

# 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 5th March 2023, Second Sunday of Lent**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 155 Psalter Week 2**

FIRST READING: Genesis 12: 1-4

*The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22 response v 22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

*God calls and enlightens us.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

COLLECT: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made ours, we may rejoice to behold your glory. **Amen.**

## **5th March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent Year A**

### ***God has saved us by his own grace***

Our readings encourage us to think about our journey of faith in the company of the transfigured Lord, and the importance of trusting in the call and grace of God our Father. Genesis recounts God's astonishing call to Abram to abandon his land, his family and his nation, and Abram's generous response. With divine blessing and guidance, Abram, who becomes Abraham, finds a new home and a new life, serving as an example to us. Paul makes it clear we are called to a holiness not of our making, but God's. Like Timothy, we are reminded we are not alone. We're invited to rely on divine power and grace revealed by the life and death of Christ Jesus. Like Abraham, we too, must learn to live by trusting in God's grace and God's calling of us. Trust in God the Father is exemplified above all in the life of Jesus, who is shown transfigured on the mountain top, radiant with divine light. The Father proclaims Jesus as his Beloved Son and adds the important invitation, 'Listen to him'. Psalm 32 meditates on the creative power of the Lord, encouraging us to put our trust in the Lord who fills the earth with his love. We pray for a deepening personal relationship with Christ Jesus; for the grace to listen to his voice, hear his call to personal ministry and feel his presence in our daily lives. We pray too, for peace in our troubled world.

### **POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK, MARCH PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

#### **For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. **Amen.**

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm and Friday after morning Mass. No Stations of the Cross on Wednesday 29th March, due to our Parish Reconciliation service, and on Friday 17th March, when a sung Mass for St Patrick's Day will be celebrated. The Mass for the Feast of St Joseph will take place on Monday 20th March.

## **VISIT FROM MISSIONARY SISTERS**

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here on March 4th and 5th 2023 to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your support.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: YOUR HELP NEEDED! PLEASE COME TO MEETINGS ON 22 OR 29 APRIL!**

One issue that arose in the parish meetings in January was the revival of the St Hughs Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

No such council has met since well before the covid days. The feeling was that it might be worth reviving the PPC to support the community and spiritual life of all our parishioners, working closely with Father Jimmy.

We need to decide more clearly what a PPC would do. Might it:

- Coordinate and support current groups in the parish – choirs, sacramental preparation, readers etc?
- Coordinate and support parish community meetings – regular coffee mornings, occasional parish events?
- Reach out better to different groups in the parish – young people, sick and elderly, other needy groups or local charities, those who for whatever reason find it difficult to attend mass?
- Support the spiritual needs of parishioners?
- Support a more real engagement with the Westminster diocese.

And there will be many other ideas that parishioners have – as shared during the synodal process last year.

The Parish meetings felt that the role of a PPC is best decided through one or two consultations with parishioners. There will be meetings for parishioners to attend and give their views, or any parishioner can simply

Please do help the parish by attending a meeting or sending in your views.

write in with their views to Dan Sinnott [dfsinnott@yahoo.com] or Nick Fishwick [nick.fishwick@hotmail.co.uk].

The first meeting will be at 1045 on Saturday 22 April in the St Hilda Room.

For those unable to get to this meeting there will be another a week later, 1045 on Saturday 29 April in the St Hilda Room.

*Nick*

## **NURSERY APPLICATIONS**

Please be reminded that Nursery applications will close on Monday 6th March 2023.

## **BACH'S St JOHN'S PASSION**

On Thursday 16 March 2023, the Choir of Westminster Cathedral will be performing Bach's St John Passion, at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. James Gilchrist and Roderick Williams will sing the parts of Evangelist and Christus, and the choir will be accompanied by a baroque orchestra.

Tickets for this concert are on sale at up to £45 each however parishioners can have a 50% discount. Tickets are available at <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john>. Entering the offer code SJP50 will unlock the discount.

## **ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY**

"I am delighted to be able to invite married couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating particular anniversaries during the course of 2023 to join me in the Cathedral once again for a Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony. This year it will take place on Saturday 13th May at 2:30pm (please note the earlier start time). This occasion is one where joy, gratitude and also the deep emotions of a shared journey are celebrated."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

If you are celebrating a significant anniversary and would like to take part, please get in touch with the office.

## **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 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.

**LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYERS** in Notre Dame de France (French Church, 5 Leicester Place WC2H 7BX) at 19:30 on **25th February and 25th March 2023**. A time of prayer with Taizé chants, scripture and silence in the heart of London. All are welcome!

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 4th to Sun 12th March 2023*

Saturday 4th March

6pm: People of the Parish

**Sunday 5th March, 2nd Sunday of Lent**

9.30am: Maria and Pietro Pallini RIP

11.30am: Kathleen Cunningham INT

Monday 6th March

9.30am: Angelo Casiraghi RIP

Tuesday 7th March

9.30am : Stephen Akanbi INT

Wednesday 8th March

9.30am: Keith Bearsby RIP

Thursday 9th March

9.30am Kathleen Hughes RIP

Friday 10th March

9.30am : Cathy&Ken Lowthian RIP

Saturday 11th March

9.30am: Brian&Mary Doyle INT

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 12th March, 3rd Sunday of Lent:**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Martha Meynardt RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from the third week of April, 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**

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

### **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. 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 Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. **We will be collecting the envelopes next weekend, 18th-19th March.**

### **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.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

Come and celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on **Saturday 25th March in Walsingham** to pray for the sanctity of life. Coach fare £30. with special rates for families. Please contact Rosemary Roscoe [rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com) or mobile 07723 546642 or Margaret Leahy on 01727 763832 or [margleahy@gmail.com](mailto:margleahy@gmail.com).

**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.parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://www.parish.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 February:** The total will be available next week. 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 12th Mar	Baptism Preparation session, after 9.30am Mass, St Hilda Room
Mon 20th Mar	Solemnity of St Joseph
Sat 25th Mar	Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
Wed 29th Mar	Parish Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm
2nd April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Mass at 9.30am and at <b>11.15am</b> (please congregate at Fortescue Hall, we will then process from there to church)
Holy Week	A separate leaflet with details of all Holy Week services will be available shortly.
Sat 22nd Apr	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 10.45am
Sat 29th Apr	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 10.45am

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strejmi.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)

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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.