

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 18th June 2023, Day for Life, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 91 Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Exodus 19: 2-6

I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 99: 1-3 response v.3

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING: Romans 5: 6-11

Now that we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9: 36-10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out..

COLLECT: O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

18TH JUNE 2023 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Our readings remind us of who we are, to whom we belong, what has been done for us and how we might feel drawn to respond. For the people of Israel, relations with neighbouring tribes offered tempting religious alternatives. The Exodus story was a constant reminder of their covenant with God, in which the whole nation is called to be holy. Paul writes to the Christians in Rome, teaching them their concerns should not be about what they are doing for God, but what God has done and is doing, for them. This is echoed in Psalm 99, we, his sheep, are beneficiaries of a Good Shepherd who made us, who loves us, who is faithful to us, and to whom we belong. Matthew portrays Jesus as the compassionate shepherd of his suffering people. Jesus is concerned not only with their spiritual and practical needs, but ensuring there are enough labourers on the ground to reach every lost sheep. We might ponder in prayer are there tempting alternatives getting in the way of our relationship with the Lord? What has God done? What is God doing? And, what will God do? How is our relationship with the Good Shepherd, to whom we belong? In what ways are we able to work with Christ in our world? *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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Happy Father's Day to our parishioners!
"God chooses ordinary men for fatherhood to accomplish His extraordinary plan." G.K. Chesterton.

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*

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: 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 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 welcome.

KISS CHALLENGE

Our group of hardy walkers completed the Welsh 3000s challenge, climbing 14 out of

15 of the peaks, including a very challenging ascent of Crib Goch. There are pictures taken during the challenge in the porch. We will be collecting sponsor money after each Mass for the next week or so but, should you wish to donate on line to include Gift Aid, please go to the link www.justgiving.com/page/kisswelsh3000s Thank you so much for your support to date. In due course, we will let you know the total raised.

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 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 Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June (9.30am) Saturday 1st 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

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.

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 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 17th to Sun 25th June 2023

Saturday 17th June

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 18th June - Day for Life

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Kathleen & Willie John Cunningham INT

Monday 19th June

9.30am: Teresa Treanor RIP

Tuesday 20th June

9.30am : Jack Johnstone RIP

Wednesday 21st June

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

Thursday 22nd June - Feast of St Thomas More

NO MASS

Friday 23rd June

NO MASS

Saturday 24th June

9.30am: NO MASS

2pm: Wedding Karen & Paolo

6pm: Lyla Smyth INT

Sunday 25th June - 12th Ordinary Time

9.30am: Neva Pucci & Gino Trasatti RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available from the third 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

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.

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 - 11.30am

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

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 bararakentish@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: 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

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
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: the new poor boxes have been installed.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 18th Jun	Day for Life
Thu 29th Jun	SS Peter & Paul - 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, all parishioners welcome
Fri 14th Jul	STM Leavers' Mass 9.30am - all welcome
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

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

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

Safeguarding Officer - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 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

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.