

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 7th April 2024, Divine Mercy Sunday

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FIRST READING: Acts 4: 32-35

United, hart and soul.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24 response v 1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5: 1-6

Anyone who has been gotten by God has already overcome the world..

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

COLLECT: God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn , by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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.**

My Lord and my God

The word of God invites us to believe and trust in God's mercy. According to the ways of the world, mercy does not make much sense. This is the very faith Paul speaks of which 'conquers the world'. Forgiveness begets forgiveness, mercy begets mercy, love begets love. Our need for, and joy in, such graces is echoed in the Psalm where we join with the psalmist in saying, 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever!' The Acts of the Apostles shows the mercy of the risen Lord continues to be poured out through the ministry of his apostles. In the Gospel Jesus himself is the model of mercy for his fearful and doubtful friends. Pope Francis has called mercy 'the name for God.' We remember, justice is getting what you deserve; mercy is not getting what you deserve; grace is getting what you don't deserve. We pray this week, though completely underserving of such a gift of grace, God's divine mercy will have its effect in us, freeing and opening us to love ever more deeply. *Fr Jimmy*

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our church look beautiful at Easter. Head to our website for photos.

POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. Amen.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS : St Hilda Room.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am.

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

HOLY WATER

Holy Water blessed at Easter for use at home is available in the Baptistry. The Catholic Church teaches that Christ instituted seven “sacraments” — means by which grace is conferred. But beyond that, the Church recognizes other aids to devotion, such as medals, rosaries, scapulars and statues, all of which they call “sacramentals.” Actions (such as the sign of the cross) can be sacramentals, as well. Holy water, like those other aids to piety, is a “sacramental.”

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 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.

FR JIMMY is on leave from 8th April to 15th April included.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 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.

SAVE THE DATE

The wonderful Maddy McConnell-Smith will be giving a concert on Sunday 5th May at

4pm in our church. More details will follow but please save the date, it promises to be a real treat.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WAL-SINGHAM

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. Given last year’s success, we aim to organise a parish coach in conjunction with Royston. More details to follow.

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.lovedanceleetchworth.co.uk or email fiona@lovedanceleetchworth.co.uk . *Fiona* **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 6th to Sun 14th April 2024

Saturday 6th April

6pm: Marius Walsh RIP

Sunday 7th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Monday 8th April- Annunciation

9.30am: Private Intention

Tuesday 9th April

9.30am: Fr Michale Daley RIP

Wednesday 10th April

9am: Mike Gillespie RIP

Thursday 11th April

9.30am: Fr John Taylor RIP

Friday 12th April

9.30am: Mary Quinn RIP

Saturday 13th April

9.30am: No Mass

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 14th April - Third Sun of Easter

9.30am: Maureen Hannah RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

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.

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/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 March: £ 7,693.22 inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Candle Donations: the new poor boxes have been installed.

Dates for your Diary:

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
Sun 5th May	Classical Concert - Maddy McConnel-Smith, in aid of Bakhita House
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. Presentation of Guild of St Stephen Silver Medals at 11.30am Mass
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

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