

# 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 2nd July 2023, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 96 Psalter Week 1**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

*This is a holy man of God; let him rest there.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 88: 2-3, 16-19 response v.2

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

*When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 37-42

*Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.*

COLLECT: O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **2ND JULY 2023 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 'FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS'**

Our readings focus on hospitality and welcome, as well as the rewards we receive when we welcome others. Elisha, a 'holy man of God' is regularly offered bed and board. As a result, he decides to reward his hosts with a much longed-for son and heir. Psalm 88 is a song of praise for the Lord's love and mercy. Paul stresses to the Romans, in Baptism we die to our old selves and are reborn to a new life with Christ. Jesus continues to instruct his disciples by reminding the following him will not always be easy, but it will have its own rewards or blessings. Whether we welcome a prophet, a holy person or the smallest 'little one', a good deed, even the simplest cup of water, will not go unnoticed. In welcoming others, we welcome the Lord himself. We might want to reflect on the way we and our society welcomes those who must leave their own land and settle in a new country. Pondering the Lord's words to us we can ask for the grace to realise what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to the Lord.

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

For a Eucharistic life Let us pray that Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships profoundly and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters. Amen.

### **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE on Saturday 8 July 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass,

Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information .

### **THE TABERNACLE**

After fifty years of being prominently placed in our Church, the Tabernacle has been taken away to be repaired, cleaned and refurbished. This work will take some six weeks and cost in the region of £900. Meanwhile, the same company have loaned us a Tabernacle. We are also refurbishing the Big Six, the candles standing each side of the tabernacle. This work will cost roughly the same amount, £900.

### **RCIA COURSE**

If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about and explore our Faith, please get in touch. The parish 'Follow on Faith' sessions run every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the St Hilda room. Last session on 12th July 2023.

### **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: July 6 My favourite place to visit.

### **CAFOD: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM**

On 16th July the STM Year 5 Chaplaincy Team will be asking our congregation to sign a letter to the World Bank asking for farmers throughout the world to be free to swap and share a wide variety of seeds. Did you know that new laws are pushing small scale farmers towards using seeds sold exclusively by big agribusiness? A sustainable food system cannot allow for this. The children are also asking parishioners to bring along seedlings and plants from their gardens to be shared and swapped among the congregation. For more info: [Fix the Food System \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://fixthefoodsystem.org.uk)

### **MISSION UNLEASHED: AN EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE.**

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Join Cafod and Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing**

### **the Social Dimension of Evangelisation**

hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-

8:30pm. Please see [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation) to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

### **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.

**NO MORNING MASS** on Saturday 22nd July, 12th August and 19th August due to weddings in the afternoon. Morning confessions will still be heard. Also, NO Mass on 1st July (9.30am), Thursday 13th July, 21st August, 28th August.

### **SIGNIFICANT MASS CHANGES IN NOVEMBER:**

No Mass on: 7th, 11th (9.30am), 13th, 18th (9.30am) and 20th November. More changes to be announced in the coming weeks.

### **NEW MASS AT OUR LADY'S, HITCHIN**

Our neighbours at Our Lady's, Hitchin are reinstating the 5pm Sunday service from 11th June till the end of July. If enough people attend, the service will be permanently reinstated from September.

**MOTHER'S PRAYERS** 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.

### **STM SUMMER SPECTACULAR**

The PA and children would like to invite you all to the school Summer Fete on 9th July from 1-4pm. Food, music, entertainment, crafts, activities for all ages. Come, support our school and have loads of fun in the process! As always, there's a raffle with spectacular prizes attached to this event such as Royal Albert Hall tickets, L'Artista, gym and swimming, photo shoot, florist vouchers and lots more. Head to [www.go.rallyup.com/stm2023](http://www.go.rallyup.com/stm2023) to buy tickets. Good luck and see you at STM! Please pray for good weather.

## CATECHISTS WANTED

If you enjoy working with children and young people, please consider joining the Parish Catechetical Team. 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

## MASS INTENTIONS -

*Sat 1st to Sun 9th July 2023*

### Saturday 1st July

6pm: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

### **Sunday 2nd July- 13th Ordinary time**

9.30am: Lucia & Giorgio Camisa RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

### Monday 3rd July

9.30am: Fr Peter Maher RIP

### Tuesday 4th July

9.30am : Sheila Higgins RIP

### Wednesday 5th July

9.30am: Holy Souls

### Thursday 6th July

9.30am: Steven Weaver RIP

### Friday 7th July

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

### Saturday 8th July

9.30am: Mary McCormack RIP

6pm: Agata De Luca RIP

### **Sunday 9th July- 14th Ordinary time**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from the last week of July.

**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. Thanks.

## FORTESCUE HALL

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. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to make a booking.

## ACTIVITIES AT FORTESCUE HALL:

Line Dancing: Monday 10.15am—12.15pm

Tai Chi: Tuesday 9.30—11.30am

Women only self defence: Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30pm.

Baby & Toddler Group: Thursday 9.30 – 11.30

Scouts: Tuesday 6.30 –8pm; Wednesday 6.15 –7.30pm; Thursday 7 –9pm

Yoga (in St Hilda): Thursday 6.15 –8-15pm

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST ANDREW, HITCHIN - JOB OPPORTUNITY

Cook required for Priests during the week.

The lady who has been cooking for our Priests over the past few years is leaving the area. A main course and simple pudding to be provided by 1pm Monday-Friday. You can cook in the presbytery kitchen or cook in your own home and bring to the church. It is possible to bring cooked meals for two days at a time if that works better. This is a paid position. If this is of interest to you, please contact Cheryl at the Hitchin parish office—cherylsaunders@rcdow.org.uk or on 01462 459126

## CARITAS WESTMINSTER SUMMER PICNIC FOR FOOD PROJECTS

8 July, 1pm: Meet outside Charing Cross rail station to walk down to St James' Park together. Picnic lunch will be provided but bring your own, too, as you wish. An opportunity to meet and connect with others who are involved in food outreach in the Diocese. All welcome. RSVP Niki Psarias, Caritas Westminster Food Programme Lead  
cfc@rcdow.org.uk

## COST OF LIVING CORNER

Caritas, in collaborations with some other organisations, provides expert online training sessions and support for people in parishes who are assisting those who are struggling financially. **Budget Coach training** – either in July or September. For volunteers and staff in parishes who want to help people struggling to manage their money. For more details and to register: July: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/building-up-firm-foundations-budget-coach-training-1513.php>

Sept: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/building-up-firm-foundations-budget-coach-training-1512.php>

## CATHOLIC MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish meditation group meets on Tuesdays at 5pm for an hour in St Hilda's room. Our meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of reflection and discussion. All welcome.

**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 June:** 6,633.64 inclusive of standing orders, planned giving and collections Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Candle Donations:** the new poor boxes have been installed.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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>
Fri 14th Jul	STM Leavers' Mass 9.30am - all welcome
Sun 16th Jul	CAFOD Fix the Food system Campaign - share plants and seeds between 9.30am and 11.30am Mass
Sun 17th Sept	Baptism Preparation Course
Sat 23rd Sept	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**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)

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