

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 21st January 2024, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 1 page 129 Vigil Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24: 4-9 response v. 4

Lord, make me know your ways.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in 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.**

‘LORD, TEACH ME YOUR PATHS’

Today, as the Roman Catholic Church celebrates this ‘Sunday of the Word of God’, Pope Francis reminds us: *Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our mind and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.*

In the **First Reading**, Jonah takes the word of God to the people in Nineveh. They hear it, are inspired to change their evil ways, and God shows them his mercy.

God’s love and forgiveness are at the heart of the **Psalm**, as we pray for better understanding of the ways in which the Lord invites us to live our lives.

St Paul issues a challenge to the Christian community in Corinth in this week’s **Second Reading**. At the centre of this, though, is an encouragement to us to free our minds and hearts from reliance on the things of this world, and to place our hope in the reign of God. The **Gospel** speaks of the opening of the hearts and minds of the first apostles as they leave behind everything they know in order to follow Jesus.

This week, perhaps I can give myself the gift of a little extra time with scripture. I pray that the Lord will open my mind and heart, so I can see more clearly where my path with him lies.

POPE’S JANUARY INTENTIONS

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. *Amen*

NO MORNING MASS on Saturday until Lent **YEAR OF PRAYER – 2024**

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. To help mark this year more fruitfully, the Dicastery for Evangelisation will publish a series of “Prayer Notebooks”, with material taken from the many forms of prayer to be found in the rich Catholic tradition. 1. PRAYER TODAY: A CHALLENGE TO OVERCOME by Angelo Comastri prefaced by Pope Francis; 2. PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS by Gianfranco Ravasi; 3. THE PRAYER OF JESUS by Juan Lopez Vergara; 4. PRAYING WITH SAINTS AND SINNERS by Paul Brendan Murray; 5. PARABLES ON PRAYER by Antonio Pitta; 6. THE CHURCH IN PRAYER By *a monk*; 7. THE PRAYER OF MARY AND THE SAINTS by Catherine Aubin; 8. THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US: THE "OUR FATHER" by Ugo Vanni. These resources are intended for any faithful who wishes to prepare for the Jubilee. If you want to join one of the existing prayer groups or are interested in forming a new one, please get in touch with the parish office so we can make one of parish rooms available for meetings. The *Pontifical Bull of Indiction* is expected to be published, as per tradition, on Ascension the year before the Jubilee. For the 2025 Jubilee, publication is expected on 9th May 2024. For more information about the Jubilee 2025 please head to the website [The Year of Jubilee 2025 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK On Saturday 10th February 2024, 2.30pm, *Cardinal Vincent* will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes here at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered. Booking essential. If you require assistance booking a ticket, contact the parish office. **To book use this link:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-of-the-sick-with-anointing-celebrated-by-cardinal-vincent-nichols-tickets-793054586617?aff=oddtcreator>

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

RCIA SESSIONS are held on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the St Hilda Room.

BAPTISM SESSION

The next Baptism session is on Sunday 11th February. If you wish your child to be Baptised, please attend the session before the Baptism itself.

SASH—LEADER REQUIRED

Sash is a greatly valued resource for our parish. This lovely group has been organised for years by Patsy. It is now time to pass the baton. Please contact the office if you wish to take on this fantastic role. Meetings will resume once the position is filled.

ESCORTED TOUR TO KNOCK & CO

MAYO, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268

762 278 or 07740 175557 or
email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN SOCIETY

Founded in 1859 the CCS is one of the oldest charities supporting disadvantaged children and families of all faiths and none in the UK. We are still collecting money for CCS. Please support the work of this wonderful charity if you can. Donation boxes will be by the Crib in the Baptistry.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 20th to Sun 28th January 2024

Saturday 20th January

6pm: Catherine Leslie RIP

Sunday 21st January- Peace Sunday

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Bill O'Donovan RIP

Monday 22nd January

9.30am: Kenneth Shepherd RIP

Tuesday 23rd January

9.30am: Jack & Mabel Mills RIP

Wednesday 24th January

9.30am: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Thursday 25th January

9.30am: Margaret Fitzgerald & Family INT

Friday 26th January

9.30am: Marian Read RIP

Saturday 27th January

9.30am: No Mass

6pm: Ines Antonaci RIP

Sunday 28th January - Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Lorraine Cawley RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from late February (weekday). When booking a Mass, please let the office know if you are able to Gift Aid.

ROSARY for Peace Every Friday at 10am.

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 dis-

cussion. All 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. Thank you.

LENTEN RESOURCE "*We Dare To Say* is a five-week course. It takes us on a journey through the Lord's Prayer, and has been specially prepared for the Year of Prayer, the penultimate year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*. *We Dare To Say* has been a collaborative endeavour between Martin Foster from the Catholic Bishops' Conference, Dr Mark Nash from the Archdiocese of Southwark, and myself. We hope it will lead to a deeper understanding of those words which the Lord gave us as the pattern of all prayer, a sure foundation to our praise and petitions." *Fr Chris Vipers*, Director of the Agency for Evangelisation.

WOMENS SELF DEFENCE CLASSES, now being held at Fortescue Hall, every Tuesday night. It's a chance to meet new friends, get fit and learn to protect yourself and your loved ones. All ladies welcome, First class is free, call or text Mel for more information. 07802 283 542.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please let the office know if you require donation envelopes for the next financial year. We are trying to cut down on admin expenses. You can set up a regular donation via your bank instead. If you wish to carry on with the envelopes, please email the office or drop a note through the letterbox with your name and the number on your box.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s)

Discerning God's Call in your life 16-18 February 2024, Liverpool. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more come along. You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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 December: £8,180.05 inclusive of standing orders and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Candle Donations: the new poor boxes have been installed.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 28th Jan	Confirmation Enrolment Mass, 9.30am
Sun 11th Feb	Baptism Preparation Session, St Hilda Room after 9.30am Mass
Wed 14th Feb	Ash Wednesday, services at 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sat 17th Feb	First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Programme, 11.30am
Fri 23rd Feb	CAFOD Family Fast Day

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 (retiring), Kate Hewitson (in training) 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