

# 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 20th August 2023, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 117 Psalter Week 4**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

*I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8 response v. 4

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

*With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 21-28

*Woman, you have great faith.*

COLLECT: O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 27th August 2023, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 120 Psalter Week 1**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22: 19-23

*I place the key of the house of David upon his shoulder.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 137: 1-3, 6, 8 response v. 8

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 11: 33-36

*All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 33-36

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

COLLECT: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.**

## **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 WALSINGHAM on 23rd September 2023. 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. The coach will stop at Royston's church and will depart from Walsingham at 4.30pm to get back to St Hugh of Lincoln, Letchworth, again stopping at Royston on the way back.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Kanyike Cream Tea last Saturday. It was a wonderful occasion and a lovely way of bringing the community together. £665.50 was raised, a fantastic sum! Fr Jimmy and the congregation are very grateful to all the volunteers who made this event possible.

### **FUNERAL**

The Funeral Mass for Stan Bain will be held at Holy Trinity, Baldock on Tue 29th August at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **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 from 21st August.

**NO MORNING MASS** on Saturday 19th August due to a wedding 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.

### **RCIA SESSIONS**

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

### **PARISH QUIZ NIGHT**

Mary Ryan, Catherine Morgan and Elaine McCorriston will be running the Royal Parks Half Marathon for CAFOD on October 8th. A parish fundraising weekend for this wonderful charity has been planned: **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**

**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.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC**

Join Westminster Youth Ministry on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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.

**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 and now ends on Friday 1st September. Before then, concerned parishioners are invited to email their thoughts and concerns about the proposals to close virtually all ticket offices across the country to [ticketoffice.GTR@transportfocus.org.uk](mailto:ticketoffice.GTR@transportfocus.org.uk)

**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. 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 19th August to Sun 3rd September 2023*

Saturday 19th August

6pm: Andrew & Molly Perry RIP

**Sunday 20th August- 20th Ordinary Time**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: John Harrison RIP

Monday 21st August

9.30am: NO MASS

Tuesday 22nd August

9.30am: McKenn Family INT

Wednesday 23rd August

9am: Brenda & Claire Feeney INT

Thursday 24th August

9.30am: for the Church

Friday 25th August

9.30am: Stan Bain RIP

Saturday 26th August

9.30am: Michael Dwyer RIP

6pm: For CAFOD

**Sunday 27th August- 21st Ordinary time**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Julie Purcell RIP

Monday 28th August

10am: Iris Pompey RIP

Tuesday 29th August

9.30am: Private Intention

Wednesday 30th August

9am: Monica Dep RIP

Thursday 31st August

9.30am: Darlene Pereira RIP

Friday 1st September

9.30am: Stan Bain RIP

Saturday 2nd September

9.30am: NO MASS

6pm: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

**Sunday 3rd September- 22nd Ordinary time**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Stan Bain RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from 7th 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 9.15—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

Our Toddler Group, Scouts and Line Dancing will resume in September.

### **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! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch, this online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Use this link to download the CELEBRATE SUMMER pack for free today - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

**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](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 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:**

Sat 2nd Sept	March for Life UK 1.30pm start from Emmanuel Centre
Wed 6th Sept	RCIA sessions starts, 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
Thu 2nd Nov	Commemorative Mass for Recently Deceased Parishioners at 7.30pm
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)

**Safeguarding Officer -** Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](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.