

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 18th February 2024, First Sunday of Lent Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 1 page 148 Vigil Psalter Week 1

FIRST READING: Genesis 9: 8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of flood.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24: 4-9 response v. 10

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

COLLECT: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.**

The Good News of the Covenant

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday and, today, the first Sunday of Lent leads us immediately into Jesus's own journey into the desert in prayer, fasting, and facing temptation.

The **First Reading** reminds us of the journey of God's chosen people. God establishes his Covenant with Noah, all his descendants, and with the whole of creation. Never again will God destroy the earth with a flood. He leaves a rainbow in the sky to confirm this.

St Peter (**Second Reading**) links the few people Noah saved to ourselves. We are saved through the baptism that Christ won for us by his death and resurrection.

The **Gospel** gives a short account of Jesus being tempted in the desert. He emerges ready to proclaim his message: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand'.

The **Psalms** reflect the message of hope that is contained in all the readings: The Lord's ways are faithfulness and love.

May we take heart from the scriptures as we begin our Lenten journey, ready to follow the Lord's ways, and eager to learn his paths.

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.

SISTER ANNE O'CONNOR RIP

“Sister Anne O'Connor was the second Headteacher at St Thomas More School. She took over after Sister Veronica and she will have taught many of our parishioners' children. She went up to our care home in Lancashire some years ago and died there recently. She was a valued member of our congregation. Please pray for the repose of her soul.”
Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary

OFFICE 'PHONE

Please be aware we are still having problems with our telephone. The system needs upgrading and this is a costly and lengthy process. We have one working handset left 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 9th June 2024.

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

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th,

50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Many thanks.

WE DARE TO SAY PRAYER GROUP

Lenten reflection which follows the Diocesan Resource. Tuesday 12-2pm or Thursday after morning Mass. Contact Jacquie Maddison or Brenda Dwyer for info.

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.

FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. To find out about volunteering opportunities with CAFOD visit Volunteer (cafod.org.uk)

EASTER SERVICES LEAFLET

All the information about the services leading up to and on Holy Week are now available on the leaflet on our website, the noticeboard and at the back of church.

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, let the office know.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 17th February to Sun 25th February 2024

Saturday 17th February

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 18th February - First Sunday of Lent

9.30am: Seamus Gannon RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 19th February

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Tuesday 20th February

9.30am: Myron John Taylor RIP

Wednesday 21st February

9.30am: Liam Pyne RIP

Thursday 22nd February

9.30am: Deacon Adrian Clarke RIP

Friday 23rd February

9.30am: John Grilli RIP

Saturday 24th February

9.30am: Maurice Boughton RIP

6pm: Ines Antonaci RIP

Sunday 25th February - Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am: The Leenane Family INT

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. Cards are also available for Weddings, Anniversaries, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Sympathy, Get Well wishes and the traditional Mass Cards (RIP and Intentions). Prices vary, please check the boxes. Thank you.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Our Church has been asked to host the service this year. Please come and join us on Friday 1st March at 2pm. Refreshments afterwards.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024

If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code on the posters to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

St PATRICK'S DAY MASS

This year, 17th March falls on a Sunday. Therefore, St Patrick's Day will be celebrated on **Saturday 16th March at 9.30am**. This Mass will be livestreamed for our house-bound parishioners.

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:

Sat 17th Feb	First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Programme, 11am
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)
Sat 16th Mar	St Patrick's Day Mass 9.30am
Thu 28th Mar	Sacred Triduum Starts: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm
Fri 29th Mar	Good Friday: Children's stations of the Cross 10am; Passion of the Lord liturgy 3pm
Sat 30th Mar	Easter Vigil 7.30pm

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 (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