

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 2nd April 2023, Palm Sunday

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-7

I did not cover my face against insult—I know I shall not be ashamed

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 21: 8-9. 17-20. 23-24. response v.2

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

GOSPEL: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26: 14-27:66

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord Year A

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Beginning Holy Week, our readings take us from the joy and Hosannas of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to a profound contemplation of his suffering and death. In Isaiah we meet the suffering servant, the disciple who suffers without offering resistance, who is supported by God so he can bring life to others. Psalm 21 accompanies us through the week, as well as being quoted by Matthew in our Gospel. It foreshadows Jesus's sufferings and hints at his future glory. Paul's Philippians reading is a wonderful hymn underlining Jesus' divinity, his human obedience and suffering before his exaltation and glory. We hear the Passion narrative from Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus is betrayed, mocked, denied, accused and crucified, while his body is laid in the tomb with a guard placed to secure it. May we follow Christ in his Passion, holding each other and our suffering and tortured world, in prayer. May Mary be with us in her Son's and our journey, helping us understand the value of following the example of Jesus.

POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK, APRIL PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens. **Amen.**

Pope's Prayer Network: [The challenges that confront humanity and the mission of the Church \(popesprayer.va\)](https://www.popesprayer.va/)

FR JIMMY WARMLY ENCOURAGES PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND THE TRIDUUM SERVICES

SECURITY NOTICE

Parishioners are advised to keep their belongings with them at all times. Please do not leave your bags and valuables unattended when queueing for Communion or at any other time. Thank you.

CATECHISTS WANTED

If you enjoy working with children and young people, please consider joining the Parish Catechetical Team. We urgently need volunteers to take on the roles of lead Catechists for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes. Please get in touch with our office if you are interested in taking up this very important and very rewarding ministry. Letchworth@rcdow.org.uk

OUR LADY'S STATUES

We are very happy the statues on loan from St Michael's are finally up in our church ready to be admired by all. Our Lady with Baby Jesus is now located in the Baptistry, overlooking the Font. Our Lady of Walsingham is located in the Chapel above the dedication plaque. We would like to thank Ginny Morris who contacted our parish and facilitated the loan process with the Anglican Diocese so the statues can be kept safe here. We also thank her husband Nigel who oversaw the safe transport and relocation of the statues. Parishioners of St Michael's church are more than welcome in our church and we hope they will enjoy the opportunity to see and pray close to the statues they cherish.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Through the generosity of the Cardinal's Appeal, the Diocese has been able to reduce the price of WYD 2023 to **£1500**. The two-week pilgrimage will include "days in the diocese" in Porto before travelling to Fatima and Lisbon. Included in the price is all transport, transit, accommodation, WYD pass and most meals. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people aged 18-35. Please check the parish website for more details. **There are very limited spaces** at this price and applications will close on the 14th April 2023.

For more information and booking forms please email Phoebe Prendergast at phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk or Holly Cook at hollycook@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: YOUR HELP NEEDED!

There will be two meetings for parishioners to attend and give their views on what the role of the Parish Pastoral Council should be. Meeting dates: 22nd April at 10.45am and 29th April at 10.45am. We very much hope that parishioners will find the time to pop in, especially if you run one of our parish groups. Alternatively, any parishioner can write in with their views to Dan Sinnott [dfsinnott@yahoo.com] or Nick Fishwick [nick.fishwick@hotmail.co.uk].

Nick

KISS WELSH 3000S WALKING CHALLENGE

A group of hardy parishioners are planning to climb all the mountains in Wales above 3,000 feet (there are 15 of them, all in Snowdonia) to raise much needed funds for KISS. We will travel on Wednesday 31st May, undertake the challenge over three days, 1st to 3rd June inclusive, and return home on Sunday, 4th June. We will be staying in YHA accommodation at a total cost of £117.83 per person, plus food and drink costs. We hope to have a party of 12 walkers and currently have 10. We are therefore looking for another two keen, foolhardy folk to join us! It is a serious challenge. We will climb in excess of 20,000 feet over the three days and cover a total distance of around 40 miles. You will therefore need to be fit, ideally have some mountain walking experience and you will need good quality walking equipment (boots, clothing, water-proofs). Also, some scrambling and exposure on high ridges will feature so you will need a good head for heights. And, of course, you will need to raise as much sponsorship money as possible! If I haven't put you off and you would like to join us on the challenge, please contact me as soon as possible on 07799 792664.

FLOWER CROWNS WORKSHOP

On Thursday 4th May at 7pm come to St Thomas More and join our PA in a guided, step by step workshop on how to make beautiful fresh flower crowns. All equipment and seasonal flowers will be provided together with a glass of Prosecco or soft drink on arrival. Tickets are £20 each and booking is essential in order to ensure enough material is acquired. You can book online at <https://st-thomas-more->

pa.sumupstore.com/product/flower-crown-workshop-Thursday-4th-may

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: 13th April: My favourite recipe - with a sample; 27th April: My memories of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 1st to Sun 9th April 2023

Saturday 1st April

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 2nd April, Palm Sunday

9.30am: Mary McGrath RIP

11.30am: Paddy O'Donnell RIP

Monday 3rd April

9.30am: Maria Schipani RIP

Tuesday 4th April

9.30am : Jason Allen and Una McConville RIP

Wednesday 5th April

9.30am: Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Thursday 6th April—Maundy Thursday

9am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Friday 7th April—Good Friday

9am : Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

10am: Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday 8th April—Holy Saturday

9am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8.30pm: People of the Parish (Easter Vigil)

Sunday 9th April, Easter Sunday:

9.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

11.30am: Brenda Kedge RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from the last week of May, weekend Masses from mid-June. 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.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES SUPPORT

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If

you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk> for more information.

MARRIAGE PRAPARATION COURSE

At Hitchin Parish on Saturday 22nd April 10am to 4pm. Fee: £75 per couple.

To register please go to:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/sacramental-prep/marriage/> and contact Robert Hitchcock, Sacramental Coordinator at Our Lady's.

FORTESCUE HALL

Hall hire fees: 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. 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.

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/carers are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday. On Sunday 16th April at 3pm, there will be a dedicated service at Holy Trinity, Baldock, followed by Confessions. All welcome.

21 APRIL: CHRISTIAN CLIMATE ACTION – THE BIG ONE.

The biggest climate protest yet. 100,000 people protesting outside the Houses of Parliament in London. The protest is on-going but aims to be at its biggest from 21-24 April. [Christian Climate Action](http://ChristianClimateAction.org)

We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
Richard Parker	Anne Hudson
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

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 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

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

Collection Total February: £10,443.23 Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

HOLY WEEK	Please refer to the Leaflet
Sat 22nd Apr	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 10.45am
Mon 24th Apr	St George's Day
Sat 29th Apr	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 10.45am
Sun 14th May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Thu 18th May	The Ascension of the Lord — STM Mass
Sun 21st May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Sun 28th May	Pentecost Confirmation Mass—Celebrant Bishop Paul 9.30am
Sun 11th Jun	Corpus Christi - Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion Children
Sun 2nd Jul	Baptism Preparation Course

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.