

# 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 28th January 2024, Racial Justice Sunday Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 1 page 132 Vigil Psalter Week 4**

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 94: 1-2,6-9 response v. 9

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1: 21-28

He taught them with authority.

**COLLECT:** Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth 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.**

## **O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE! HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.**

Our readings reflect the response of Psalm 94, "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts." This was the response of the Israelites when they grumbled at Meribah and Massah in the desert. Moses promises the tribes of Israel the Lord will send them a prophet like himself, coming from within their midst who will speak God's words. We meet this prophet, Jesus, in the Gospel, who amazes his audience in the synagogue by curing a man possessed by an unclean spirit. They're particularly impressed by Christ's quiet authority. Paul seeks to reassure his audience in Corinth. They are worrying about marriage in the wider context of the end of time, which they think is imminent. They, too, must give their undivided attention to the Lord and ensure everything is as it should be. We could spend quiet time with the Lord, resting in him, listening to his voice in the silence of our heart. He knows and understands our problems and our great yearning for peace throughout the world.

## **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 and Monday 29th January.

### **YEAR OF PRAYER – 2024**

The Holy Father declared 2025 a Jubilee year. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”. This will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects the 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **FUNERAL NOTICE**

With sadness, we announce the passing of John Littlewood, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. The Funeral Mass will be on Tue 6th February at 11am.

**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.

### **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**, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 01268762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### **SAFE IN FAITH TRAINING**

Domestic abuse affects one in four women and one in six men in the UK during their lifetime. There are people affected by domestic abuse in every parish. If someone approaches you for support, do you know how to respond safely? Safe in Faith offers domestic abuse awareness training to priests, deacons, religious sisters and pastoral workers. Read more here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/safe-in-faith-training-for-faith-leaders-1-2/> Training takes place online over four sessions, and you are advised to attend all sessions if you can. All take place from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Monday 11 March, Tuesday 9 April, Tuesday 7 May, Tuesday 4 June Register your interest by emailing [safein-faith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safein-faith@rcdow.org.uk)

### **ADVICE ON ENERGY BILLS**

National Energy Action's Warm and Safe

Homes (WASH) Advice Service is a free support service providing advice and help to householders in England and Wales on their energy bills and keeping warm and safe in their home. They can also help with benefits advice and income maximisation. Information and advice are available via their website, <https://www.nea.org.uk/get-help/> and their dedicated helpline 0800 304 7159 (BSL interpreters available).

### **CATHOLIC CHILDREN SOCIETY**

Last week to support this wonderful charity by placing a donation by The Crib. The Nativity will be taken down on 2nd Feb, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

### **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Sat 27th January to Sun 4th February 2024*

Saturday 27th January

6pm: Ines Antonaci RIP

**Sunday 28th January- Peace Sunday**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Lorraine Cawley RIP

Monday 29th January

9.30am: No Mass

Tuesday 30th January

9.30am: Mgr Mark Lagham RIP

Wednesday 31st January

9.30am: Fr Adrain Fortescue RIP

Thursday 1st February

9.30am: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Friday 2nd February

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Saturday 3rd February

9.30am: No Mass

6pm: Jess & Peter McQuillan RIP

**Sunday 4th February - Ordinary Time**

9.30am: Iris Pompey RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available from March. 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 discussion. 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.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Please let the office know if you require donation envelopes for the next financial year.

### **INCLUSIVE MASSES**

Caritas St Joseph's is supporting two inclusive Masses later this month. These Masses will celebrate the gifts of all people and are for EVERYONE, and especially those who have learning disabilities, their friends and families. They take place in Enfield on 27 January and Bayswater on 28 January. Find out more here <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/events/list/>

### **CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY FORUM**

This is for anyone interested in discussing issues relating to the inclusion of people with learning disabilities. Our next event is Monday 4 March when Bernice Hardy, Co-founder of Wave (we are all valued equally) will share the story its work to encourage more inclusive worship and social places in the heart of our communities. You can find the details here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/family-forum-talk-caritas-st-josephs/>

**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/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 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:**

Fri 2nd Feb	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 9.30, STM school in attendance
Sun 4th Feb	Special Collection for the work of the Latin Patriarch in Gaza
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
Fri 1st Mar	World day of Prayer ecumenical service at St Hugh of Lincoln (more details to follow)

**Our Catholic Schools**

**St Thomas More RC Primary School**, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk)

**The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School**, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643    [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Officer** - Rebecca Clarke (retiring), Kate Hewitson (in training) [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:letchworthsg@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](mailto:chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net)

Please remember Catholic patients can only be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, or a priest, if