

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 26th March 2023, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 170 Psalter Week 1

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 129 response v 7

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8-11

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

GOSPEL: John 11: 1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

COLLECT: By Your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your son handed himself over to death.
Amen.

26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus, Resurrection and Life!

Our readings are a reminder God releases us from all holding us back from God, whether it be sin, despair, even the grave itself. God desires to carry us from the emptiness of death, in all its forms, to new life in the Spirit. The prophet Ezekiel tells us God will call us, even from the very grave, to offer us the Spirit of life. We will be brought home to ourselves, and settled on our own soil. Psalm 129 shows this same upward movement, from the depths of despair and guilt, to the joy and the fullness of life brought about through redemption. Paul reveals how this new life is possible with Christ living in us. We will be the home where the Spirit of God dwells. As Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, he is resurrection and life; we will see God's glory when we have faith in him. This week, we are called to renew our belief in the one who brings us to the fullness of life, while we ponder anew the gifts of life, freedom and joy which the Lord freely offers. What might life in his Spirit look like in the coming week?

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.**

FUNERAL:

The Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Susan Di'Benedetto will be held on Monday 27th March at 9.30am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Mass: please congregate outside church. 11.15am Mass: please congregate at Fortescue Hall.

STM EASTER EGG HUNT—TODAY

The STM 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.

JHN JOB OPPORTUNITY

An opportunity has arisen for invigilators to join our existing team at the Saint John Henry Newman School. The ideal candidate will have strong communication and organisational skills and possibly the ability to act as a scribe and reader. No experience is necessary, as training will be given. Applicants will need to be available for work in the main examination period during May and June. The role is variable hours with pay of £9.50 rising to £10.42 in April 2023. To apply please visit the Teach in Herts website or contact the school directly at 01438 315 643. Alternatively please email admin@jhn.herts.sch.uk – Thank you.

HEALTH & SAFETY VOLUNTEER/S

The parish **urgently** needs a volunteer or volunteers to carry out the mandatory weekly checks required to ensure we comply with H&S standards. The list will be provided by the Diocese and it comprises light checks, smoke detectors etc. A rota could be made if more people sign up, making the job more manageable. Please get in touch with the parish office if you are willing and able to carry out this ministry.

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, waterproofs). 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.

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. 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 by Tuesday 28th March.

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 18th to Sun 26th March 2023

Saturday 25th March

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 26th March, 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30am: Mick McGrinder RIP

11.30am: Jean Wake RIP

Monday 27th March

9.30am: Funeral Mass Susan Di'Benedetto RIP

Tuesday 28th March

9.30am : Anne & Eugene Neary RIP

Wednesday 29th March

9.30am: Iris Lawlor RIP

7.30pm: Parish Reconciliation Service

Thursday 30th March

9.30am Marius Lawlor RIP

Friday 31st March

9.30am : Frank Murray RIP

10am: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 1st April

9.30am: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 2nd April, Palm Sunday:

9.30am: Mary McGrath RIP

11.30am: Paddy O'Donnell RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from the third 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](https://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.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

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:

Sun 26th Mar	Easter Egg Hunt at STM
Wed 29th Mar	Parish Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm
Sun 2nd Apr	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)
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
Thu 18th May	The Ascension of the Lord
Sun 2nd July	Baptism Preparation Course

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjmi.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.