

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 17th March 2024, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 1 page 169 Vigil Psalter Week 1

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

I will make a new covenant and never call their sins to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 50 3-4, 12-15 response v 12

A pure heart create for me, O God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5: 7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL: John 12: 20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

COLLECT: By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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.**

I WILL WRITE MY LAW ON THEIR HEARTS

As we continue on our Lenten journey, each Spring day is gradually suffused with increasing light. All around us, nature is waking up from the long darkness of winter. Our readings encourage us to stir from our own darkness and turn towards growth and transformation from pain and suffering. The prophet Jeremiah makes a great proclamation: 'See, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel'. God's eternal covenant of love and forgiveness is written deep within his people's hearts. Because of this same promise, Christ became human to share with us in our suffering, forever praying for us and with us. In Christ, all suffering and death are transfigured into growth and new life through his resurrection. Our Psalm would have been familiar to Jesus as he prayed for all people during his time on earth, earnestly encouraging us to turn from our sinful ways towards God's love and compassion. Jesus speaks of the suffering and death he will soon face. He knows he could ask his Father to save him from this fate, but he willingly makes a choice leading to our salvation. Jesus invites us to follow his way of living. It is not an easy path to travel, but Christ is always with us, helping and sustaining us. We pray for each other, through God's infinite grace, we will remain true to the law of love written deep within us.

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 : St Hilda Room.

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of Dave Wickham and Michael Gillespie. The Funeral Mass for Dave Wickham will be held on Fri 22nd March at 11am (and streamed on the parish YouTube channel). The Funeral Mass for Michael Gillespie will be held on 2nd April at 11.30am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm and every Friday morning after Mass.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION IN

LENT. There will be extra opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week-end, 16th-17th March. Saturday 16th, 10.00am-11.00am; 5.00pm-5.45pm. Sunday 17th, 10.30am-11.30am.

Reconciliation is also available on Wednesdays during Adoration which follows 9.30am Mass and on request.

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.

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.

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.

NO MASS on 8th, 13th (morning) and 15th April 2024. Mass on Wed 10th April will be at 9am.

OFFICE TELEPHONE

Please be aware we are still having problems with our telephone and 'phone messages do not work. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

BAPTISM SESSION: 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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19TH- 26TH JULY 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

BIKE AND SCOOTER APPEAL

Firstly, thanks very much to all those who responded so generously to the appeal for exercise books and stationery. All are being put to good use by our refugee community, both adults and children locally. *Herts Welcomes Refugees* are very grateful to the parishioners of St Hugh's. A bit of an ask, but if anyone has any bikes and/or cycle helmets in good condition, they would also be much appreciated. Many live in a hotel in an isolated village away from local facilities. Children's scooters in working order would be greatly appreciated too. I am afraid these would both need to be delivered to my home as I am not able to collect. I do live in Letchworth though. Please call Sarah Martinelli on 07751582486 if you can help.

Many thanks for your continued support.

TODDLER GROUP EASTER SESSION

Due to popular demand, our Toddler group is running an extra session during the Easter Holidays on Friday 12th April 9.30-11.30am.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 16th to Sun 24th March 2024

Saturday 16th March— St Patrick's Day

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 17th March - 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Peter Ellmers RIP

Monday 18th March

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 19th March - St Joseph

9.30am: Frank Garvey RIP

Wednesday 20th March

9.30am: Roman Buhler

Thursday 21st March

9.30am: Peter Ellmers RIP

Friday 22nd March

11am: Funeral Mass for Dave Wickham RIP

Saturday 23rd March

9.30am: Pat & Roseann Wrynn RIP

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

9.30am: Lucia Camisa 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.

REPOSITORY

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 on 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.

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). Cost £23 for adults, free for children. Coach will depart from **Letchworth 8.30am**. Contact Rosemary Roscoe by phone 077723 546642 or email rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com If you need assistance booking, let the office know.

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

BUMP TO BABY FITNESS will be running Pre and Postnatal fitness classes from Fortescue Hall from 15th April. A great way to keep active during your pregnancy and gently return to fitness post birth. A chance to meet other expectant and new mums and babies in a laid back atmosphere. All bookings can be made via the website - www.bumptobabyfitness.com

INTERFAITH GROUP TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE

24 April 2024, 10:00am - 6:00pm

The day is free, but you are asked to make your own travel arrangements.

To book your place, please email John on woodhousesopten@btinternet.com.

Please see below the itinerary for the trip:

10.30am - Woolf Institute Tour

2pm - Tour of the Cambridge "Eco Mosque"

5pm - Evensong at King's College

This event is open to people of all faiths & none - we'd be delighted if you could join us!

We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
Richard Parker	Anne Hudson
Stephen Prohaszka	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	Andrea Boncristiani

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 February: £ 7,478.06 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 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.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