

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 11th February 2024, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 1 page 137 Vigil Psalter Week 2

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 31: 1-2,5, 11 response v. 7

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1

Take me as your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 40-45

The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

COLLECT: O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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.**

Whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God

Our readings are filled with God's loving compassion and healing, which we are called to imitate in our lives. Two readings speak of leprosy, now curable, but at the time seen as punishment for sin. The belief was either the person or one of their family had offended God in some way. Leviticus reveals the requirements imposed on lepers. They were to make themselves physically unattractive, so people would know they were unclean, and they lived apart, outside the city walls. They lived too, with indefinite exile from their community and were excluded from worship. The leper we meet in the Gospel breaks the law because of his faith. He approaches Jesus, pleading to be made clean. Jesus' compassion, mercy and healing power are clear in curing him. The leper is readmitted to his community once he has seen the priest, but Jesus now becomes the outcast. In Psalm 31, the psalmist sings of his joy in acknowledging and repenting of his sins and is confident of the Lord's forgiveness. Paul calls us to be witnesses to Christ's teaching in everything we do, while always being sensitive to others. We pray for the courage, humility and faith of the leper in the Gospel, as we bring our own desires and needs to Jesus. *Fr. Jimmy*

POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment. Amen.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS IS SAID IN THE ST HILDA ROOM DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

NO MORNING MASS on Saturday until 24th Feb.

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of Rita Jones. The Funeral will be held on Thursday 28th February at 11am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

OFFICE PHONE

Please be aware we are still having phone problems. The system needs upgrading and this is a costly and lengthy process. We have one handset left working in the whole Presbytery and phone messages do not work. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the Office will be closed during Half Term, Mon 19th February– 24th February.

FORTESCUE HALL CLOSURE

Please be advised that Fortescue Hall will be unavailable for bookings from 16th February to 26th February due to refurbishments being carried out to the floor.

BAPTISM SESSION

The next Baptism session is on Sunday 11th February. The following one will be on 9th June.

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

RITE OF SIGNING

At the 9.30 Mass this Sunday, we will Celebrate the Rite of Signing with our adult candidates preparing for Confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter. We will send them forth to Westminster Cathedral where Cardinal Vincent will formally acknowledge their readiness and will call them to these Sacraments. Please pray for Daisy Stirling and James Hawkes as they prayerfully prepare for full communion with the Catholic Church.

STM QUIZ NIGHT

Parishioners are warmly invited to the annual STM Quiz Night on 16th Feb in the school's hall. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets are £6 per person and include nibbles. There will be a cashless bar on the night.

Teams of 6-10 people. To book simply email pa@stmletchworth.co.uk If you can't make up a team but still wish to attend, please get in touch and the PA will assign you to an existing team. The atmosphere is really friendly and relaxed and you will be made more than welcome. Please support our Primary school if you can.

CRIB COLLECTION

An amazing £1519.65 has been raised by the parish for the Christmas Catholic Children Society Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this phenomenal charity working with children across the Diocese.

WE DARE TO SAY PRAYER GROUP

Lenten reflection which follows the Diocesan Resource, We Dare to Say. Contact Jacquie or Sue for the Tuesday lunch time group or Brenda for the Thursday morning group. Both groups meet in the St Hilda Room.

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT AT ST HUGH'S PLAYGROUP

The cost of living crisis has hit most households and many suffer in silence. Our parish has partnered up with Citizens Advice to organise a Drop-in session at our playgroup on Thu 15th February, 9.30am-11am. An officer will be at hand to answer questions about boosting income & reducing costs; comparing best buys; government support; debt; energy efficiency; scam awareness; budgeting and more. No need to book, just turn up at Fortescue Hall on the day.

SASH—LEADER REQUIRED

We are still looking for a volunteer to run this most valued group. Please contact the office if you wish to take on this fantastic role. Meetings will resume we have a new Lead.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Come and celebrate the joyful Feast of the Annunciation at England's Nazareth with a Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Monday, 8th April (in the Easter hols). Holy Mass will be at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham at 12 noon and we will walk (or go by coach) along the Holy Mile to visit the original site of the Holy House. Cost £23 for adults, free for children. Coach will depart from St Bart's St Albans at 8am and **Letchworth 8.30am**. To book please contact Rosemary

Roscoe by phone 07723 546642 or email rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com If you need assistance booking or contacting Rosemary, let the office know.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 10th February to Sun 18th February 2024

Saturday 10th February

6pm: Leonardo & Ines Antonaci, Ross Nittolo RIP

Sunday 11th February - Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Grace Lenora-Rajapakse RIP

Monday 12th February

9.30am: Frank Garvey RIP

Tuesday 13th February

9.30am: Mary Keogh RIP

Wednesday 14th February

9.30am: People of the Parish

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Thursday 15th February

9.30am: Martha Meynert RIP

Friday 16th February

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Saturday 17th February

9.30am: No Mass

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 18th February - First Sunday of Lent

9.30am: Seamus Gannon RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available from mid-March. Weekend Masses are available to book from mid-May. When booking a Mass, please let the office know if you are able to Gift Aid.

ROSARY for Peace Every Friday at 10am.

REPOSITORY

St Patricks' day and Easter cards are now available in the boxes in the St Hilda room. £1 per card. Birthday cards will be available again shortly.

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 the St Hilda 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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

DIVINE MERCY LENTEN RETREAT

Held by the Divine Mercy Apostolate, London on Saturday 24 February 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup Kent DA15 7HB. 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

YEAR OF PRAYER RESOURCES

Resources for parishioners to use during this Year of Prayer. [The Year of Prayer - Sycamore](#) : Five sessions about Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life. For those who are just beginning, and also for those who have been praying a long time! [Ways of Praying - YouTube](#) : videos on prayer (originally from the Covid times but also with resources produced since then) . [The Father Wants To Heal You – A Retreat with the Lord's Prayer](#) (*Veritas*, 2022) This timely book by Fr Nigel Woollen, parish priest in Stevenage, takes us by the hand and invites us on a personal journey through the Lord's Prayer to discover the depth and healing power of God's love for us, while at the same time reminding us through the first word, Our, that we say this prayer together as a community. Written in an easily accessible and enjoyable format, The Father Wants to Heal You reinforces the significance of the Lord's Prayer and uncovers and explores the deeper meanings it contains. How many times have you said this prayer quickly without contemplating the beauty within it? You won't say the Lord's Prayer in the same way again. [Walk With Me Lenten Booklet](#), available in the porch, £1 each.

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 January: £7,025.44 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 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)
Wed 20th Mar	Lenten Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

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