

# 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 22nd October 2023, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 143 Psalter Week 1**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 45: 4-6

*I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 95 1, 3-5, 7-10 response v 7

Give the Lord glory and power.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

*We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22: 15-21

*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar— and to God what belongs to God.*

**COLLECT:** Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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.**

## **GIVE TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD**

Our readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. Isaiah teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him giving Cyrus all he needs to help accomplish God's plans. Psalm 95 calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world and to pay God worship and honour. Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the Church, aided by the power of the Holy Spirit and strengthened by its faith and hope in God, continues in its work. Jesus reminds us we belong completely to God and are called to offer God our entire selves. He is aware the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms this is reasonable, at the same time he affirms our first duty is to serve God, to give God what is due. We pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times. We ask God to work through them to build justice and peace. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide each of us so we know how to serve God best. *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

**LAUDATE DEUM** available here:

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

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

At 11am on Saturday 4th November, Bishop Michael Campbell, the retired Bishop of Lancaster, will celebrate this Mass for our parish community. Along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), Anointing of the Sick is one of our two Sacraments of Healing. Anyone who is ill in body, mind or spirit is eligible to be anointed, clearly, a headache isn't sufficient! We will be joined by our sick and house-bound parishioners, their families and helpers, and some of our local priests to help anoint. If you know of anyone who would like to come to this Mass, please do invite them. Similarly, if you are able to drive someone to the Mass who otherwise wouldn't be able to come, please contact the Parish Office. Light refreshments will be served in Fortescue Hall after Mass. During the Mass, we will witness natural olive oil being solemnly blessed by the Bishop, so those who are ill can be anointed with it on their head and hands.

## **StHoL VOLUNTEERS FAYRE**

Thank you to all parishioners who took part in this event. It is fantastic to see so many new parishioners joining our family and offering to take active roles within our community. "We ourselves feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." *Mother Teresa*

## **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.

## **MASS IN ST HILDA**

Please note from Monday 23rd October, morning Mass will be held in St Hilda. Holy Days of Obligation Masses and School Masses will still take place in Church.

## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Sunday 22nd October, Catholic communities across the world 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. Please take one of the Mission envelopes and return it in Sun 29th Oct second collection.

## **THE LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM, CARDINAL PIERBATTISTA PIZZABALLA, ON THE ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT:**

"We witnessed a sudden explosion of violence that is very concerning due to its extension and intensity. The operation launched from Gaza and the reaction of the Israeli Army are bringing us back to the worst periods of our recent history. The many casualties and tragedies, which both Palestinians and Israeli families have to deal with, will create more hatred and division, and will destroy more and more any perspective of stability. The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again, we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis. We have been catapulted, suddenly, into a sea of unprecedented violence. The hatred, which we have unfortunately already been experiencing for too long, will increase even more, and the ensuing spiral of violence will create more destruction. Everything seems to speak of death. Yet, in this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear. That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish."

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war." Isaiah 2:4 God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East. Quieten the clamour of war and guide us towards peace. Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness. Where there is destruction help us to rebuild. Where children are crying bring an end to tears. Shelter your people and protect them. Guide them and keep them from harm. Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen *Linda Jones CAFOD*  
*Pope Francis* said: "The Middle East does not need war but peace, a peace built on justice, dialogue, and the courage of fraternity."

**MASS INTENTIONS -**  
*Sat 21st to Sun 29th October 2023*

Saturday 21st October

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

Monday 23rd October

9.30am: Joss Landers RIP

Tuesday 24th October

9.30am: Joe Nadaski RIP

Wednesday 25th October

9.30am: Fr Dominic McKenna RIP

Thursday 26th October

9 am: Michael Pyne RIP

Friday 27th October

NO MASS

Saturday 28th October

9.30am: Kathleen Bourke RIP

6pm: Pat Lawlor INT

**Sunday 29th October- 30th Ordinary time**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Ines Antonaci RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from Mid-December. 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.

**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. Meetings will be held **in St. Hilda's Room at 2.30 pm:**

**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

**RCIA SESSIONS**

The new RCIA sessions are held on Wednes-

day 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.

**SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT**

The talented Parallax Saxophone Quartet will perform some wonderful classical pieces on Sunday 3rd Dec at 4pm in our Church. All musicians hail from the Royal College of Music and are professional performers. Tickets are £12 adults, £5 child 6-12, 5 and under FREE. Go to [www.agbklasova.com](http://www.agbklasova.com) for info and to book your ticket.

**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.

**ROSARY**

Every Friday at 10am, Our Lady Chapel.

**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.

**TABERNACLE**

You will notice our newly refurbished Tabernacle, along with its six candles, are back in position. The Tabernacle housing the Blessed Sacrament was installed fifty years ago and was in need of attention. In order to be refurbished it has been taken apart, cleaned and stripped down, lacquered and polished, with any necessary repairs or alterations being attended to. We thank Bruno Ormsby and his team from Ormsby of Scarisbrick for their care and attention to what is one of the most important and sacred liturgical items in our Church.

**We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:**

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| 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](http://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:**

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| Wed 1st Nov  | ALL SAINTS—Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9.30am (STM to attend) and 7.30pm  |
| Thu 2nd Nov  | Morning Mass 9.30am; 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 | FHC Enrolment Mass 9.30am   |
| Sun 10th Dec | Concert for Kanyike—3pm at St Hugh of Lincoln. Refreshments afterwards. Details to come.                                  |

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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.