

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 31st March 2024, EASTER Sunday

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FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 response v 24

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9

He must rise from the dead.

COLLECT: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CHRIST OUR HOPE IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

We greet this day with thanksgiving and praise. Christ our hope is risen and we want to announce it in our life and by our joy. This is how we see Peter in the Acts of the Apostles. Addressing Cornelius and his household, he recounts Jesus's life and death, and how, as a witness to it, he has been ordered to proclaim Christ's resurrection to his people. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, encourages us to keep our minds focused on Christ raised in glory so we understand we will be raised in glory with him. Our Psalm is a joyful Easter song celebrating Christ's triumph. It will be a refrain for us through the Easter season. The story of Mary of Magdala early on the first day of the week finding the stone rolled away from the tomb is proclaimed every Easter Sunday. Mary runs to tell Peter and John, who, seeing the empty tomb and the discarded cloths, come to realise Jesus has truly risen. We pray we too will witness to the resurrection in our lives and the risen Lord will be close to those who live with war and violence.

Fr Jimmy wishes you, your families and your loved ones, a very happy and holy Easter.

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 Service for Simon Tory will be held on 4th April at 11am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

OCTAVE OF EASTER, morning Mass is at 10am unless otherwise specified in the intentions section.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024

Thank you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. This year's funds will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; the Education Service and Caritas as well as initiatives run by parishes. Thanks for your generosity, we can continue this work throughout our Diocese.

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. The service will be livestreamed for our household parishioners.

OFFICE HOURS: the office will be open as normal during the Easter Holidays, except on Bank Holiday. It will be closed on Tue 16th April and open on Wed 17th instead.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE

Sunday **7th April**, at Our Lady & St. Andrew's Church, Nightingale Road, Hitchin. Starting at **1.30pm** with Confessions; **2pm:** Holy Hour & Benediction; **3pm:** Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany, Praises, Blessings and Veneration of the Divine Image;

5pm : Holy Mass followed by bring & share refreshments in the hall. You are welcome for part or all of the Service.

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

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. **In addition to this class, we are planning a class for seniors. Please register your interest so we can determine whether or not we have enough takers. This class would run at Fortescue Hall on Fri after the class above.**

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 30th March to Sun 7th April 2024

Saturday 30th March - EASTER Vigil

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 31st March - EASTER Mass During the Day

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

Monday 1st April

10am: Fr John McKeon RIP

Tuesday 2nd April

11.30am: Funeral Mass Mike Gillespie RIP

Wednesday 3rd April

10am: Vincent & Emily Trayler RIP

Thursday 4th April

10am: Holy Souls

11am: Funeral Service Simon Tory RIP

Friday 5th April

10am: Mercedes & Victorino Domingo RIP

Saturday 6th April

10am: Fr Neville Clement RIP

6pm: Marius Walsh RIP

Sunday 7th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from mid-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

Cards for various occasions. The boxes are located in the St Hilda Room. Prices vary, please check the dividers. There is a honesty box next to the displays used for payments. 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Monday, 8th April (in the Easter hols). Cost £23 for adults, free for children. Coach will depart from **Letchworth 8.30am at Plinston Hall**. If you have booked a seat and not paid yet, please confirm with Rosemary 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. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

HERTS CARELINE'S COMMUNITY ALARM and telecare services give users the freedom to live independently in their own home.

Thousands of residents across Hertfordshire, benefit from this service bringing peace of mind to: Older people; People returning from hospital; Those prone to falls; People with disabilities or restricted mobility; Vulnerable adults; Unpaid carers.

For more information visit

<https://www.care-line.co.uk/home.aspx>

Email: carelinesupport@north-herts.gov.uk

Phone: 0300 999 2 999

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION

The annual May Procession 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/letchworth . 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 30th Mar	Easter Vigil 7.30pm
Mon 8th Apr	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (transferred from 25th March because of Holy week)
Sun 5th May	First Holy Communion Mass (Group 1), 9.30am
Thu 9th May	The Ascension of the Lord, Mass 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sun 12th May	First Holy Communion Mass, (Group 2), 9.30am
Sun 19th May	Pentecost
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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The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

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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