

# 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 28th May 2023, Pentecost**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 1 page 288 Psalter Week 4**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2: 1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34 response v.30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised.*

**GOSPEL:** John 20: 19-23

*As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.*

**COLLECT:** O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. **Amen.**

## **SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023 PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A**

***Peace be with you!***

With these words, the Risen Lord stood amongst his fear-filled followers and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. Jesus sent them out, their hearts filled with joy, to bring the fire of his love to all people. As the Holy Spirit transformed their lives, the disciples began speaking in many different languages. Christ called them to share the Gospel with the whole world. Psalm 103, send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth, joyfully proclaims a time of rejuvenation as the Spirit of the Lord moves over the earth. We are baptised in this same Spirit and each of us has been given a unique gift. Together, as a community of love, the Church, we become the risen Christ bringing love and goodness to all people. Filled with the Holy Spirit may we become a new creation in the Lord. On this Pentecost Sunday, we pray for the spirit of renewal to revitalise the Christian community. May we overcome fear, doubt and difference, be united in the joy of Resurrection, while remaining rooted in the Spirit transforming love. *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.

## REMEMBERING KAJETAN

We will mark the first anniversary of Kajetan's passing at Saturday's Vigil Mass. Throughout the weekend, a photo will be displayed in the Lady's Chapel for those who wish to come and remember him in prayer, meditation and silence. As a parish, let's continue to keep Kajetan's family and friends in our hearts.

## CONFIRMATION

We welcome Bishop Paul McAleenan, our local Bishop in Hertfordshire, who will Confirm 12 of our young people at the 9.30am Mass. We congratulate these young disciples of the Lord and pray they continue to grow in their faith.

## 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 and clear up after the celebration of the Confirmation Mass. Thank you.

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

## 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

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. [If you have contributed to the purchase of the drawings, please email or write](#)

[to the office stating the amount and the intended purpose of your donation.](#) This is so that your donation can be used towards the acquisition of Mr Spooner's plans in its entirety. Thank you all for your support and generosity. *Fr Jimmy*

**NO MORNING MASS (dates added)** on Saturday 24th June, 22nd July, 12th August and 19th August 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.

## 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: June 8 My dream holiday; June 22 Big Word Game; July 6 My favourite place to visit.

## 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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 27th May to Sun 4th June 2023*

Saturday 27th May

6pm: Kajetan Migdal RIP

**Sunday 28th May—Pentecost**

9.30am: Confirmation candidates & People of the Parish

11.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Monday 29th May

10am: Frances Burk RIP

Tuesday 30th May

9.30am : Private INT & Holy Souls

Wednesday 31st May

9.30am: Fr Kevin Greene RIP

Thursday 1st June

9am: Margaret Walmsley RIP

Friday 2nd June

9.30am: Private Thanksgiving INT

Saturday 3rd June

9.30am: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

6pm: Agata De Luca RIP

**Sunday 4th June - Holy Trinity**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Jim Fitzgerald RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from the third week of 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.

### **NEW CLASS AT FORTESCUE HALL**

Improve your fitness, gain confidence, make new friends, and learn real fighting skills to apply to every aspect of your life. **Women only self defence classes** are now being offered in Fortescue hall with fully qualified instructors. Starting on Tuesday 13th June 8.30pm. Please call Mel on 07802 283 542 for more information.

### **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 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 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
Thu 29th Jun	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> - STM School&Parish Mass 9.30am Evening service 7.30pm
Sun 2nd Jul	Baptism Preparation Course—after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room
Sun 9th Jul	STM Summer Fete at St Thomas More school 1-4pm, <b>all parishioners welcome</b>
Sun 17th Sept	Baptism Preparation Course

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

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