

# 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 11th June 2023, Corpus Christi**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 83 Psalter Week 2**

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

*He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Daniel 3:52-56 response v.52 (sung after every line)

To you glory and praise for evermore.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 11-13

*The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.*

**GOSPEL:** John 3: 16-18

*God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.*

**COLLECT:** O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **11th June 2023 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A**

### ***The bread we break is a communion with the body of Christ***

Today's feast is an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful mystery of the Eucharist, the sacrament which nourishes our faith and gives life to the world. Each reading offers an opportunity to pray about the significance of this gift, reminding us of the richness of the Eucharistic tradition in the Church. Moses recalls though the people of God were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, God never abandoned them. Instead, God encouraged them to have faith in God's continuing, living presence. Psalm 147 suggests many reasons to praise God, including both the material and spiritual nourishment God offers us. Paul reminds the factious Corinthians of the profound spiritual significance of taking the body and blood of Christ. By participating in the Eucharist, they are uniting themselves to Christ and the Christian community. John affirms Jesus is the bread of life, the very life force of God. Through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus nourishes our deepest longing and our hunger for God. We draw life from him just as Jesus drew life from the Father. We pray for a deepening of Christian Unity, asking we truly become one as followers of Christ. Fr Jimmy

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

### **For the abolition of torture**

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

You can watch the Pope's video message and reflection here: <https://youtu.be/UCobHqXCiUQ>

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## **MASS IN ST HILDA ROOM**

On Wed 14th and Thu 15th due to maintenance works taking place in the church.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

to our First Holy Communion Children receiving their certificates today. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

To our parishioners who completed a staggering 15 peaks walk in support of KISS! Please come and see them after 9.30am Mass at the coffee morning they have organised in the St Hilda Room. They will have some fantastic photos on display, too.

To Allegra receiving her Guild of St Stephen Enrolment Medal after completing her first year as an Altar Server.

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

## **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 will start on Wednesday 7th June and will 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: June 22 Big Word Game; July 6 My favourite place to visit.

## **CATHOLIC MEDITATION GROUP**

Our parish meditation group meets on Tuesdays at 5pm for an hour in St Hilda's room. We follow the practice of the World Community for Christian Meditation ([www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)) based on the work of John Main a Benedictine monk who revived the ancient tradition of silent meditation, and his successor Lawrence Freeman OSB, the community's current director. Our meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of reflection and discussion. "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10 All are 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. We are delighted to report our parishioner, Shailey, will be leading this amazing resource from September.

**NO MORNING MASS (dates added)** on Saturday 24th June, 22nd July, 12th August and 19th August due to weddings in the afternoon. Morning confessions will still be heard. Also, NO Mass on Saturday 17th June (confessions at 10am as normal); Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June (9.30am) Saturday 1st July. On Wednesday 24th May Mass will start at 9.30am.

## **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.

## **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)

## **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.

## MASS INTENTIONS -

*Sat 10th to Sun 18th June 2023*

### Saturday 10th June

6pm: People of the Parish

### **Sunday 11th June - Corpus Christi**

9.30am: FHC Children and their Families

11.30am: Margaret Fitzgerald & Family INT

### Monday 12th June

9.30am: Maureen & Peter Franklin RIP

### Tuesday 13th June

9.30am : Tonina Rizzo RIP

### Wednesday 14th June

9.30am: Bill O'Connor RIP

### Thursday 15th June

9.30am: All the sick of our parish

### Friday 16th June - Sacred Heart

9.30am: Trish & Bob Haines INT

### Saturday 17th June

9.30am: NO MASS

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

### **Sunday 18th June - Day for Life**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Kathleen & Willie John Cunningham INT

**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.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

During lockdown, many Catholic publications were only available online. You can now subscribe and receive printed copies of various Catholic weeklies. Universe Catholic Weekly: [Subscriptions Archives - Universe Catholic Weekly](#) The Tablet: [Subscribe \(thetablet.co.uk\)](#) Catholic Herald: [Premium Access - Catholic Herald UK](#)

**MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL outside the Home Office , Guest Speaker for Refugee Week Bishop Paul McAleenan.** Music by Ooberfuse. 19 June, 12.30-1.30pm: Organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net) +Paul also invites parishioners to take part in a free Racial Justice webinar on Tue 11th July 2-3.30pm.

Register: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

## CARITAS WESTMINSTER SUMMER PICNIC FOR FOOD PROJECTS - 8 July, 1pm:

You are warmly invited to a summer picnic! Meet outside Charing Cross rail station to walk down to St James' Park together and find a spot. 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. From teams that are involved with parish and school food banks, to small food collections, pantries, food sharing, cooking initiatives, soup kitchens, coffee mornings, vouchers and more... all welcome. RSVP Niki Psarias, Caritas Westminster Food Programme Lead [cfc@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cfc@rcdow.org.uk)

## DAY FOR LIFE: A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SHERRINGTON

This year the three episcopal conferences of England & Wales, Scotland and Ireland will be marking Day for Life at the same time on 18th June. The theme is "Listen to Her". The message is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who was suffering after an abortion and found healing. Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and we want them to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church and the promise of hope and healing found in Christ Jesus. With prayers and every good wish, +**John**

**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 May :** £8,593.96, inclusive of standing orders, planned giving and collections 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 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 18th Jun	Day for Life
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.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.