

# 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 7th May 2023, 5th Sunday of Easter**

**Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 265 Psalter Week 4**

**FIRST READING: Acts 6: 1-7**

*They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 32 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 response v.22**

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

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 4-9**

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood .*

**GOSPEL: John 14: 1-12**

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

**COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Amen.**

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY**

*Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their evangelizing mission, and that they place their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.*

Ecclesial movements are a gift, they are a treasure in the Church! That's what you are! These movements renew the Church with their capacity for dialogue at the service of her evangelizing mission.

Each day, they rediscover in their charism new ways of showing the attractiveness and the newness of the Gospel.

How do they do this? Speaking different languages, they seem different, but it is their creativity that creates these differences. But always understanding themselves and making themselves understood.

And working at the service of the Bishops and parishes to avoid any temptation to close in on themselves, which can be the danger, right?

Always be on the move, responding to the impulse of the Holy Spirit to the challenges, to the changes in today's world.

Remain in harmony with the Church, since harmony is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their mission, an evangelizing mission, and that they place their own charisms at the service of the world's needs. **Pope Francis**

The Pope's Prayer Intentions express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His **monthly prayer intention** is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Thank you to all parishioners who made time for the parish and attended the meetings, bringing lots of ideas and very valuable feedback. The minutes are available on our website: [PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Roman Catholic Parish of Letchworth Garden City \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk) We thank David McQuilgan and Kate Long taking the minutes.

## **PRAYER AND SOCIAL GROUP**

This is a new parish group and everyone is welcome. The first meeting will be held in the St Hilda room on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm to 7pm.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, the younger children of our parish have been invited to join the Confirmation candidates with the opening procession! We ask that you please bring the children to the sacristy for 9.20 so we can organise them before Mass begins. Following the procession, the children will be taken into St Hilda's for their Children's Liturgy session as usual. All children in EY2/Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to join us!

## **ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS**

On 19<sup>th</sup> April, the architectural drawings for our original church Fr Fortescue commissioned Charles Spooner to produce, came up for auction in Edinburgh. On my instruction and having taken both independent and internal advice, our parish acquired these drawings for £2000, the total cost after fees being £2,719 (now inclusive of transport and VAT). While I appreciate people and families are struggling financially, even with in-work poverty, this, I believe, isn't a frivolous expense. The Church asks a parish priest to have a care for the patrimony of the parish. Several parishioners have expressed a desire to contribute to this purchase. If anyone would like join them and contribute to the cost, please contact the Parish House. Similarly, if any parishioner has an interest in the history of our parish and would like to help investigate what happened to the drawings between leaving Letchworth and their return, again, please make contact. All of us can pray for those people and priests who have lived in and served our parish for the past 116 years, as we look to the future with faith and confidence.

*Fr Jimmy*

**NO MASS** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Also NO morning Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May due to a wedding in the afternoon. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May Mass will be at 9am. Fr Jimmy will be on Annual Leave from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## **PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

We continue to collect donations for Priest Training Fund. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year five men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests.

## **MOTHER'S PRAYERS**

Mother's Prayers group is held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. Tea and coffee available. All mothers and grandmothers are welcome. In case a Funeral Mass is held on the Monday, the group will be held on the Tuesday.

## **PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS**

The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians takes place annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, which this year occurs on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Organised by the Catholic charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches and the Eastern Catholic Churches, it offers an opportunity Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, to unite in prayer during Eastertide. FACE Charity, together with their Patron, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, M Afr, with the support of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, invite all to join in prayer for Eastern Christians, many of whom are suffering from the effects of war and discrimination, especially those in Ukraine who are dispossessed and displaced. They would also welcome practical support through donations to FACE's charitable projects in the Middle East and Ukraine. Information can be found on FACE's website: <https://facecharity.org/act-of-giving/>

They have also set up a dedicated page to this year's Day of Prayer: <https://facecharity.org/day-of-prayer-for-eastern-christians-14-may-2023/>

### **RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES**

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **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](mailto:Letchworth@rcdow.org.uk)

### **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 every other Thursday at 2.30pm in the St Hilda Room.

Sash Summer Programme 2023:

May 11 Beetle Drive

May 25 Scrabble

June 8 My dream holiday

June 22 `Big Word Game

July 6 My favourite place to visit

### **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.

### **ROSARY**

Every Friday at 10.30am in the Our Lady Chapel.

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 6th to Sun 14th May 2023*

Saturday 6th May

6pm: Kris Pullernayagam RIP

**Sunday 7th May**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Violet & Bernard Albon RIP

Monday 8th May

No Mass

Tuesday 9th May

9.30am : Patricia Handscombe INT

Wednesday 10th May

9.30am: Patrick Webster RIP

Thursday 11th May

9.30am: Mary Smyth RIP

Friday 12th May

9.30am: Trish & Bob Haines INT

Saturday 13th May

9.30am: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

6pm: Agata De Luca RIP

**Sunday 14th May**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Catherine & Kenneth Lowthian RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from the third week of June, weekend Masses from July.

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.

### **REPOSITORY**

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.

### **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.

### **LOVE LETCHWORTH CORONATION FESTIVITIES**

On Sunday 6th and Monday 7th May, Love Letchworth has organised an amazing array of activities to celebrate the Coronation in our town. From Teddy Bears picnics to the Big Lunch, music, crafts and lots of entertainment. Visit [Events - Love Letchworth](#) for more info.

**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
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 March:** £ 6,967.56 . Thank you for your continued generosity. The total for April will be available next week

**Candle Donations** For candle donations: please use the Holy Souls box in the Church Porch for the time being.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 14th May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Thu 18th May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> — Parish and STM Mass
Sun 21st May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Sun 28th May	<b>Pentecost</b> Confirmation Mass—Celebrant Bishop Paul 9.30am
Sun 11th Jun	<b>Corpus Christi</b> - Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion Children
Sun 2nd Jul	Baptism Preparation Course
Sun 9th Jul	STM Summer Fete at St Thomas More school pm-4pm, all parishioners welcome

**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)

**Safeguarding Officer** - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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Via text message: 07884 187463 Email: [chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net](mailto: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.