

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 13th August 2023, 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 114 Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 84: 9-14 response v. 8

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

SECOND READING: Romans 9: 1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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.**

13TH AUGUST 2023 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

A VOICE THAT SPEAKS OF PEACE

Our readings reiterate the need to listen to God's voice in all the circumstances of our lives, especially in times of trial, so we might become artisans of peace in our world. In the Book of Kings, God appears to a despondent Elijah in the voice of a gentle breeze; the prophet gains courage to face his mission. Psalm 84 could be Elijah's prayer, as the psalmist is eager to hear what the Lord has to say. Paul is saddened the Jewish people have not recognized Jesus. He is willing to put his own salvation on the line to help his people. The disciples are disheartened too and slow to recognise the Lord in the midst of the storm. They worship him as he reaches out to save them. We remind ourselves Christ our peace is always with us and with our world amidst the storms and difficulties of our lives. *Fr Jimmy*

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

We pray for the grace to encounter the Church in the way that all those at World Youth Day will. May the Holy spirit guide us all as we continue to walk with the younger or older generations around us and continue to form and be formed by each other

Amen.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WAL-SINGHAM on 23rd September 2023.

The coach is **NOW FULLY BOOKED**. Departure from our carpark is at 8am. Pilgrims are welcome to use the Fortescue Hall carpark if they need to leave their vehicles. A quick stop at Royston has been added as we had a good number of pilgrims joining from that parish. The coach will depart from Walsingham at 4.30pm to get back to St Hugh of Lincoln, Letchworth, again stopping at Royston on the way back.

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for Darlene Pereira will be held on Wednesday 16th August at 12.30pm. The Mass will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

The Funeral Mass for Stan Bain will be held at Holy Trinity, Baldock on Tue 29th August at 10am.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

CREAM TEA FOR KANYIKE

Thank you to all those who have supported this initiative. A special Thank You to Sue and Jacque for organising this lovely event and for raising funds for such an important cause. The Kanyike Project, like many other charities, suffered greatly during Covid. A boost to their finances is much needed.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please 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, starting Mon 21st August.

NO MORNING MASS on Saturday 12th August and 19th August due to weddings in the afternoon. Morning confessions will still be heard. Also, NO Mass on 21st August and 2nd September (morning). Fr Forde will be looking after the parish from 25th to 28th August included.

AUTUMN BAPTISMS Due to Fr Jimmy's leave in November, there will be no baptisms after 4th November until the New Year. Fr Jimmy will then be on Leave again in January. Dates are booking fast.

TODDLER GROUP fun morning on 31st August, 9.30 to 12noon at Fortescue Hall.
NOW FULLY BOOKED.

RCIA SESSIONS

The new RCIA sessions will start on Wed 6th September at 7.30pm in the St Hilda Room.

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. Fr Forde will be looking after our parish from Fri 24th to Tue 28th November included.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Mary Ryan, Catherine Morgan and Elaine McCorrison will be running the Royal Parks Half Marathon for CAFOD on October 8th - we are planning a parish fundraising weekend for this wonderful charity:

PARISH QUIZ for CAFOD on Saturday 23rd September 7.30pm

£10 a head. Lasagne supper (vegetarian option available) and bar. Teams of 6-10. Prizes and raffle.

Tickets available from Mary on 07932191685 and after masses 9/10 and 16/17 September. Save the date! - start building your dream team and brush up on your general knowledge in aid of this fabulous cause!

COFFEE AND CAKE for CAFOD after 9.30am Mass September 24th

WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC

Join Westminster Youth Ministry on 2nd September for a taste of Lisbon at their Summer Picnic. This event is aimed at any young person (12-35) in the Diocese who wasn't able to make it to World Youth Day. It will explore the theme for World Youth Day, 'Mary arose and went with haste', with workshops activities, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan. Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>

Please note, for Safeguarding reasons any young person 12-16 year old will need to be accompanied either by a parent or by a group leader of a parish/school group. For 16-18 year olds additional sign up requirements are in place.

FREE STREETDANCE WORKSHOPS

Workshops will run at Fortescue Hall on Tuesday afternoon during August and move to a Friday afternoon from September to November. Go to [Letchworth Summer Street Dance - Street Dance Productions](#) for info and to book.

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.

CATECHISTS WANTED

If you enjoy working with children and young people, please consider joining the Parish Catechetical Team. Letchworth@rcdow.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 12th to Sun 20th August 2023

Saturday 12th August

6pm: For African Missionaries

Sunday 13th August- 19th Ordinary Time

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 14th August

9.30am: Steve Weaver RIP & Anne Weaver INT

Tuesday 15th August—Assumption of BVM

9.30am: People of the Parish

7.30pm: Michael Fox RIP

Wednesday 16th August

12.30pm: Funeral Mass Darlene Pereira RIP

Thursday 17th August

9.30am: Laurie Symonds INT

Friday 18th August

9.30am: Matthew Brotherton INT

Saturday 19th August

2pm: Wedding Mass Magda and James

6pm: Andrew & Molly Perry RIP

Sunday 20th August- 20th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: John Harrison RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from 5th September.

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:

Tai Chi: Tuesday 9.30—11.30am

Street Dance: Tuesday 12noon — 4pm.

Women only self defence: Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30pm.

Yoga (in St Hilda): Thursday 6.15 -8-15pm

FORTESCUE HALL UPDATE

Croudace are finally going to complete the refurbishment of Fortescue Hall. A number of jobs were left outstanding when they left. New toilet facilities will be installed and the kitchen and general redecorating will be completed.

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.

CELEBRATE SUMMER - family activity pack from The Agency of Evangelisation

Download the brand new CELEBRATE online family activity pack for summer! Use this link to download the CELEBRATE SUMMER pack for free today - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

RAIL TICKET OFFICE CLOSURES This is a social justice issue. A lot of people affected by disability or age cannot use ticket vending machines. The public consultation period on the Rail Delivery Group's proposed plans has been extended till Friday 1st September. Concerned parishioners are invited to email their thoughts about the proposals to ticketoffice.GTR@transportfocus.org.uk

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August 2023 from 10 am 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

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
Rosina Denton	Claire Feeney

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 July: £7,554.14 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:

Tue 15th Aug	Solemnity of Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 9.30am and 7.30pm
Wed 6th Sept	RCIA meeting—St Hilda Room 7.30pm
Fri 8th Sept	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 17th Sept	Baptism Preparation Course
Sat 23rd Sept	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham—departure 8am from St Hugh of Lincoln Church carpark
Sat 23rd Sept	Parish Quiz Night in aid of CAFOD, 7.30pm Fortescue Hall
Fri 6th Oct	CAFOD Fast Day
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

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.enhr@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.