

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 29th October 2023, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 146 Psalter Week 2

FIRST READING: Exodus 22: 20-26

If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 17: 2-4, 47, 51 response v 2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

You broke your idolatry and became servants of God: you are now waiting for his Son.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34-40

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND’

Our readings invite us to consider how to live as followers of Jesus in our communities and in our world. God speaks to the people of Israel through Malachi how they should treat the oppressed and down-trodden, in order to please God. Psalm 130 reminds us we can only live the lives God wants us to live by relying on him. He is our rock, our strength, our saviour, our mighty help. Paul reminds the Thessalonians they and we should imitate the Lord in the joy of the Holy Spirit. Jesus asks us to express the love of God which fills our hearts, our souls and our minds, by treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves. We find in others the image of the God who is love. We pray for and with our sisters and brothers in our world who yearn for peace and justice, especially those suffering the effects of war and violence in Ukraine, Sudan and Israel-Palestine. We ask God to help us grow in love of him and one another, so we recognise Christ Jesus in our midst, especially in those who suffer. *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.

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. Fr Stephen will be supplying from Wednesday 8th November.

MASS IN ST HILDA

Weekdays Morning Mass is now celebrated in the St Hilda Room.

CONCERT FOR KANYIKE

Sue Card and Friends will perform a selection of light classical and seasonal music. Sunday 10th December 3pm in Fortescue Hall. The Kanyike Project is raising funds to improve their Health Centre facilities which is in need of repainting, supplies for the lab, partitioning of wards into male, female and children, new toilet shutters, tiling and flooring. Tickets are £10 (including Christmassy refreshments) available from Sue or Jacque on 0146267511

HELP OUR DONKEY

The Donkey in our Church's Nativity set has badly damaged ears. Is there anyone who is able to repair him? Please contact Jacque on 01462 675117, you don't need to be a vet, just good with plaster of Paris, clay or similar. Thank you.

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.

SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT

Join us on a musical journey through the ages and immerse yourself in the beautiful sound-world of the saxophone. PARALLAX SAXOPHONE QUARTET are all professional musicians who met whilst studying at the Royal College of Music (RCM) in London. With each member hailing from a different corner of the world, this quartet has a diverse array of influences and experiences, and are brought together by their love of musicmaking. Recent appearances include performing at Kings Place, for Kensington and Chelsea Women's Club at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair, and internationally at the Centro Botín (Spain) and Košice Spring Music Festival (Slovakia).

Soprano saxophone: Alžbeta Greenwood-Byrne (Slovakia)

Alto saxophone: María Luzuriaga López (Spain)

Tenor saxophone: Samuel Mallia (Malta)

Baritone saxophone: Jess Martin (United Kingdom) Tickets are £12 adults, £5 child 6-12, 5 and under FREE. Go to www.agbklasova.com for info and to book your ticket.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next session will run on 10th December after Family Mass (9.30am) in the St Hilda Room. The session will end at about 1pm. Babies welcome.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 28th October to Sun 5th November 2023

Saturday 28th October

6pm: Kathleen Bourke RIP

Sunday 29th October- 30th Ordinary time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Ines Antonaci RIP

Monday 30th October

9.30am: Alice Atkinson INT

Tuesday 31st October

9.30am: Francesco & Emma Pucci RIP

Wednesday 1st November

9.30am: STM School INT

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Thursday 2nd November

9.30am: Holy Souls

7.30pm: Deceased Parishioners

Friday 3rd November

NO MASS

Saturday 4th November

11am: For Sick & Housebound Parishioners

6pm: Joan & Josh Tunnicliffe RIP

Sunday 5th November- 31st Ordinary time

9.30am: Kajetan Migdal RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

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 for-

ward to seeing you on the 5th - Patsy & Cliff - 620397

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.

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.

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.

ST VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY

At our recent Volunteers' Fayre and at previous parish meetings, several people expressed an interest in forming a group dedicated to social action. The SVP society is looking to restart their Letchworth group. If you are interest and would like to know more, please get in touch with the office and we can arrange a meeting with the lovely Rachel.

WITNESS TO HOPE - THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Four online talks by Fr John Deehan focusing on the Prayers and Gospels of the Christmas Masses. 23rd November: The Vigil Mass 30th November: The Night Mass 7th December: The Dawn Mass 14th December: The Day Mass The talks are open to all and a donation of £5 is requested per talk. Further details on enquiry. Please register with Warren Brown catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

CITIZEN ADVICE SESSION

Free Information on reducing the cost of living. Tuesday 7th November at 8pm online. Go to [Letchworth Financial Health Project | Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire \(northhertscab.org.uk\)](http://LetchworthFinancialHealthProject.org.uk) for info and to book a place.

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
David Turney	Emma Puosi

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/lethworth . 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:

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
Sat 4th & Sun 5th	Sick & Retired Priests collection
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	Baptism Preparation Session, St Hilda Room, after 9.30am Mass
Sun 10th Dec	Concert for Kanyike—3pm, Fortescue Hall. Refreshments afterwards.

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 lethworthsg@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.