

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 22nd JAN 2023, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 127 Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8: 23– 9:3

In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 26: 1, 4, 13-14 response v 1

The Lord is my light and my help

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13,17

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 12-23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

22nd January 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, Light of the World

On this *Sunday of the Word of God* the readings proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, the light of the world: a beacon who draws all peoples to himself.

When the old tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali were being deported to Assyria, Isaiah promised that their land, then deeply overshadowed by turmoil and war, would one day witness a great light in their midst (**First Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, St Matthew sees the fulfilment of this prophecy. Jesus was, and is, that light. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus settles in Galilee, a region that corresponds to the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali. After proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, it is striking that his first action is to call his first disciples. The task of witnessing to the kingdom is not something to be done by Jesus alone. Rather he calls followers to share in and continue this work.

If we are to walk in the light of Jesus, Paul warns against tribalism, differences and division. Jesus alone is our light, not any of his followers. Paul's own role is to be a preacher to the humble and to proclaim the counter-cultural message of the cross (**Second Reading**). The **Psalm** is an eloquent prayer of trust, where the psalmist calls on the Lord as *his light and his help*.

This week, we may like to ask the Lord for that light and help in our own lives, and in the lives of all humanity. We pray to find ways of sharing his light and compassion with all whom we meet in our suffering world. Amen.

FUNERALS

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

The Funeral Mass for Mick McGrinder RIP will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 11.30am. There will be 9.30am Mass that morning. Mick's Funeral will be live streamed on the parish Youtube channel as requested by the family.

The Funeral mass for Mary Seery RIP will be held on Wednesday 8th Feb at 10.30am.

The Funeral mass for Michael Jones RIP will be held on Thursday 9th February at 10.30am.

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 Jimmy 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.

VESPERS FOR THE POPE EMERITUS

Next Tuesday, 24 January 2023, at 5pm there will a service of Vespers in the Cathedral to honour the life of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict, and to pray for the repose of his soul. Many of the Bishops of England and Wales will be attending, as well as ecumenical guests. Lord Williams of Oystermouth, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will give an address. Anyone can attend and there is no need to book a place.

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

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 21st to Sun 29th January 2023

Saturday 21st January

6pm: Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Sunday 22nd January

9.30am: Paolo Puosi RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 23rd January

9.30am: Fr martin Orme RIP

Tuesday 24th January

9.30am : Pat Whyte RIP

Wednesday 25th January

9.30am: Lizzie Dean RIP

Thursday 26th January

11am: Funeral Mass Ron O'Sullivan RIP

Friday 27th January

9.30am : Anthony Cocallis RIP

Saturday 28th January

9.30am: Maureen Butler RIP

6pm: Niall Doran INT

Sunday 29th January:

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Pauline Doran RIP

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)

SASH members - and those who wish to join - are invited to a 'Burns Lunch' at 50 Highfield on Thursday 26th January at 1pm.

If you wish to come please phone Patsy on 620397 in order that the correct number of Haggis may be rounded up!

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

A number of parishioners have voiced concerns about attending the meeting in the evening. We made the decision of having two meetings: one after Morning Mass, 10.15am, and one at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you at one of them.

FORTESCUE HALL

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

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.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 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 23rd Jan	Start of Confirmation Programme
Sun 29th Jan	9.30am: Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Candidates
Tue 31st Jan	Parish Meeting 10.15am, St Hilda Room — all welcome Parish Meeting 8pm, St Hilda Room — all welcome
Thu 2nd Feb	Candlemas Service 9.30am 11.30am: Funeral Mass for Mick McGrinder RIP
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.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.