

# 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 9th July 2023, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 99 Psalter Week 2**

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9: 9-10

*See now, your king comes humbly to you.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14 response v.1

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 25-30

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

COLLECT: O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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.**

## **SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

### ***Come to me, and I will give you rest***

Praise to God and joy in God's merciful love, justice and peace run through our readings. Zechariah describes how God will defeat his enemies and establish himself as king, not through war and aggression, but with humility and peace. Psalm 144 is a great hymn of praise, central to the Jewish faith. It speaks of God's kindness and compassion to all and offers us the reassurance the Lord will always be faithful and loving, ready to support and raise us up when we fall. Paul reminds the Romans and us, what the suffering and death of the Lord has achieved for us. He speaks of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Jesus, through his own prayer to his Father in heaven, reminds us he is the one who will reveal God to us. Humility and gentleness are the virtues he emphasises; rest and freedom from burdens are the gifts he promises. We pray anew for people whose lives are burdened by war and violence, especially in Ukraine, Sudan and other troubled areas of the world. With the help of our prayers, may they know the love and peace of Christ. *Fr Jimmy*

### **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.

## ST HUGH OF LINCOLN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

I am delighted to announce a coach has been booked for parishioners and friends from neighbouring parishes who wish to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 23rd September 2023.

The coach will depart from our carpark at 8am.

**There are no other pick-up points.** Pilgrims are welcome to use the Fortescue Hall carpark and the church carpark if they need to leave their vehicles. The coach will depart from Walsingham at 4.30pm to get back to St Hugh of Lincoln, Letchworth.

Again, **there will be only one drop-off point.** Tickets are £18 per person and must be paid at the time of booking to secure a place. Please contact the office to book your place either in person, by email or by telephone. *Emma*

### FUNERALS

With sadness, we announce the passing of dear Iris Pompey, age 105. Iris passed away peacefully on SS Peter & Paul day, surrounded by her loving family. Her Funeral will be held on Thursday 27th July at 11.30am.

The Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Francis Phillips will be held on Tue 25th July at 10.30am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

### 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. VAT and delivery will effect the final total.

### LOOP SYSTEM

We are in the process of upgrading our Loop System so that all parishioners are included and can be part of our Mass services fully. A temporary unit is in place so hearing-aid users can change setting on their device and hear more clearly. Other improvements to the sound system will also be carried out.

### 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.

### 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)

**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 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](mailto:Letchworth@rcdow.org.uk)

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 8th to Sun 16th July 2023*

Saturday 8th July

6pm: Agata De Luca RIP

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

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Monday 10th July

9.30am: Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Tuesday 11th July

9.30am : Patricia Handscombe INT

Wednesday 12th July

9.30am: Claire Dwyer RIP

Thursday 13th July

9.30am: NO MASS

Friday 14th July

9.30am: STM School & Year 6 INT

Saturday 15th July

9.30am: Claire Dwyer RIP

6pm: Claire Dwyer RIP

**Sunday 16th July- 15th Ordinary time**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: In Thanksgiving for Matrimony

**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](mailto:cherylsaunders@rcdow.org.uk) or on 01462 459126

### **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.

### **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 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
George Marston	Philomena Johnson
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Willie Hudson	Brenda Feeney
Mary Wallace	Rosie Child

**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 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—departure 8am from St Hugh of Lincoln Church carpark

**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)

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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.