

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 14th April 2024, Third Sunday of Easter

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FIRST READING: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 4: 2, 4, 7, 9 response v 7

Lift us the light of your face on us, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 John 2: 1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 35-48

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

COLLECT: May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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.**

LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE ON US, O LORD

Celebrating the living Christ, our advocate who dwells with the Father, we recognize through him we are given encouragement to overcome our fear and weak our faith. Peter insists in the Acts of the Apostles even those responsible for Christ's death are not without hope. They too, are called to repent and turn their face back to God. John reminds his community of believers the Christian life demands continuous attention to Christ's teachings. By following the Lord's Way of love in our daily life, we will be invited into a deep relationship with God. Luke continues the Emmaus Resurrection story as the risen Lord appears to his fearful friends. Jesus bolsters their faith by joining them for a meal. He invites them to touch his body, before finally breaking open the word of Scripture. We, like the disciples, need the risen Christ to comfort and embolden our lives of faith. The Psalmist has been delivered from anguish and gives thanks to the one God who has listened to his cry and released him. This is a prayer of deep trust and confidence in the Lord of all. In a world both ablaze with the wonders of science and technology and ravished by war and profound injustice, we pray that we may never forget that only you, dear Lord, can ever satisfy our restless, fearful hearts. *Fr Jimmy*

Please welcome Fr Pat O'Beirne, SSC visiting our parish this weekend to raise much needed funds for the Columban Fathers' work with the poor.

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.

WELCOME Fr PAT! MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr Pat, visiting our parish to tell us all about the wonderful missionary work of the Columban Fathers. Founded in 1918 by Fr. Edward Galvin and Fr. John Blowick for missionary work in China, the Missionary Society of St. Columban takes its name from St. Columban, an Irish monk and missionary who preached the Gospel in Europe in the sixth century. Today, Columban missionaries are called to bring life to the full for people and communities around the world experiencing poverty and living on the margins of society, with special emphasis in Asia, Latin America, Oceania, Ireland and Britain. Please support this appeal as generously as you can. For more information about the Columban fathers, please visit their website [Columban Missionaries - Sharing Gospel Joy \(columbans.co.uk\)](http://Columban Missionaries - Sharing Gospel Joy (columbans.co.uk))

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS : St Hilda Room.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am.

NO MASS on 15th April 2024.

HOLY WATER

Holy Water blessed at Easter for use at home is available in the Baptistry. Please make use of this sacramental. If you already have a bottle from previous years, please reuse it and help us be a sustainable community.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed on Tue 16th April and open on Wed 17th instead.

OFFICE TELEPHONE: 'phone messages do not work. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: our contactless reader is in the porch. **Please do not move it, unplug it or switch it off.** Your consideration is much appreciated as the machine is expensive and every time it needs servicing there is also a fee. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: 9th June 2024.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Sunday 28th April is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity

CONCERT

Maddy McConnell Smith has been a parishioner at St Hugh's all her life, regularly singing at parish celebrations. Please join her on Sunday 5th May at 4pm for an afternoon concert of classical songs, with postgraduate musicians from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. 'Passion for Performance: A Musician's Odyssey' takes you through the musical journey of an aspiring professional classical singer. From the early stages of learning how to sing whilst at the Saint John Henry Newman School, to preparing to graduate with a master's in music, this concert is a compendium of songs that have featured on this journey.

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.

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 & 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, visit

www.lovedanceletchworth.co.uk or

email fiona@lovedanceletchworth.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 13th to Sun 21st April 2024

Saturday 13th April

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 14th April - Third Sun of Easter

9.30am: Maureen Hannah RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 15th April

9.30am: No Mass

Tuesday 16th April

9.30am: Clarence & Claire De Silva RIP

Wednesday 17th April

9.30am: Osmund & Fleur Perera INT

Thursday 18th April

9.30am: Mike Gillespie RIP

Friday 19th April

9.30am: Paolo Puosi RIP

Saturday 20th April

9.30am: Private Intention

6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sun of Easter

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from the end April. Weekend Masses are available to book from the end of 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 and leave money I

the honesty box. 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

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

UNIVERSAL CATHOLIC WEEKLY: copies of this Catholic newspaper are now on sale in the porch, £3.50 per copy. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 28th Apr	Good Shepherd Sunday
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

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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