

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 9th April 2023, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 216 (Vigil), page 251 (Morning) Psalter Week 1

FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 response v.24

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9

He must rise from the dead.

COLLECT: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god, for ever and ever. Amen.

Easter Sunday 9th April 2023 Year A,

This Day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad!

The Easter readings speak to us of the ways in which the first disciples came to realise the power of Jesus' resurrection. From the Acts of the Apostles, through Paul's letter to the Colossians, we hear the reflections of the early Church on the power of the risen Christ in their lives. John in his Gospel account, tells the story of Mary of Magdala, who goes to the tomb but finds it empty. Running to Simon Peter she reports the loss, so Peter and John race to see for themselves. Finally, the disciples begin to understand the meaning of Jesus's words about 'rising from the dead'. We too, 'have been brought back to true life with Christ', encouraging us to 'look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is'. In whatever way was possible for us, we have journeyed with Jesus through the 'school' of Lent and the sorrow of Holy Week. Now we pray for the grace to know gladness, the glory and joy, of our Risen Lord in this Easter season, so we become his witnesses as we rejoice and are glad. Thank you to all you have worked hard to make our Church and our Holy Week Masses and Services so beautiful. Fr Jimmy wishes everyone, all your family and loved ones a very Happy and Holy Easter.

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 \(popesprayer.va\)](http://www.popesprayer.va)

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.

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

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 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 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>

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 8th to Sun 16th April 2023

Saturday 8th April

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 9th April, Easter Sunday

9.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

11.30am: Brenda Kedge RIP

Monday 10th April, Easter Monday

10am: Giorgio and Lucia Camisa RIP

Tuesday 11th April

10am : Peter Glynn RIP

Wednesday 12th April

10am: Patricia Handscombe INT

Thursday 13th April

10am: Emily and Vincent Traylor RIP

Friday 14th April

10am: Mick McGrinder RIP

Saturday 8th April

10am: Bill O'Donovan RIP

6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 16th April

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Frances Cleary 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.

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.

A CAFOD WORD OF THANKS

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

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.

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.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

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.