S MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Brenda Kedge on Monday 12th December at 9.30am. A lay service will take place at Harwood Crematorium on Thu 8th Dec and friends of Brenda are invited to the George IV, Baldock from 11.30am to remember her.

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. The Kanyike project is part of the Christmas Big Give. Donations made between 29th Nov and 6th Dec will be doubled. Please check our website for info.

ST Hugh's TODDLERS' GROUP

Our Baby & Toddler Playgroup is on every Thursday (term-time). Free play with a variety of toys (dolls area, train track, building blocks, role play area, slides, ride-ons etc). A healthy snack is served at 10.30am and the session finishes 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

What a blast that was! Thank you to every single person who helped, came along, supported the school and enjoyed the day with us. It was lovely to see so many parishioners coming out in force to join in and our beautifully renovated (although unfinished) Forrescue Hall was the perfect venue. A very special thank you from the STM PA to: the Dream Team, Trish, Judith and Jo, who run the kitchen the whole morning and made everyone feel so welcome; our wonderful choir for a smashing performance; the Clarke family who saved the day by donating a huge amount of Advent Calendars to stock up our Santa's Grotto; last but not least, the fabulous LJ, our children's liturgy Lead Catechist, who delighted everyone as Lolly Jingles the Elf. Recently, a Diocesan Catechetical Advisor who visited St Hugh commented on the fact that not all parishes have a link to their Catholic schools. We certainly do have

it and it is a strong one. Let's continue to cherish and nurture it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IRIS!

Our fellow-parishioner, Iris Pompey, has turned 105! Yes, you read that right! She's in good health and surrounded by a very loving family. Cards can be left at the office and we will endeavour to get them to her. May God continue bless Iris.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES FOR REFUGEES

Herts Welcomes Refugees would like your help filling Gift boxes for refugees in our 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. If you are interested in hosting or know someone who might be interested please contact: Aygulka at 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 available. 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 3rd to Sun 11th December 2022

Saturday 3rd December

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 4th December

9.30am: Oliver Pykerman RIP

11.30am: Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Monday 5th December

9.30am: Fr Jeremy Davies RIP

Tuesday 6th December

9.30am Francis Burgen Durbano INT

Wednesday 7th December

9am: Iris Pompey INT

Thursday 8th December - Immaculate Conception

9.30am: Salvatore Fiore RIP

Friday 9th December

9.30am Edward & Anne Sheenan RIP

Saturday 10th December

9.30: Cathy & Kenneth Lowthian RIP

6.00pm: Vincenzo & Immacolata Forte RIP

Sunday 11th December – Gaudete Sunday

9.30am: Maria & Pietro Pallini RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available from the end of January. Please note that weekend Masses are available from mid-March.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS

The Diocesan Year Book is now available from the Office. It has parish, clergy and school directories, contact details for the Curia (divided by department), the Liturgical Calendar for the Year and much more. The Year book costs £5.

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. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.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.

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. If you are aware of a need, please contact them at 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.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. 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. Figures for November will be given next week.

Dates for your diary:

Thu 8th Dec	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
Wed 14th Dec	Parish Reconciliation Service 7.30pm
Sat 31st Dec	Mass at 10am and Vigil Mass at 6pm
Fri 6th Jan	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Holy Day of obligation. Mass at 9.30am, 6.15pm (in Polish) and 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

The Saint 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.