

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 6th August 2023, Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 173 Psalter Week 2

FIRST READING: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

His robe was white as snow.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96: 1-2, 5-6, 9 response v. 1,9

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-19

We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9

His face shone like the sun.

COLLECT: O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sunday 6th August 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A

It is wonderful for us to be here

The liturgy of Transfiguration Sunday gives us a foretaste of future glory. In the Gospel, the account of the Transfiguration occurs as Jesus is about to make his final journey to Jerusalem and to the cross. We see his imminent tragedy through a vision of the glory to come. For us, who carry our own tragedies and crosses, there is help in these readings. They hint at our own glory as God's adopted children, redeemed and sanctified, led into his presence and offered a share in his glory. As Psalm 96 says, on that day, all creation will rejoice. The gift's promise is for us as it was for Peter, 'a lamp for lighting the way through the dark until the dawn comes'. We pray, despite our own personal struggles and the darkness of the world's news, we might hold onto the hope of the glory which is ours through a share in Christ's everlasting life. *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 WALSINGHAM

on 23rd September 2023. The coach will depart from our carpark 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. 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.

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for Teresa Maguinness will be on Wed 9th August at 11.30am.

The Funeral Mass for Darlene Pereira will be held on Wednesday 16th August at 12.30pm. Both Masses will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

CREAM TEA FOR KANYIKE

Come and enjoy a Cream Tea on Saturday 12th August from 3-5pm in Fortescue Hall in aid of the Kanyike Project in Uganda. Tickets £6 each or two for £10 - available from the Parish Office or, after weekend masses, from Kanyike Project supporters or ring Sue and Jacquie on 01462 675117.

TODDLER GROUP fun morning on 31st August. Bouncy castle and lots of activities. £5 per family. 9.30 to 12noon at Fortescue Hall.

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.

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.

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.

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

The Heritage Foundation is subsidising dance workshops with Street Dance Productions, a renowned dance school in Stevenage. 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.

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

RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE - SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal

Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20 Fundraising goal: £300 All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good. Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

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 5th to Sun 13th August 2023

Saturday 5th August

6pm: For African Missions

Sunday 6th August- Transfiguration of the Lord

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Maria Calcasola RIP

Monday 7th August

9.30am: Fr Henry Young RIP

Tuesday 8th August

9.30am: Kenneth Shepherd RIP

Wednesday 9th August

11.30am: Funeral Mass Teresa Maguinness RIP

Thursday 10th August

9.30am: Patricia Handscombe INT

Friday 11th August

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Saturday 12th August

12.30pm: Wedding Mass Tonderai & Wadzi

(livestreamed)

6pm: For African Missionaries

Sunday 13th August- 19th Ordinary time

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available from 31st 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:

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! 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>

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:

Sat 12th Aug	Cream Tea for Kanyike, Fortescue Hall 3pm-5pm
Tue 15th Aug	Solemnity of Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 9.30am and 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
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.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.