

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 15th October 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 140 Psalter Week 4

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25: 6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 22 response v 6

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 1-14

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

COLLECT: May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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.**

I HAVE MY BANQUET ALL PREPARED. COME TO THE WEDDING!'

As the end of the liturgical year approaches, our readings focus on the kingdom of heaven and the era beyond the end of time. Both our first reading and Gospel invite us to contemplate sharing in the great feast God prepares for us. Isaiah explains how the Lord is preparing a banquet to which everyone will be welcome. There will be no more suffering or death. In contrast, the Gospel parable speaks of guests invited by the king to a great wedding feast but fail to attend. As a result, the king instructs his servants to ask everyone they can find good and bad alike to replace those who have made excuses. Psalm 22 reminds us the Lord will see to all our needs so we shall not want. In his letter to the Christian community in Philippi, Paul says despite imprisonment and a probable death sentence, he has achieved a calm and accepting attitude to life through total trust and faith in the Lord. We might want to reflect on the way we respond when the Lord invites us to join him and how we treat his messengers. In turn, we recognise our call to invite those who have been left by the wayside, good or bad. *Fr. Jimmy*

We congratulate Loren Freeman who was Baptised into the community of the Church on Saturday.

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

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*

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed the week commencing 30th October till 13th November. Fr Jimmy can be contacted directly up until Sunday 5th November. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

CAKES FOR THE GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE

It is tradition that during the month of November cakes are provided so that the patients and visitors have a piece with their afternoon tea. If anyone would like to provide a cake, homemade or bought, we would be most grateful. Cakes must be suitable for freezing and homemade bakes must include a list of ingredients. I hope to be delivering to the hospice on Friday 3rd November, therefore if you could get your cake to me before that it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Trish on 07709029220. 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*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 22nd October, Catholic communities across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is a wonderful way of expressing solidarity with Catholic communities in every country as we join together to live out the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus to all through prayer and giving. We live out our call to mission by proclaiming the coming of God's Kingdom, serving those in need, promoting justice with peace, and bringing people to know God's goodness. We can pray for all missionaries who bring the love and hope of Jesus to people living in situations of extreme poverty and injustice. When we journey with others and befriend them in their suffering, problems, difficulties and questions, sometimes, quite mysteriously, our eyes are opened to the presence of the Risen Christ, something which is profoundly fulfilled in the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of God's mission. If mission is about befriending, welcoming, accompanying, respecting, serving and listening to others, then missionary activity can do no harm. On the contrary, inviting others into a relationship with God, the source of love, can only be good for all concerned. Pope Francis encourages us: 'The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers, "useless servants"'. Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director, Missio. Please take one of the Mission envelopes and return it in Sun 29th Oct second collection.

GIFT AID: if you haven't already, please consider filling in a Gift Aid Declaration to make your donations go further. Forms are available in the porch and can be returned to

the parish office. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 14th to Sun 22nd October 2023

Saturday 14th October

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 15th October- 28th Ordinary time

9.30am: Ines Antonaci RIP

11.30am: Peter Quinn RIP

Monday 16th October

9.30am: Rosina Denton RIP

Tuesday 17th October

9.30am: Helena Duckett RIP

Wednesday 18th October

9.30am: Alan Scouller RIP

Thursday 19th October

9.30am: Alba Lopez INT

Friday 20th October

9.30am: Phil & Paddy Brennan RIP

Saturday 21st October

9.30am: Luigi Rizzo RIP

6pm: Angelo & Franco Casiraghi and Giulio Parravicini RIP

Sunday 22nd October- 29th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Ines Antonaci 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. Mass on Fri 10th, Wed 15th, Wed 22nd will be at 9am.

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.

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. Full text available here: ["Laudate Deum": Apostolic Exhortation to all people of good will on the climate crisis \(4 October 2023\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

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: We are in the process of fixing the Contactless Machine in the Church porch. In the meantime, you may give via our parish website; www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth. If you are in a position to Gift Aid your donations, please email the office to complete a declaration. Gift Aid allows us to claim some money back at no extra cost to you. 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.

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:

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

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.