

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 24th March 2024, Palm Sunday

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-7

I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24 response v 2

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself; but God raised him high.

GOSPEL: The Lord's Passion according to Mark 14: 1-15:47

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE JOURNEY BEGINS. GO WITH HIM.

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week with our readings focusing on Jesus's sacrifice for us, expressing confidence in God's faithfulness. Paul highlights the humility of Jesus, who emptied himself of the glory which was his as Son of God. He gives himself away totally in love, coming among us as the suffering servant described by Isaiah. Jesus puts others before himself rather than seeking power or honour. Riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus shows us his way is one of love, compassion, mercy, humility and service. We hear the crowds welcome him excitedly, shouting 'Hosanna', wanting to make Jesus into the king who will save them from the Roman Empire. In the Passion reading, we see the same crowds turn against Jesus, calling for his arrest. He is mocked, beaten, condemned, crucified and placed in a tomb. Jesus is betrayed by one disciple, denied by another and abandoned by most. The Psalm describes this humiliation. On the cross Jesus prays the psalm's response, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' We are invited to walk with Jesus through Holy Week. Jesus, in turn, wants to be with us in our experience of this journey. Lord, help us to walk with you, to be strengthened by your example and teaching.

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.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am.

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of Michael Gillespie and Simon Tory. The Funeral Mass for Michael Gillespie will be held on 2nd April at 11.30am. The Funeral Mass for Simon Tory will be held on 4th April at 11am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS

We need 12 volunteers to have their feet washed at the 7.30pm Mass on Maundy Thursday. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch and, on the evening, arrive by 7.20pm latest. Thank you.

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.

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 13th (morning) and 15th April 2024. Mass on Wed 10th April will be at 9am.

ANNUNCIATION, 8th April

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, normally 25th March, this year is celebrated on 8th April due to Holy Week. Fr Stephen will be celebrating Mass and the service will be livestreamed for our housebound parishioners.

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.

JHN GOVERNOR VACANCIES

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School is a popular 11 – 18 Catholic Comprehensive School in Stevenage. The role is currently 1600- and 400 in the 6th form. We currently have vacancies for Foundation, Community and Priest Governors. Our current team of Governors are highly committed, talented and aspirational, and form a Governing Body which sees its purpose as one of service to our School community and the wider community. Remember that the gift you bring is of YOURSELF. This will entail life skills and experience, qualification and business skills, no prior experience of working in education is required. If you would be interested in joining the Governing Body – in the first instance please contact the clerk to the governors:- Lesley Radcliffe radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk

TODDLER GROUP EASTER SESSION

Due to popular demand, our Toddler group is running an extra session during the Easter Holidays on **Thu 11th April 9.30-11.30am.**

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES

If you love 'Strictly' then you will love Fitsteps! I am so happy to be bringing our Friday Fitsteps class to the Fortescue Hall from the 19th April. Fitsteps is a dance fitness class that mixes Ballroom and Latin dance steps in an easy-to-follow fitness format, to great music. You don't need a partner and you don't need any dance experience, you simply follow along and enjoy. The class will be 9.30-10.25am on Fridays, beginning 19th April. It is a drop-in class and I would love you to join us. For more information or to have a chat about the class, please visit www.lovedanceletchworth.co.uk or email fiona@lovedanceletchworth.co.uk. I hope to dance with you soon!

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

MASS INTENTIONS -

Sat 23rd to Sun 31st March 2024

Saturday 23rd March

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

9.30am: Lucia Camisa RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 25th March

9.30am: Bernard Dereppe INT

Tuesday 26th March

9.30am: Elizabeth McKenna RIP

Wednesday 27th March

9.30am: Rosa & Joseph Petite RIP

Thursday 28th March

9.30am: Mike Gillespie RIP

Sacred Triduum

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

10am: Children Stations of the Cross

3pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 30th March

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 31st March - Easter

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from April. 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.

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.

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm. Further details will follow.

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:

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)
Thu 9th May	The Ascension of the Lord, Mass 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sun 9th Jun	Baptism Preparation session, after 9.30am mass in the St Hilda Room

Our Catholic Schools

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

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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