

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 26th November 2023, Christ The King

Parish Mass Book Year A Vol 2 page 158 Psalter Week 2

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 22: 3, 5-6 response v 1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46

YHe will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.**

‘¡VIVA CRISTO REY!’ (‘LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING!’)

The scripture texts of this solemnity, on the last Sunday of the Church year, sum up what we have been reading, listening to, and pondering all year. We have watched as Jesus taught, healed, freed, consoled, and reached out to all. From birth to death, and in his glorified life, he was the visible presence of the Father’s kingdom of love on earth. The **Second Reading** gives us a picture of Christ’s kingship. St Paul reassures the church at Corinth that, despite the direst of circumstances, all earthly rule and authority will give way to Christ. When God’s enemies, including sin and death, are destroyed, then all will be alive in God. How we need such a message in today’s world! The **Psalms** tells us that God, Shepherd and King, has such authority that we can safely feast, even within sight of our enemies. With him, we shall never be in want. The **First Reading**, from the prophet Ezekiel, also contains the theme of shepherd. Though judge, the shepherd is one who serves. Jesus picks up this theme in the **Gospel**, but now he is found not only in the one who serves the poor, but also in the poor themselves. Both readings reveal a divine bias, if we can say such a thing – against those who would exploit, and for those who are exploited.

The response to ‘¡Viva Cristo Rey!’ (‘Long live Christ the King!’) is ‘¡Que viva!’ (‘He lives!’). Let’s pray that Christ the King will live in me; will live in my actions this coming week. Amen.

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*

WELCOME

Fr Tom Forde is looking after our congregation this weekend and on Monday. We are very grateful he could join us and appreciate his time here with us.

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 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.

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 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. 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. 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.

COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

I am currently teaching English to refugee adults and children at a local hotel. If you have any of the following items floating around at home and no longer needed, could you kindly call Sarah Martinelli on 07751582486. Happy to collect.

Erasers, Pencil sharpeners, Pencil cases, Pens and (coloured) pencils, Scientific calculators Jigsaw puzzles for ages 3 upwards, Board games. Thank you for your support.

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 2nd December (9.30am).

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 25th November to Sun 3rd December 2023

Saturday 25th November

6pm: Ines Antonaci RIP

Sunday 26th November- Christ The King

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Teresa Whyte RIP

Monday 27th November

9.30am: Anthony Cocallis RIP

Tuesday 28th November

9.30am: Sebastian Greenwood-Byrne INT

Wednesday 29th November

9am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Thursday 30th November

9.30am: Marian Reid RIP

Friday 1st December

9.30am: Theobald Dep RIP

Saturday 2nd December

9.30am: NO MASS

6pm: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 3rd December- 1st ADVENT

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Nora Comiskey RIP

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: 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

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection at St Saviour's Roman Catholic Church Lewisham on Saturday 9 December 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

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
Harper Draper	Hannah Draper

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.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.