

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 16th April 2023, Divine Mercy Sunday

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FIRST READING: Acts 2: 42-47

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 response v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

In his mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead..

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

COLLECT: God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. **Amen.**

Second Sunday of Easter, 16th April 2023 Year A,

'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you'

This Sunday has the greatest collection of titles of any Sunday in the Church's Year! The Octave, or Eighth Day, of Easter; the Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday; the Sunday in White, or Domenica in Albis, when the newly baptised were presented to the Bishop wearing the white robe with which they were clothed at their Baptism during the Easter Vigil. From the anointing with oil which followed, the Sacrament of Confirmation grew. Today with Thomas, we hail Christ as our Lord and God. We, too, ask to be filled with the joy and peace of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord. Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of his Gospel, tells us how effectively the lives of the first Christians are encouraged and transformed by their Spirit-filled faith. Their devout, generous sense of community is an inspiration to all who meet them. Psalm 117, which we prayed sang on Easter Sunday, is considered the Easter Psalm above all others. All Christians are invited to give thanks and praise to the Lord just as our Jewish brothers and sisters sang this Psalm in the Temple. Peter, an eye-witness to the Easter events, in his first letter encourages and praises the faith of the new converts, despite them never having seen Jesus. Although they are persecuted and plagued by trials because of their new-found faith in Christ, they still love the Lord deeply and are filled with a glorious joy. In his Gospel, John recounts the events of Easter and the first Sunday after Easter, today. Thomas is absent when the risen Lord appears to the other frightened disciples. Jesus offers them the resurrection gift of the Spirit of peace. A week later, Jesus seeks out the doubting Thomas personally, an encounter which enables Thomas to proclaim Jesus as, 'My Lord and my God!'.

THE LETTER SCREENING

In support of the activities organised by Westminster Justice & Peace for climate action in the Diocese, our Parish is holding a screening of the movie THE LETTER on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm. THE LETTER is a documentary film by Emmy-winning director Nicolas Brown, released in October 2022 by the Laudato Si' Movement. The title refers to Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, written in 2015 and addressed to 'every person living on this planet'. In the film, Pope Francis himself describes how the encyclical came about, and we hear something of the reaction that followed its publication. The film's protagonists represent four voices from the world's peripheries, deeply impacted by climate change: we see a letter going to each of them, containing an invitation to a personal dialogue with Pope Francis.

Following the movie, refreshments will be available. We invite parishioners to attend and invite others to join us. The event is free of charge. Donations can be made on the day to CAFOD towards their work to combat climate change and its impact on the most vulnerable communities.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD on THE BIG ONE

The Big One is a four-day action from the 21st to the 24th of April 2023, where people from many groups and movements will gather at the Houses of Parliament. Indeed over 100 groups are taking part, including the Laudato Si' Movement, Christian Climate Action, Green Christian and CAFOD. We are demanding that the Government faces the reality of the climate crisis. We need to bring an end to the fossil fuel era, pollution and loss of biodiversity. The four-day Big One event has been agreed with the police, and should prove to be stress-free, cheerful, family-friendly and, for many, prayerful.

- Friday 21st is Unite to Survive, when it is hoped most people will attend
- Saturday 22nd is Earth Day – a celebration

- and a family-friendly march for biodiversity.
- Sunday 23rd is Running Out of Time (The Big One coexists with the London Marathon).
- Monday 24th is Choose Your Future - Parliament returns, the demand is delivered.

Gather from 11.15am on the 21st in the garden at St John's Waterloo (or inside if wet) for Music from Engage Worship and hopefully The Salvation Army. Then at 12 noon there will be a service. At 1pm they will pilgrimage to Parliament Square (this will be step-free), to gather in front of Central Methodist Hall. At 2pm there will be prayers for the government and a blessing on the rally.

In addition, Christian Climate Action has organised the following events:

On 22nd, an 11am gathering at Parliament for worship at 12 noon focused on racial and climate justice, with a Catholic Mass at 3pm
On 23rd, the 12 noon service will be led by young people, with an Anglican Eucharist at 3pm.

On 24th, the 12 noon service will focus on looking to the future.

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 and Dan will be addressing the congregation at all weekend Masses to offer an explanation about the purpose of the meetings and to encourage people to attend. *Nick*

CANDLE DONATION BOXES

We are in the process of installing new, secured Candles boxes. They will be located in the Lady's Chapel, St Hugh's Chapel and by the Sacred Heart.

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

FLOWER CROWNS WORKSHOP

On Thursday 4th May at 7pm come to STM School 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>

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 15th to Sun 23rd April 2023

Saturday 15th April

6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 16th April, Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

11.30am: Brenda Kedge RIP

Monday 17th April, Easter Monday

9.30am: Jim Cooke RIP

Tuesday 18th April

9.30am : Josephine Hodgekiss INT

Wednesday 19th April

9.30am: Paolo Puosi RIP

Thursday 20th April

9.30am: Mabel and Jack Mills RIP

Friday 21st April

9.30am: Pa Duffy RIP

Saturday 22nd April

9.30am: Mary Quinn RIP

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 23rd April

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Violet and Bernard Albon RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from June, 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. Mass Cards, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation as

well as Birthday cards are now available to purchase from our repository. Boxes with our card selection are in the St Hilda Room. Prices are on the card boxes. Thank you.

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.

MISSIO RED BOXES 2022

Thank you to all the red box holders. In 2022, St Hugh of Lincoln raised £826.78 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! You may drop of boxes to be emptied at the Parish Office or leave your Missio box in the sacristy. Empty boxes can be found in the church porch. Please remember to include your name if you Gift Aid to Missio. You can visit missio.org.uk to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

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. £1 donation per child to cover snacks and resources is much appreciated.

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.

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: 27th April: My memories of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES

If you have any empty Holy Water bottles at home, please bring them back to Church. We are running out and it would be good to reuse the bottles already distributed rather than buying more plastic. #reuse #recycle

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
Sean O’Gorman	

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 March: £ 6,967.56 . Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 22nd Apr	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 10.45am
Sun 23rd Apr	The Letter - screening at Fortescue Hall, 3pm. Refreshments available
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

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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.