

# 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 16th July 2023, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 102 Psalter Week 3**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 10-11

*The rain makes the earth give growth.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 64: 10-14 response Luke 8:8

Some seeds fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 18-23

*The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his son.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1-23

*A sower went out to sow.*

COLLECT: O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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.**

## **16th July 2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

### ***Listen***

The word of God is proclaimed throughout the whole of creation. Our readings are filled with images drawn from nature. According to Isaiah, God's word is like rain refreshing the earth, bringing goodness and growth wherever it falls. Psalm 64 is a prayerful song of thanksgiving after a time of drought, reminding us of the bountiful love which pours out from the Lord, filling us with joy and good things. Paul writes of a deep longing within us, and within the whole of creation, for the fulfilment of God's promise. The word of God will give us the freedom we long for. Jesus shares the parable of the sower casting seeds upon the land to teach us to cherish the word of God. The parable reminds us of the many things distracting and preventing us from fulfilling all we are called to be. When we learn to listen deeply, the God word of is an abundant source of growth. It provides rich fruit for the benefit of all. This week, we could notice the different ways in which creation speaks to us of God love. We pray for the courage and grace to sow, nurture, grow and harvest the Word of God wherever we may be. *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. As you will see in the next column, the Office will be closed the second half of August so please don't delay your bookings. *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 Service for the repose of the soul of **Frank Phillips** will be held on Tue 25th July at 10.30am. There will be a morning Mass at 9am on the day.

With sadness, we also announce the passing of **Barbara Hobbs**. Details of the funeral to follow.

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.

### CAFOD: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Today 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)

### CREAM TEA FOR KANYIKE

Please join us at Fortescue Hall on Saturday 12th August from 3pm to 5pm for a Cream tea in aid of Kanyike. Tickets will be available soon. Please contact Sue & Jacque for more info.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Thu 27th July but open from 9am to 4pm on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th. Please also note, the office will be closed from 17th August till the end of the month. I will be taking some of my Annual Leave and Fr Jimmy will also be on leave at the same time. The office will reopen on Monday 4th September. *Emma*

**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 21st August. Fr Forde will be looking after the parish from 25th to 28th August included.

**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.

### AUTUMN BAPTISMS

Due to Fr Jimmy's leave in November, there will be no baptisms after 4th November.

### 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**

Thank you to all parishioners who have joined in the fun! Another great day for our community and it was lovely to see prospective parents taking part, too. As a community, we are grateful to the PA volunteers for their dedication and for supporting the school in such a wonderful way.

### **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 15th to Sun 23rd July 2023*

Saturday 15th July

6pm: Claire Dwyer RIP

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

9.30am: Fr Mark Leenane RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 17th July

9.30am: Brain Slowey RIP

Tuesday 18th July

9.30am : Cizek Family INT

Wednesday 19th July

9.30am: Anastasia Dep RIP

Thursday 20th July

9.30am: Edward & Anne Sheenan RIP

Friday 21st July

9.30am: Fr Paul Hardy RIP

Saturday 22nd July

2pm: Nuptial Mass, Antony Bastiani & Laura Mohan INT

6pm: Deceased members of the Pyne Family

**Sunday 23rd July- 16th Ordinary time**

9.30am: Luigina & Enrico Puosi

11.30am: People of the Parish

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from 20th August.

### **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

### **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**

On term-time 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:**

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| 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       |
| Rosina Denton    |                   |

**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:**

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| Sun 16th Jul  | CAFOD Fix the Food system Campaign - share plants and seeds between 9.30am and 11.30am Mass |
| Sat 12th Aug  | Cream Tea for Kanyike, Fortescue Hall 3pm-5pm   |
| Sun 17th Sept | Baptism Preparation Course  |
| Sat 23rd Sept | Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham—departure 8am from St Hugh of Lincoln Church carpark      |
| Sat 4th Nov   | Last date for Baptisms before Christmas   |

**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)

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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.