

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.



SUNDAY 15TH JAN 2023, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 125 Psalter Week 2

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39: 2, 4,, 7-10 response vv 8,9

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace

GOSPEL: John 1: 29-34

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

15th January 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Yes, I have seen, and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God!

Hearing John's Gospel today, we move almost seamlessly from the Season of Christmas into Ordinary Time. Christmas ends with the revelations or manifestations of the Son of God. Jesus is shown to us at his Epiphany and in his Baptism; Ordinary Time begins with the John the Baptist recognising Jesus as the Lamb of God at the beginning of his public ministry. We are challenged by God's Word to ask what it means for us to recognise Jesus as the Lamb of God and the Chosen One of God? What do these titles ask of us? A way forward can be found in the three other texts of our Mass. Isaiah reminds us to be a light for the nations so God's salvation may reach all people; Psalm 39 encourages us to do God's will and delight in God's law from the depth of our heart, while St Paul calls us to take our place among all the saints, the holy people of Jesus Christ. We pray that, by 'seeing' God, both at work in the world and present to us in our lives, we might bear witness to the Chosen One by the choices we make in our lives.

POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK, JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

The Pope's video message is available here: <https://youtu.be/VGIJRrThm78>

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for John Harrison RIP will be held on Fri 20th January at 1pm.

The Funeral Mass for Ronald O'Sullivan RIP will be held on Thursday 26th January at 11am.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Seery, detail of her Funeral Mass will be given in due course. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We are deeply saddened, and so will be many parishioners, by the news of Mick McGrinder's passing. The Funeral date will be published when we have it. Please pray for Mick's soul and for his family at this difficult time.

MASS TIMES

Advance notice: there will be NO Mass on Monday 16th Jan. On Wed 11th and 18th Jan, morning Mass will start at 9am.

Fr JIMMY ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Jimmy will be away from Tue 10th Jan till Fri 20th Jan. We thank Fr Stephen for looking after us in Fr Jimmy's absence.

OFFICE TIMES

One of the many reasons why most people hate January is that if you work in admin, accountancy or HR you have a million deadlines and a crushing amount of work. The parish office is not immune so we will be closed to the public on 17th and 24th January. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you wonder why this has never happened before, it is because for years Ian Hunt put in very many hours of volunteering. He would still do it but Diocesan procedures will not allow it.

CONFIRMATION

Forms to join the Confirmation Programme are now available for collection from Fr Stephen after Mass. The first Parents' session will take place on 23rd January 2023. Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul on Pentecost, 28th May 2023.

COUNTERS NEEDED

Would you please consider offering only one hour of your time per month to assist in the counting of the parish collection? As a parish, we are fortunate not only in the generosity of our parishioners contributions but also in the fact that many are supporting the parish by standing order. The amount of cash that is received in the presbytery is therefore not

significant and thus the responsibilities of the counters not particularly onerous.

If you are willing to help, Peter Spreckley, our parish counters coordinator, would be pleased to hear from you. His email is peter.spreckley@gmail.com or phone 01462671784. Many thanks.

ST Hugh's TODDLERS' GROUP

Our Baby & Toddler Playgroup is on Thursday(term-time) 9.30-11.30am at Fortescue Hall.

RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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/>

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Caritas Westminster's page <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022.php>, includes a pdf document containing a range of

organisations which can help people struggling with the cost of living.

Our Development team remains available to offer advice and direct you to support for any parish projects you wish to develop to help your community at this time. Find their contact details here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/our-development-team.php>

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 14h to Sun 22nd January 2023

Saturday 14th January

6pm: Della Stockwell RIP

Sunday 15th January

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Canon James Hathway RIP

Monday 16th January

No Mass

Tuesday 17th January

9.30am : Brenda Kedge RIP

Wednesday 18th January

9am: Private Intention

Thursday 19th January

9.30am: Sebastian Greenwood-Byrne INT

Friday 20th January

9.30am : Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Saturday 21st January

9.30am: Maureen Butler RIP

6pm: Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Sunday 22nd January:

9.30am: Paolo Puosi RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available from March. Please note that weekend Masses are available from April. If you are filling in one of the little envelopes for Mass Intentions, please make sure to leave a contact number and to specify who the Mass is offered for.

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 Re-*

sponse, : <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)

Jan. 12 Beetle Drive in St Hilda Room

Jan. 26 Burns lunch at 50 Highfield at 1pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE

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.

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

WESTMINSTER INTERFAITH GROUP

The Westminster cathedral interfaith group meet on Wed Jan 18 at 2 p.m. in the Hinsley room. We will be studying Fratelli tutti. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found at Fratelli tutti (3 October 2020) | Francis (vatican.va) All are welcome and there is no charge.

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.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Mother's Prayers group is held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. Tea and coffee available. All mothers and grandmothers are welcome. In case a Funeral Mass is held on the Monday, the group will be held on the Tuesday.

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	Sarah Moore
Rosie Child	Andrew Browne
Anne Hudson	Willie Hudson

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
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 Total December: 8,089.01

We regret to report that the Candle box with the offering to the Crib was broken into. Please use the Holy Soul box in the porch for donations.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 16th Jan	No Mass
Wed 11th and Wed 18th Jan	Morning Mass 9am both days
Mon 23rd Jan	Start of Confirmation Programme
Tue 31st Jan	Parish Meeting 8pm, St Hilda Room — all welcome
Wed 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday - Services at church: 9.30am and 7.30pm STM will have a separate service at school for pupils and Staff.

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strejmi.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.