

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.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD, SUNDAY 8TH JAN 2023

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 118 Psalter Week

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 28: 1-4, 9-10 response v 11

The Lord will bless his people with peace

SECOND READING: Acts 10: 34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 13-17

As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

My spiritual testament

When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendour of the Creator Himself shining through time and again.

I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home.

I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science - on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) - has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science - just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity. For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.

Benedictus PP XVI.

Semper in Christo vivas, Pater Sancte

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A MESSAGE FROM KING CHARLES TO POPE FRANCIS

“Your Holiness, I received the news of the death of your predecessor, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, with deep sadness. I remember with fondness my meeting with His Holiness during my visit to the Vatican in 2009. His visit to the United Kingdom in 2010 was important in strengthening the relations between the Holy See and the United Kingdom. I also recall his constant efforts to promote peace and goodwill to all people, and to strengthen the relationship between the global Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church. My wife and I send you our continued good wishes for your own pontificate.”

CHARLES R

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for John Ferguson RIP will be held on 9th January 2023 at 12.30pm. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Church YouTube channel.

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

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.

ST Hugh’s TODDLERS’ GROUP

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

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 will be available next week)

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 7th to Sun 15th January 2023

Saturday 7th January

6pm: Maureen Hogbourne RIP

Sunday 8th January, Baptism of the Lord

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Monday 9th January

12.30pm: Funeral Mass John Ferguson RIP

Tuesday 10th January

9.30am : Fr Charles Dilke RIP

Wednesday 11th January

9am: Maria Calcasola RIP

Thursday 12th January

9.30am: Patrick & Diana Diskin and Mary

Gamble RIP

Friday 13th January

9.30am : Trish and Bob Haines INT

Saturday 14th January

9.30am: Mgr Mark Langham RIP

6pm: Della Stockwell RIP

Sunday 15th January:

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Canon James Hathway RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from the very end of February. Please note that weekend Masses are available from the end of March. 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. We have received a number of envelopes that only have the name of the donor on them. These have been put down as Private Intentions.

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)

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

CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

9th January 2023, 12.45-2.00pm: Joint Meeting of the Southern Dioceses Environment Network & Northern Dioceses Environment Group. Open to all Catholics and our friends. Register with Eventbrite [Southern Dioceses Environment Network & Northern Dioceses Environment Group Tickets, Mon 9 Jan 2023 at 12:45 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southern-dioceses-environment-network-northern-dioceses-environment-group-tickets-48848412107)

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.

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 Houghton	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
Sarah Moore	

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

The collection total for December will be published next week. 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:

Sun 8th Jan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. 9.30am Mass: Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Children
Mon 16th Jan	No Mass
Wed 11th and Wed 18th Jan	Morning Mass 9am both days
Tue 31st Jan	Parish Meeting 8pm, St Hilda Room — all welcome

Our Catholic Schools

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

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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.