

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 3rd March 2024, Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 1 page 154 Vigil Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Exodus 20: 1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18: 8-11 response John 6:68

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 5: 22-25

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL: John 2: 13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up..

COLLECT: O God, author of every mercy and all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by own conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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.**

Christ, the power and the wisdom of God

Our Lenten readings remind us of God's love soon to be witnessed in the suffering and death of Christ Jesus and celebrated by us in Holy Week.

In the *Exodus Reading*, God speaks to the people of Israel after their release from slavery in Egypt. God's Ten Words show the people how to live freely in service of the God who has liberated them. In *Psalms 18*, we ponder the gifts God's law brings; wisdom, truth and life. *Paul reflects* on the way in which those called to follow Jesus see the crucified Christ. For those early Christians, and ourselves, this is not a sign of God's foolishness or weakness, but a demonstration to the world of God's power and wisdom.

In our *Gospel*, we see Jesus sweep away the buyers and sellers from the Temple, a place to be revered as the house of God. We're reminded it is through Christ's suffering and death salvation will come, and the power and wisdom of God will be revealed.

This week we pray for those areas of the world where places of holiness and sanctuary are debased and de-valued and for people who are prevented from worshipping openly, and from practising their faith in freedom. *Fr Jimmy*

POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. Amen.

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

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of Frank Budd and Dave Wickham. The Funeral for Frank Budd will be held on Monday 11th March at 11am. The Funeral for Dave Wickham will be held on Fri 22nd March at 11am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, every Wednesday evening at and every Friday morning after Mass.

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.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL— NURSERY

A message for all parents of children born between September 2020 – August 2021: St Thomas More RC Primary School is currently accepting applications for Nursery places for the next academic year. The school welcomes applications from all families: Catholics, Christian, other faiths or no faith. The application process for Nursery places closes on Friday 8th March 2024. Applications should be made directly to the school. For a nursery application pack, please follow the link: <https://www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/Nursery-Application-Pack-Website-2024-2026.pdf> Please ensure that all associated documents are contained within the completed submission. If you need any further help or have any queries about the above,

please contact the School Office by phone on 01462 620670 or by email: admin@stmletchworth.co.uk. Thank you.

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.

FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you to all who took part, donated and prayed for the more disadvantaged. CAFOD continues to support the poorest across the world with the support of good people like you.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Thank you to all who attended this lovely service and to our indefatigable duo, Sue & Jacquie, for organising the event and the lead-up to it.

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.

BAPTISM SESSION

The next Baptism session is on 9th June 2024.

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.

ST JOHN'S PASSION CONCERT

As part of our Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's retelling of St John Passion on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. We are delighted to invite you to join us for this devotional performance by our world-famous Choir directed by Master of Music, Simon Johnson,

accompanied by a period Baroque Orchestra and joined by outstanding soloists: James Gilchrist and William Thomas. As a way of encouraging as many as possible from our parishes across the diocese to benefit from this spiritual preparation to the Holy Week, we would like to offer you and your parish team an opportunity to buy your tickets at a discount of **30%**. Discounted tickets are available at the following link, using the password below.

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30>

Password: **SJP30**

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 2nd to Sun 10th March 2024

Saturday 2nd March

6pm: Rex Phillips RIP

Sunday 3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am: Giorgio Camisa RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 4th March

9.30am: Brendan Beirne RIP

Tuesday 5th March

9.30am: Fr Kevin Greene RIP

Wednesday 6th March

9.30am: Ann Jewell RIP

Thursday 7th March

9.30am: Fr Tim O'Connor RIP

Friday 8th March

9.30am: Frank Sutton RIP

Saturday 9th March

9.30am: Sister Anne O'Connor RIP

6pm: Ross Nittolo, Leonardo&Ines Antonaci RIP

Sunday 10 March - Laetare Sunday

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

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.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The envelopes have been ordered and will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please note, there won't be an 'Easter Giving' envelope in the set as Easter 2024 falls before the start date and Easter 2025 after the end date.

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 wish to take part, 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). Deadline for submission is 15th April. Many thanks.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

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 **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.

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	Margaret Haywood
Debbie Giacobelli	Brenda Feeney
Mary Wallace	Rosie Child
Willie Hudson	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. The total for February will be available from next week. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Candle Donations: the new poor boxes have been installed.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 16th Mar	St Patrick’s Day Mass 9.30am
Tue 19th Mar	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 24th Mar	Palm Sunday, please refer to the Easter services leaflet for details
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
Mon 8th Apr	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (transferred from 25th March because of Holy week)

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