

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 1st October 2023, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 134 Psalter Week 2

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24: 4-9 response v 6

Remember your mercy, Lord.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

COLLECT: O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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.**

CHRIST OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH

Our readings call us to turn to the Lord, modelling our actions and words on Christ Jesus. The prophet Ezekiel gives hope so those who think better of their situation and renounce it are given life. Psalm 24 reveals the heartfelt prayer of someone turning away from their sin and embracing the gift of new life. Paul shows what it means to give up sin and take on the mind of Christ. The Church at Philippi was a source of joy for Paul, but here he appeals for greater unity, achieved only by imitating the humility of Christ, who emptied himself and became obedient to death. Out of love for us, Christ gives up his divinity freely and without reservation. Following the overturning of the money changer's tables in the Temple, there is growing tension in the Gospel as the religious leaders confront Jesus, demanding to know the source of his authority. Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and poses a question, causing the chief priests to reflect on the difference between putting self or others first. By answering correctly, they align themselves to the son who agreed to do his Father's will but didn't. So the chief priests convict themselves. We pray this week to try and keep close to Christ, who obeyed his Father perfectly in word and deed. We remember it is never too late for us to turn to God and follow God's will. Fr. Jimmy

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. Amen

SEASON OF CREATION CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 6 October, just after the Season of Creation ends. Please help people like Dr Nasha whose mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast. When her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Please take a CAFOD envelope and return it in the second collection next weekend, so more families can get the expert help they need. If you are a taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid section of the envelope so CAFOD can claim 25p extra for every £1 you give. You can also give online at cafod.org.uk

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for Rosina Denton will be held on Monday 16th October at 11.30am. Family, friends, former colleagues and parishioners are invited to Fortescue Hall after Mass to celebrate Rosina's life and many achievements.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Thank you and well done to all parishioners who travelled to Walsingham on Sat 23rd September and joined the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Please head to our website for some lovely photos of our happy pilgrims.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Cafod Quiz night on Sat 23rd Sept - we raised an amazing £1116 for Cafod. Thank you so much for your generous support of this wonderful cause. It was a great night and it was so lovely to see our church hall full and buzzing! A huge thank-you. Mary, Elaine and Catherine.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A Mass for the Anointing of the Sick of our parish will be held on 4th November at 11am. If you are able to offer a lift to one of our housebound parishioners, please get in touch with the office. Many thanks.

StHoL VOLUNTEERS FAYRE

Parish Volunteer Fair Sunday 15 October from 10.30am to 1pm, in Fortescue Hall to give an opportunity for people to offer their time and talent to our parish and to help build up our activities and our community.

Some parishioners won't have had the opportunity to offer their skills and many may be unaware of where their talents are needed. All liturgical ministries and parish groups will need to be represented and it's an opportunity for groups which no longer meet to be revived and new groups to emerge. All are welcome, so please save the date in your diary, bring a family member or friend and light refreshments will be available. *Fr Jimmy*

COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS IN NORTH HERTS

There are currently a number of refugees staying at hotels in North Herts. As some of the children are not yet at school, they are being taught English and other subjects on site. They have a variety of interests including sport, music and art. They would really appreciate any of the following items, should you no longer have further use for them: Footballs, Basketballs, Cricket bats, stumps, Art materials, Plain paper, A keyboard (a big ask perhaps!), Computers, iPads. Please 'phone Sarah Martinelli on 07751582486 should you be able to help. I am happy to collect. Many thanks.

CATHOLIC MASS AT St ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL Since 1983, every Friday at 12noon, Catholic Mass is celebrated at St Alban's Cathedral. There is no other example of this anywhere in the UK. On Friday 13th October there will be a celebration to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Catholic Mass at the Cathedral. Please consider attending. On Sunday 15th October, a Solemn Evensong will celebrate the Ecumenical outreach of the cathedral. You are warmly invited to this celebrations as well, which will be followed by refreshments. *Monsignor H Turner*

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT at St Antho-nys RC Church, 5 Garrat Road, Edgware, London HA8 9AN on Saturday 14 October 2023 from 1:30 pm 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. Please call Millie 07957594646 for more information.

NO MASS, adoration and confessions on Sat 30th Sept at 9.30.

SASH Our very special group for all mature people - continues the Autumn programme. on alternate Thursdays. If you lost contact with us because of Covid, or other illness, bereavement or grieving, or if you are new to this Parish, you might like to meet up with us and join our activities. Our next meeting will be held **in St. Hilda's Room at 2.30 pm on Thursday 5th October** when we will share "what my mother/father always told me." We will also discuss our contribution to the Volunteers Exhibition. **19th Oct** Big Word Game; **2nd Nov** - Bring a photo of yourself as an infant and we will try to guess who is who. **16th Nov** Cliff will give a talk on "My experiences in Politics in North Herts and the City of London." **30th Nov** we will celebrate St. Andrews Day; **14th Dec** we will share our Christmas memories. Looking forward to seeing you on the 5th - Patsy & Cliff - 620397

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.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 30th September to Sun 8th October 2023

Saturday 30th September

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 1 October- 26th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Alice Atkinson INT

Monday 2nd October

9.30am: Rosina Denton RIP

Tuesday 3rd October

9.30am: For African Missions

Wednesday 4th October

9.30am: Stan Bain RIP

Thursday 5th October

9.30am: Michael Kenny RIP

Friday 6th October

9.30am: Chris Chambers RIP

Saturday 7th October

9.30am: Vinzo & Immacolata Forte RIP

6pm: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 8th October- 27th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Ines Antonaci RIP

MASS BOOKINGS available from Mid-October.

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 back looking after our parish from Fri 24th to Tue 28th November.

CATHOLIC MEDITATION GROUP

Our group meets on Tuesdays at 5pm for an hour in St Hilda's room. Meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of reflection and discussion. All welcome.

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

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

This lovely group 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 of a Funeral Monday, the group will be held on the Tuesday.

RCIA SESSIONS

The new RCIA sessions are held on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the St Hilda Room. If you are thinking about joining the catholic faith, please come along to meet like-minded people and start your spiritual journey among friends.

ROSARY Every Friday at 10.30am, Our Lady Chapel.

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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
Claire Feeney	Patricia Walsh
David Turney	Eric Puosi

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 August: £5,973.66 inclusive of standing orders, collections and donations.
Thank you all for your generosity.

Candle Donations: the new poor boxes have been installed.

Dates for your Diary:

Fri 6th Oct	CAFOD Fast Day
Sat 14th Oct	Sung Mass at 12noon. No 9.30am Mass
Wed 1st Nov	ALL SAINTS—Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9.30am (STM to attend) and 7.30pm
Thu 2nd Nov	Commemorative Mass for Recently Deceased Parishioners at 7.30pm. Refreshments in St Hilda afterwards
Sat 4th Nov	Anointing of the Sick, 11am
Sun 26th Nov	STM Christmas Market - Fortescue Hall from 10am
Sun 3rd Dec	Saxophone Quartet Concert, 4pm in our Church
Sun 10th Dec	Concert for Kanyike—3pm at St Hugh of Lincoln. Refreshments afterwards. Details to come.

Our Catholic Schools

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

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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.