

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 24th September 2023, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 131 Psalter Week 1

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 6-9

My thought are not your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18 response v 18

The Lord is close to all who call him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Life to me is Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?.

COLLECT: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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.**

Seek the Lord!

The generous love of the Lord is very close to us. Our scriptures remind us when we seek the Lord, we can be confident of receiving a warm, forgiving welcome, no matter who we are. The Prophet Isaiah invites us to seek and find the Lord who is near to us. When we do, God will embrace us with rich forgiveness. Psalm 144 is a song of blessing, wonder and awe, in praise of the Lord who is close to us, full of compassion, abounding in love and kindness. In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul is confident of the closeness of Christ, even as he writes from prison. We too, are encouraged to focus our lives on the values of Christ in the Gospel. The parable of the workers in the vineyard is a Gospel for latecomers, presenting an encouraging if challenging image of God's generosity. We're invited to consider and accept this generosity for ourselves and express it towards others, even when it is challenging. If Jesus' parable teaching presents a wisdom too hard to comprehend, we might take to heart his ways are very different from ours. Scripture reassures us we need not worry, the Lord is near, ever present to us. Our God is full of compassion and forgiveness willing us to seek him. We pray the Christian community may be inspired to seek the Lord so the body of Christ can transform the world with the justice and generosity of God.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October 2023 - Let Justice and Peace Flow
The Prophet Amos cries out, "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). We are called to join the river of justice and peace to take up climate and ecological justice and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we need to work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of the mighty river of peace and justice. For more information and resources, please visit, seasonofcreation.org

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 on 23rd September 2023.

A number of **seats** have **now** become **available**. 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. Please contact the Office ASAP if you wish to book a place.

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.

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**

StHoL VOLUNTEERS FAYRE

Parish Volunteer Fair Sunday 15 October, We will be having a Volunteer Fair on Sunday 15th October 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.

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.

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

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 23rd September to Sun 1st October 2023

Saturday 23rd September

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 24th September- 25th Ordinary time

9.30am: Giorgio Camisa RIP

11.30am: David Ellis RIP

Monday 25th September

9.30am: Cara Meehan RIP

Tuesday 26th September

9.30am: Mary & Roy Rostron RIP

Wednesday 27th September

9.30am: STM School INT

Thursday 28th September

9.30am: Adele Driscoll RIP

Friday 29th September

9.30am: Jack Johnstone RIP

Saturday 30th September

9.30am: NO MASS

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 1st October- 26th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Alice Atkinson INT

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.

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

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	

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:

Sat 23rd Sept	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Sat 23rd Sept	Parish Quiz Night in aid of CAFOD, 7.30pm Fortescue Hall
Fri 6th Oct	CAFOD Fast Day
Wed 1st Nov	ALL SAINTS—Holy Day of Obligation
Thu 2nd Nov	Commemorative Mass for Recently Deceased Parishioners at 7.30pm
Sat 4th Nov	Anointing of the Sick, 11am
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

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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.