

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 12th March 2023, Third Sunday of Lent Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 158 Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Exodus 17: 3-7

Give the water to drink..

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9 response v 9

O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

SECOND READING: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

GOSPEL: John 4: 5-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

COLLECT: O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. **Amen.**

12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent Year A

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside you, welling up to eternal life'

Our readings centre around water and life, helping us to reflect on our true desires. As they thirst in the desert the chosen people of Israel begin to lose their trust in God. God responds to Moses's urgent cry for help by providing water from a rock, satisfying their thirst. Psalm 94 responds by imploring us to listen to and trust in the Lord. Whilst joyfully singing our thanks to God, the source of all life, we are called to soften our hearts for God's love to flow through us. In the Gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. He brings her to new life by showing her respect and compassion. Jesus invites her to trust in him and drink from the 'living water' only he can give. As Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah, the woman responds by rushing back to her town, a new disciple excitedly sharing Jesus's message. Paul reminds us how great is the depth of God's unconditional love for us. Though sinners, we are forgiven. The living water promised in the Gospel is God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us at baptism. Our faith in Jesus quenches our thirst and brings us hope. During Lent we pray, as we listen and respond with open hands and hearts to Jesus's invitation to draw and drink deeply from his well of living water, we may see ourselves and each other through eyes of love. Then we shall be prepared to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

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 Friday 17th March, when a sung Mass for St Patrick's Day will be celebrated, and on Wednesday 29th March, due to our Parish Reconciliation service, and . The Mass for the Feast of St Joseph will take place on Monday 20th March.

STM EASTER EGG HUNT

The St Thomas More Parents' Association would like to invite families with young children to their Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 26th March. Three slots are available to go hunting for chocolate eggs, starting from 12noon to 3pm. Craft and activities are also available as well as a Chocolate Tombola! You don't have to have a child at school to take part. Simply go to www.st-Thomas-more-pa.sumupstore.com to book. Tickets are £3 per child

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

Nick

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 Christ, 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

Sash Spring Programme 2023: 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 11th to Sun 19th March 2023

Saturday 11th March

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 12th March, 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Martha Meynerdt RIP

Monday 13th March

9.30am: Mary Furness RIP

Tuesday 14th March

9.30am : Jenny Warren RIP

Wednesday 15th March

9.30am: Pat & Rosann Wrynn RIP

Thursday 16th March

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 17th March—St Patrick's Day

9.30am : Deceased Members of Palmer and Ryan Families

Saturday 18th March

9.30am: Aileen Whyte INT

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 19th March, Laetare Sunday :

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Martha Meynerdt RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from the second 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

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-](https://www.ucc-gb.com/post/helpukraine-emergency-appeal)

[emergency-appeal CAFOD:https://caford.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal](https://caford.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. 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 or mobile 07723 546642 or Margaret Leahy on 01727 763832 or margleahy@gmail.com.

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

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| 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:

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| 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 |
| Sun 26th Mar | Easter Egg Hunt at STM |
| 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 11.15am (please congregate at Fortescue Hall, we will then process from there to church) |
| 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

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.