

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 10th September 2023, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 125 Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 94: 1-2, 6-9 response vv. 7-8

O that today you would listen to this voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8-10

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

If he listens to you, you won back your brother.

COLLECT: O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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.

You must love your neighbour as yourself

The quality of our listening runs through our readings. We're called to listen to the word of God, listen to our hearts, to one another and to our community. These challenge us to love one another truly, speaking out where necessary. Just as Jesus became our brother and made himself responsible for us, he asks we do the same for others. God appoints the prophet Ezekiel as his sentry, a mouthpiece to sound a warning when danger appears. We are to be aware, looking out for each other, helping one another rather than simply looking on. Jesus echoes this in the Gospel, advising us what to do when things go wrong in relationships within a community. He gives us a three-part model: we're to try to work things out one-to-one; invite those we can trust to listen and advise; finally, asking the community to help bring back those who have strayed. Jesus asks us not to give up on people, even when they do not listen. St Paul emphasizes to the Romans love underpins our relationships. Our lives and our are love are guided by the ten commandments, summed up in the phrase, love your neighbour as yourself. Psalm 94 praises God, urging us to listen to the Lord with open hearts. As we continue celebrating the Season of Creation until 4th October with the theme, Let Justice and Peace Flow, we embrace the beauty of God's Kingdom, praying for the grace to be good neighbours to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for, all God has made. *Fr Jimmy*

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. Amen.

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for Ines Antonaci will be held on 14th September at 11.30am. There will be morning Mass as normal at 9.30am for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 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.

BAPTISM COURSE

On 17th September after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda Room. You are welcome to bring your baby with you. The session lasts about 2h. It is preferable and more expedient to attend the course before a Baptism is booked.

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.

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

ROSARY Every Friday at 10.30am, Our

Lady Chapel.

JHN OPEN EVENING

The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 28th September, from 5.30 – 8.30 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening. The last tour will be at 7:00p.m. and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30p.m. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week.

TALK ON DISABILITY RIGHTS

Tuesday 26th September 2023, 17:00
Caritas St Joseph's St Joseph's Grove The Burroughs Hendon NW4 4TY. Rosa is an active disability rights campaigner a Patron of Acorn's Children Hospices, the Down Syndrome Educational Trust and Together for Short Lives. All are very welcome to attend this talk.

CHRISTIAN INITIATIVES CONCERT

22nd September 7.30pm at Baldock Methodist Church. Entrance is free. There will be a retiring collection in aid of CIS at the end. Contact info: 01462675607 chris@cc-b.uk

SASH

Our very special group for mature people - starts the Autumn programme on 21st September. 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 21st September when we will play Scrabble. Afterwards we will plan what we would like to do at our meetings this year. Looking forward to seeing you on the 21st - Patsy & Cliff - 620397

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our sessions during 9.30am Sunday Mass will resume today (Sunday 10th September). We thank LJ and all the catechists volunteering their time for this important ministry.

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.

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 9th to Sun 17th September 2023

Saturday 9th September

6pm: Darlene Pereira RIP

Sunday 10th September- 23rd Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Eileen McHale INT

Monday 11th September

9.30am: Victims of Terrorism

Tuesday 12th September

9.30am: Saverio & Giuseppa Rizzo RIP

Wednesday 13th September

9am: Deceased members of the Clarke Family

Thursday 14th September

9.30am: Agata Rizzo RIP

11.30am: Funeral Mass Ines Antonaci RIP

Friday 15th September

9.30am: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Saturday 16th September

9.30am: Luigi Rizzo RIP

6pm: Johannes Dep RIP

Sunday 17th September- 24th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Bob & Connie Dull RIP

MASS BOOKINGS available from 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.

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

Scouts: Tue 6.30 pm to 8pm; Wed 6.15pm to

7.30pm; Thu 7pm to 9pm

Women only self-defence: Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30pm.

Toddler Group: Thu 9.30am to 11.30am

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

Street Dance: Fri 4pm to 6pm

Line dancing to resume in October.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

SYMBOLS OF FAITH TRAINING

This workshop, on Thursday 21 September 2023, 6-8pm, at Vaughan House, offers parents, priests and catechists creative insights and ideas on the faith formation and sacramental preparation of people with learning disabilities. The workshop will enable you to:

- Develop an understanding of faith formation for people with learning disabilities.
- Understand how people with learning disabilities can be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, first communion, and confirmation.
- Share experiences of good practice.
- Be introduced to diocesan resources.

For further Information and booking please contact Finola Ryan: finolar-yan@rcdow.org.uk / 07525 812513.

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.pariah.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:

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
Sun 26th Nov	STM Christmas Market - Fortescue Hall from 10am
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

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.