

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 25th June 2023, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 94 Psalter Week 4

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 response v.14

In your great love, answer me, O God.

SECOND READING: Romans 5: 12-15

The gift considerably outweighed the fall.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 26-33

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

COLLECT: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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.**

25TH JUNE 2023 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

In your great love answer me, O Lord

Because we live in anxious, troubling times, where so many people around the world are suffering intolerably, our readings can speak more deeply to us. Jeremiah reflects on how his preaching has brought him suffering and isolation. Yet 'the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero.' Psalm 68 cries out in anguish, but like Jeremiah, the Psalmist trusts the Lord will answer with help that never fails. Paul considers how sin and death hold sway in the world, but Christ has gained for us the abundant free gift of divine grace. Jesus tells his disciples, 'Do not be afraid'. Suffering will come their way, but the Father will always care tenderly for them. Our lives, and those of our loved ones, can be weighed down by fears, concern and pain. May we strive this week to place our trust in the Lord, who is the 'strength of his people'.

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. Amen.

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

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 .

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.

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. "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10 All welcome.

KISS CHALLENGE

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us for the Challenge, which we completed at the beginning of June. It was tough going at times but great fun too and, best of all, with your generous support we have raised to date just over £5,100 for KISS. These funds will make a huge difference to the lives of the children KISS supports. Thank you again for your wonderful generosity. For those who still wish to donate, please donate via the Web page <https://justgiving.com/page/kisswelsh3000s> or place any cash or cheques in an envelope marked 'KISS Welsh 3000s' and post through the presbytery letter box.

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://cafod.org.uk)

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.

DATES CHANGE: 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 and Friday 23rd June, Thursday 13th July, 21st August, 28th August.

SIGNIFICANT MASS CHANGES IN NO-

VEMBER: 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 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 24th June to Sun 2nd July 2023

Saturday 24th June

6pm: Lyla Smyth INT

Sunday 25th June - 12th Ordinary Time

9.30am: Neva Pucci & Gino Trasatti RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 26th June

9.30am: Private Intention

Tuesday 27th June

9.30am : Patricia Handscombe INT

Wednesday 28th June

9.30am: Ramatoulie Faye INT

Thursday 29th June - SS Peter & Paul

9.30am: STM School INT

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Friday 30th June

9.30am: Maria Calcasola RIP

Saturday 1st July

9.30am: Holy Souls

6pm: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 2nd July- 13th Ordinary time

9.30am: Lucia & Giorgio Camisa RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

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 - 11.30am

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

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>

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:

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 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

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.