

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 8th October 2023, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 137 Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5: 1-7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20 response v 5:7

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 6-9

The God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 33-43

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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.**

THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

The image of the people of God as a vineyard is familiar in the Scriptures. We rejoice in seeing the Church as the vineyard of the Lord, but we also need to respond to God's gifts and use them well. In Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard, God has made the people of Israel his vineyard. God lovingly cares for it, but sadly the people fail to respond. Psalm 79 picks up the same theme in an appeal to God to turn again and visit the vine he has planted. In the Gospel, the tenants of the vineyard are reproached because they are unprofitable and for murdering the owner's son. Paul writes the peace of God is ours if only we can trust him by pursuing all that is good and pure, producing fruit worthy of the Lord. May we be full of thanksgiving for all we have received, always turning to the Lord in prayer. *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

The Holy Father's latest Apostolic Exhortation can be read in full on The Holy See website: ["Laudate Deum": Apostolic Exhortation to all people of good will on the climate crisis \(4 October 2023\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

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.

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*

PRISONERS' SUNDAY - PRISON ADVICE AND CARE TRUST (PACT)

Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity for us to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families, and those who support people affected by the criminal justice system. PACT is the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions and children and families. PACT's work is deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching, continuing to restore hope and dignity to thousands of people affected by imprisonment. PACT works in 60 prisons across England and Wales and their care and practical support helps people stay connected to their families, a significant factor in preventing re-offending. If you can support the work of PACT in their 125th anniversary year, please take one of their envelopes and return it as soon as possible. If you would like to give online, please visit: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

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 Anthonys 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.

LAUDATE DEUM

On 4th October, Pope Francis new Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum was published to close this year's Season of Creation. It follows the Holy Father's encyclical @Laudato Si'' of 2015. Both works significantly place the care of creation and concern for the poor, themes central to the life of St Francis, at the heart of the Synod in Rome which opened on the same day. Please find time to read the Pope's new letter.

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.**

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 7th to Sun 15th October 2023

Saturday 7th October

6pm: Ross Nittolo & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 8th October- 27th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Ines Antonaci RIP

Monday 9th October

9.30am: Cathy & Ken Lowthian RIP

Tuesday 10th October

9.30am: Anthony Cocallis RIP

Wednesday 11th October

9.30am: Private intention

Thursday 12th October

9.30am: Leslie and Betty Henry RIP

Friday 13th October

9.30am: Hugh Doran RIP & Pauline Doran INT

Saturday 14th October

9.30am: Steve Weaver RIP

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 15th October- 28th Ordinary time

9.30am: Ines Antonaci RIP

11.30am: Peter Quinn RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from Mid-November. When booking a Mass, please let

the office know if you are able to Gift Aid.

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 September: £ 6,286.46 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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The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

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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.