

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 14th May 2023, 6th Sunday of Easter

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FIRST READING: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 65: 1-7, 16, 20 response v.1

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL: John 14: 15-21

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

COLLECT: Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to what we do. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you forever

As Eastertide gradually draws to a close there's a sense an important event is about to happen. Our readings reassure us, we won't be left without comforting support. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see how active the Apostles are in spreading the Good News. They are welcomed even in Samaria, where the people receive the Holy Spirit. Psalm 65 expresses the joy they must have felt. We imagine the grateful disciples praying, 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Life isn't plain sailing for the new communities, especially in encountering persecution. Peter encourages them to answer their accusers with courtesy and respect, reminding them of the sufferings of the innocent Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus reassures his friends he will not leave them like orphans, without support, but will ask his Father to send them the help of the Spirit of truth, who will be with them. In our prayer, we reflect on Jesus's promises, drawing strength from them, so we can speak to others about our faith and our belief with confidence. We continue to ask Father, Son and Spirit to inspire all people to work for peace. *Fr Jimmy*

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.

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.

ASCENSION

Thursday 18th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holyday of Obligation. There is a Parish and School Mass at 9.30am with an evening Mass at 7.30pm.

PRAYER AND SOCIAL GROUP

This is a new parish group and everyone is welcome. Tuesdays in the St Hilda room from 6pm to 7pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On Sunday 28th 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!

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Please join the Confirmation group families and friends after their Confirmation Mass on 28th May. All parishioners are welcome. We would be delighted and grateful to receive homemade bakes to make this occasion extra special (please list ingredients in case of allergies). Volunteers to help serve teas and coffees are also needed. Please contact Susan at susshinyd76@gmail.com if you are able to contribute a cake and/or your time to serve. Thank you.

RCIA COURSE

If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about and explore our Faith, please get in touch. We are in the process of setting up a series of meetings aimed at adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church. Jesus invites us to pray together and to come together as "one body". Every journey of faith is better when it is shared with others.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

On 19th April, the architectural drawings for our original church were acquired at auction by our 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 MORNING MASS on Saturday 20th May and Saturday 24th June due to weddings in the afternoon. Confessions will still be heard. Also, NO Mass on Friday 23rd June. On Wednesday 24th May Mass will start at 9am.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

On Monday 15th May the Office will close at 12noon and will be closed on Tuesday 16th May. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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. We are looking for a new Leader from September for this most important outreach resource. Please get in touch if you would like to run this dynamic and very rewarding group. Many thanks.

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

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 25 Scrabble

June 8 My dream holiday

June 22 `Big Word Game

July 6 My favourite place to visit

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 13th to Sun 21st May 2023

Saturday 13th May

6pm: Agata De Luca RIP

Sunday 14th May

9.30am: FHC Children & People of the Parish

11.30am: Catherine & Kenneth Lowthian RIP

Monday 15th May

9.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Tuesday 16th May

9.30am : Ottewell Family INT

Wednesday 17th May

9.30am: Theresa Dowset RIP

Thursday 18th May—Ascension

9.30am: STM School INT

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Friday 19th May

9.30am: Marjory Knock RIP

Saturday 20th May

9.30am: NO MASS

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 21st May

9.30am: FHC Children & People of the Parish

11.30am: Cayden Kirby RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available 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.

KISS Welsh 3000s Walking Challenge

As previously advised, 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 undertake the challenge over three days, 1st to 3rd June inclusive, and return home on Sunday, 4th June. 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. The object of the challenge is to raise much needed funds for KISS. The Covid pandemic has had a major impact on their fund raising capabilities so we hope to raise as much as possible to help the charity rebuild so it may continue the amazing work it undertakes in Uganda, supporting and educating AIDS orphans and their families.

The simplest way to sponsor us is to visit our just giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/kisswelsh3000s> However, team members will be outside each Mass over the next three weeks to take your sponsorship details if you prefer.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

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.

ROSARY every Friday at 10.30am in the Our Lady Chapel.

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 Houghton	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 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 April: £7,282.14 . Thank you for your continued generosity.

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	The Ascension of the Lord — Parish and STM Mass
Sun 21st May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Sun 28th May	Pentecost Confirmation Mass—Celebrant Bishop Paul 9.30am
Sun 4th Jun	The Most Holy Trinity
Sun 11th Jun	Corpus Christi - 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.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk

The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

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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.