

# ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office: Monday 9.00-2.30pm, Tuesday 9.00 -2pm and Thursday 9.00-2.30pm

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 29th JANUARY 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 130 Psalter Week 4**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 2: 3, 3:12– 13

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145: 7-10 response Matthew 5:3

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12

*How happy are the poor in spirit.*

COLLECT: Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven***

God's Word reveals what we need to follow Christ and become more like him. Getting our priorities right, in God's eyes, may not be easy nor is it always the way of the world, but it will bring happiness in God's kingdom. At the beginning of his Sermon on the Mount Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, focusing on the qualities he expects disciples to have. They are not rules like the commandments, more a road map for discipleship, laying out the way in which we are to follow the Lord. Jesus calls us to learn what it really means to be glad and rejoice in him alone. The Beatitudes are a restatement of the values shown in our first reading from the prophet Zephaniah. The Lord will protect those living honest and just lives so they become people of integrity and humility. In prayerful response, Psalm 145 sings of the Lord's faithfulness and kindness, praising God for God's care of those who are oppressed; the hungry, the imprisoned, the blind and the stranger. Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, why they have been chosen by God. Their gift of faith is entirely due to God's generosity; in God they have found wisdom, holiness and freedom. We pray we recognise the blessings the Lord has given us, so we walk more closely with him in his work just as he walks with us in our lives. We continue to pray for those suffering war and conflict in Ukraine and many other parts of our world.

**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 Mick McGrinder RIP is on Thursday 2nd February at 11.30am. Mick's Funeral will be live streamed on the parish Youtube channel. 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.

The Funeral Mass for Adela Kazmirierczak will be held on Fri 10th February at 11am, celebrant Fr Cezary. There will be 9.30am Mass that day.

We also pray for the repose of the souls of Bill O'Donovan, Jean Wake and Reg Rolph, who, sadly, have recently passed. Funeral details will be given in due course. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **THURSDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

This Thursday we will have a sung parish and St Thomas More School Mass at 9.30am to mark this great feast of the Lord's childhood and early life. In the mediaeval period this feast marked the end of the Christmas season, so we will remove the Crib in the Baptistry following Mass. While it's not a holy day of obligation, this is a beautiful feast. All are welcome to attend this Mass

## **COUNTERS NEEDED**

Would you please consider offering just an 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 received is not significant and the responsibilities of the counters not particularly onerous. If you are willing to help, Peter Spreckley, our parish counter's coordinator, would be pleased to hear from you. His email is; peter.spreckley@gmail.com or phone 01462671784. Many thanks.

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

If you have recently retired or moved to our Parish, or used to attend the group before Covid, or for any other reason, then why not give us a try? The SASH group meets each Thursday at 2.30pm in the St Hilda Room. Sash Spring Programme 2023:

9th February Scrabble

23rd February Seated Softball Championship

9th March Big Word Game

23rd March St. Paul - a remarkable Saint

13th April My favourite recipe - with a sample

27th April My memories of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** is on 5th February. The theme chosen for 2023 is "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together". This was inspired by observations made by Pope Francis during his visit to Canada last year when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation' and by conversations following RJS 2022. Material for Racial Justice Sunday can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday>

## **GRANTS FOR ENERGYDEBTS**

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 [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk), includes a pdf document containing a range of organisations which can help people struggling with the cost of living. Their team is available to offer advice and direct you to support: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/our-development-team.php>

**THE LENT 2023 FAITH-SHARING RESOURCE** is, 'Enlarging the Space of our Tent', written by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ and Colette Joyce from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. The resource will consist of five 60-90 minute sessions, each focusing on a theme covered by Justice and Peace, including poverty and homelessness, racial justice, care of creation, migrants and refugees, and peace. Each session will explore the theme in the light of a piece of Scripture from the coming Sunday (beginning

with the Second Sunday of Lent and finishing with Palm Sunday), prayer, a reflection on experience from a local example here in our diocese, and questions to aid group sharing. Please contact the office if you wish to receive a copy.

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 21st to Sun 29th January 2023*

Saturday 28th January

6pm: Niall Doran INT

***Sunday 29th January***

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Pauline Doran INT

Monday 30th January

9.30am: Fr Kieran Dodd RIP

Tuesday 31st January

9.30am : Mabel and Jack Mills RIP

Wednesday 1st February

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 2nd February

9.30am Evelyn Brennan RIP

11am: Funeral Mass Mick McGrinder RIP

Friday 3rd February

9.30am : Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Saturday 4th February

9.30am: Leonardo Antonaci & Ross Nittolo RIP

6pm: Sean & Mareen Flaherty INT

Sunday 5th February:

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Brenda Kedge RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from March, weekend Masses from May. If you are filling in a Mass Intention envelope please make sure to leave a contact number and to specify for whom the Mass is offered.

### **CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (CCS)**

All offerings at the Crib will be sent to our Catholic Children's Society, which since 1859 has been working with poor and vulnerable families and children throughout our Diocese. Thank you very much for your support of the CCS in the past and if you can, please be generous on what is the last weekend when their Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

### **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](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](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal)

**PARISH PASTORAL MEETING** Please do attend one of the Parish Pastoral Council Evangelisation meetings this Tuesday, 31st January, at 10.15am or 8.00pm in the St Hilda Room. All are welcome.

### **FORTESCUE HALL**

Our Hall is now available for hire. Our new rates are: Monday - Friday parishioner £17 per hour; external organisations £20 per hour. Saturday or Sunday daytime only parishioner: £20 per hour, external organisations £25 per hour. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to make a booking.

### **MORNING PRAYER**

Every morning at 9.10am, Monday – Saturday, parishioners meet before Mass for Morning Prayer. It is a wonderful opportunity to start the day refreshed and uplifted. Everyone is welcome to join.

### **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

A Mothers' Prayer group is held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. Tea and coffee available. All mothers and grandmothers are welcome.

### **CAFOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us as volunteers here in the Westminster diocese. Could you help us raise awareness about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice? Find out by joining our meeting this Wednesday 1st February from 2.30-4.30pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 0208 449 6970

### **ST HUGH OF LINCOLN TODDLER**

**GROUP** takes place on Thursdays from 9.30 -11.30am, term-time only, in Fortescue Hall. All parents/grand-parents are welcome.

**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	Rosie Child
Philomena Johnson	Sarah Moore
Andrew Browne	Willie Hudson
Anne Hudson	

**Easy Giving:** To make giving to your parish easier there is a Contactless Machine in the Church porch or you may give via our parish website; [www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth)  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Standing Order:** Making your offering to the Church by Standing Order is simple and enables the Finance Committee with Fr Jimmy to plan parish finances accurately. Please contact the Parish Office 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  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Candle Donations** For candle donations: please use the Holy Souls box in the Church Porch for the time being.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 29th Jan	9.30am: Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Candidates
Tue 31st Jan	10.15am Parish Meeting St Hilda Room All Welcome 8pm Parish Meeting St Hilda Room All Welcome
Thu 2nd Feb	9.30am Parish & School Mass for Presentation / Candlemas 11.30am: Funeral Mass for Mick McGrinder RIP
Wed 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday A day of fasting and abstinence: Mass: 9.30am and 7.30pm

**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)

**Safeguarding Officer** - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](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.