

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 19th November 2023, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 155 Psalter Week 1

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife—who can find her?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 127: 1-5 response v 1

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14-30

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

COLLECT: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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.**

‘WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!’

The readings in this final week of Ordinary Time, remind us again of the need to be always prepared for the coming of Christ by the way we live our lives.

The First Reading extols the virtues of the perfect wife. Although using language which reflects the practice and culture of biblical times, the passage speaks powerfully of the value and dignity of manual work, the importance of charity, and respect for all, whatever their role in life. The Psalm speaks again of the dignity of work, of being self-sufficient, providing for one's family, and living in awe of the Lord. St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that if we live our lives in the light of Christ, we have no need to fear the coming of the reign of God. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to show the importance of making best use of what we have been given for the benefit of others.

This week, we might pray for those who struggle to realise where their own talents lie, and those who lack the opportunity to be recognised, valued and celebrated. We also continue to pray for peace across the world.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAUDATE DEUM available here:

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

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 Jacquie 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 Jacquie 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.

THE SANTA MARTA GROUP was established in 2014 by Pope Francis to combat human trafficking and modern slavery. SMG is now delivering 'Awareness and Guidance for Communities' to encourage local action and to prevent human trafficking and modern slavery taking place in our midst. On Thursday 30th November the Santa Marta Group will hold an information meeting in the parish hall of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Catholic Church, 16, Nightingale Road, Hitchin SG5 1QS, from 7pm – 9pm. Kevin Hyland, the UK's first Independent anti-slavery Commissioner and currently chief advisor to the Santa Marta Group will lead the meeting. All are welcome to come to learn more about the prevalence of human trafficking and modern slavery in our communities and the steps we can take to prevent it.

THANK YOU

Dear parishioners of St Hugh, thank you all so very much for donating the lovely range of cakes for our afternoon tea, they are much appreciated. On offering patients and their relatives a slice of cake, a smile appears on their faces, then a "Yes please". So thank you again. With love, *The Garden House Hospice Team.*

Special Thanks to Trish who organises this wonderful community outreach activity every year in our the parish.

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.

WALK WITH ME - ADVENT

The Walk With Me Advent resources are now available to purchase at the back of Church. We have adult booklets and also a number of Children's ones, suitable for children +5. Booklets are £1 each.

DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS: the Annual review 2022 and Annual Report & Accounts

are available at the back of church. These are for reference only, please return them when you have finished reading them.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 18th to Sun 26th November 2023

Saturday 18th November

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 19th November- 33rd Ordinary time

9.30am: Ines Antonaci RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 20th November

No Mass

Tuesday 21st November

9.30am: Kitty Leslie RIP

Wednesday 22nd November

9am: Holy Souls

Thursday 23rd November

9.30am: Tonina Rizzo

Friday 24th November

9.30am: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Saturday 25th November

9.30am: Agata & Antonio De Luca RIP

6pm: Ines Antonaci RIP

Sunday 26th November- Christ The King

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Teresa Whyte RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from January. When booking a Mass, please let the office know if you are able to Gift Aid.

MASS CHANGES IN NOVEMBER: No Mass on: 18th November (9.30am), 20th November and 2nd December (9.30am). Mass on Fri 10th, Wed 15th and Wed 22nd November 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: 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 Andrew's Day; **14th Dec** we will share our Christmas memories. Looking forward to seeing you - Patsy & Cliff 01462 620397

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.

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Weekly Exposition of the blessed sacrament on Thursdays from 7-8pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for quiet personal prayer at Our Lady's Church, Hitchin.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH: YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT

Come and take time aside with other young adults aged 18-35 this Advent. We will have time to reflect and pray to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Saturday 16th Dec 2023, 10:30am-2:30pm at the FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA (a short walk from London's Euston station). The retreat will be facilitated by Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcj (The Faithful Companions of Jesus) Cost: By Donation. For info and to book your place email: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk

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

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 October: £7,592.67, inclusive of Sunday collections, planned giving and standing orders. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Candle Donations: the new poor boxes have been installed.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 26th Nov	Solemnity of Christ The King
Sun 26th Nov	STM Christmas Market - Fortescue Hall from 10am
Sun 3rd Dec	First Sunday of Advent
Sun 3rd Dec	Saxophone Quartet Concert, 4pm in our Church
Fri 8th Dec	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
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.strcjni.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.