

# 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 21st May 2023, 7th Sunday of Easter**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 275 Psalter Week 3**

FIRST READING: Acts 1: 12-14

*All joined in continuous prayer.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 26: 1, 4, 7-8 response v.13

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4: 13-16

*It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.*

GOSPEL: John 17: 1-11

*Father, glorify your Son .*

COLLECT: Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. **Amen.**

## **SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

### ***Father, I have given them the teachings you gave me***

As our joyful Easter Season draws to a close we are reminded eternal life is to know the Father, and Jesus his Son, and the intimate relationship they share. The glory belonging to Jesus and the Father is offered to all who believe. The Acts of the Apostles reading follows immediately after the Ascension of the Lord. Mary, the Apostles and Jesus's extended group of disciples, gather in the upper room praying continuously as they await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 26 exudes trust and confidence in the God of the living, inviting us to seek the face of the Lord. In his Gospel, John also takes us to the upper room of the Last Supper, where Jesus prays his disciples will be glorified in him. He has given them the teaching the Father gave him, now their task is to make the Father's name known. Jesus prays his disciples receive the gift of eternal life and come to know the Father, the one true God, and the Son, the one sent. Peter encourages the early Christian community to endure challenges and difficult times assuring them of a special blessing if they live Christ's values. We ask the Lord to help us be people of continuous prayer, for a deepening trust in his loving care. We pray for peace for those with troubled hearts and for countries and places living with war and violence. *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.

## **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. Please can all homemade cakes (with a list of ingredients for each cake made) be brought to Fortescue Hall kitchen before the 9.30am Mass on 28th May? We would be grateful to receive more cakes and for volunteers to help serve refreshments after the celebration of the Confirmation Mass. 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 UPDATE**

We are delighted to announce the drawings have arrived to the Presbytery. The plans really look great! We will organise a service and get together to unveil them to the Parish so please keep your eyes peeled for further announcements. Fr Jimmy would like to thank all the parishioners who made donations towards this purchase thus allowing the Parish to gain back a piece of its history. Your generosity is very much appreciated. If anyone else would like join these parishioners and contribute to the cost of the drawings, please contact the Parish House. Similarly, if any make

contact. All of us can pray for those people and priests who have lived in and served our parish for the 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 past 116 years, as we look to the future with faith and confidence.

*Fr Jimmy*

**SUNG MASS on 16th June for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.** Tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

**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 Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June (9.30am); Monday 5th June; Monday 12th June; Saturday 17th June (confessions at 10am as normal); Saturday 1st July. On Wednesday 24th May Mass will start at 9.30am and NOT 9am as previously advertised.

## **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](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 25 Scrabble

June 8 My dream holiday

June 22 `Big Word Game

July 6 My favourite place to visit

### **ROSARY**

Every Friday at 10.30am in the Our Lady Chapel.

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 20th to Sun 28th May 2023*

Saturday 20th May

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 21st May**

9.30am: FHC Children & People of the Parish

11.30am: Cayden Kirby RIP

Monday 22nd May

9.30am: Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Tuesday 23rd May

9.30am : Private INT

Wednesday 24th May

9.30am: David Prengergast RIP

Thursday 25th May

9.30am: Anthony Gunersekera RIP

Friday 26th May

9.30am: Sean Byrne RIP

Saturday 27th May

9.30am: McKenna Family INT

6pm: Kajetan Migdal RIP

**Sunday 28th May—PENTECOST**

9.30am: Confirmation Candidates & People of the Parish

11.30am: Julie Cranston 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, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June inclusive, and return home on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS CALLED TO ACTION BY OUR FAITH— SATURDAY 10TH JUNE**

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help.

The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite here.

### **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.

**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
Iris Pompey	George Marston
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Willie Hudson	Brenda Feeney
Mary Wallace	Rosie Child
Philomena Johnson	Sarah Moore

**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 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 21st May	First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
Sun 28th May	<b>Pentecost</b> Confirmation Mass—Celebrant Bishop Paul 9.30am
Sun 4th Jun	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>
Sun 11th Jun	<b>Corpus Christi</b> - Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion Children
Fri 16th Jun	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Mass 9.30am followed by tea and coffee
Sun 2nd Jul	Baptism Preparation Course
Sun 9th Jul	STM Summer Fete at St Thomas More school pm-4pm, all parishioners welcome
Sun 17th Sept	Baptism Preparation Course (please note this date has been changed)

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjni.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)

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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.