

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 21st April 2024, Good Shepherd Sunday

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FIRST READING: Acts 4: 8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29 response v 22

The stone which the builder rejects has become the corner stone.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, lead us to share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THEY TOO WILL LISTEN TO MY VOICE.

We continue our journey through Eastertide experiencing the joy of the Risen Lord. The Fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally features Jesus as the Good Shepherd, kept annually as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Peter explains in the Acts of the Apostles the miracle he has performed came not from him but from the name of Jesus Christ, the keystone rejected by the builders. Our Psalm, sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem, is a prayer thanksgiving following rescue from an ordeal and uses the same cornerstone image as the first reading. Like Peter, the psalmist acknowledges the Lord as saviour. The author of the second reading stresses we are God's children. Although we might find the path difficult and feel unsure of what the future holds, we will be transformed into God's likeness when we meet him. Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, who is prepared to lay down his life for us. He knows us intimately and wants to bring everyone into his fold. On this Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray everyone should be willing and able to fulfil their own vocation. We continue to pray for war-torn countries, that they will find a Good Shepherd to guide them out of conflict. *Fr. Jimmy*

POPE'S APRIL 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:
9th June 2024.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday 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.

THANK YOU FROM Fr PAT

Huge thanks from the Columban Fathers and from Fr Pat in particular for responding so generously to their appeal. A wonderful £970 was raised last week.

YOUTH MINISTRY INSTAGRAM

You can follow the work of the Westminster Youth Ministry @dowym

YOUTH GROUP

Before Covid, our Parish used to run a fantastic Youth Group. We are looking to revive this so we can offer the young people of our parish a resource after their First Holy Communion. Are you able to help or do you know someone who could? We are looking for Group Leaders to organise activities and run the sessions. Fortescue Hall is a phenomenal space and we already have plenty of

equipment to entertain youngsters and we could get more. If you fancy the challenge, please contact the parish office and have a chat with Fr Jimmy.

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.

CRAFT CLEAR OUT EVENT!

Over 20 local sellers clearing out their crafty items including: fabric, patterns, yarn and other sewing equipment. Come and grab a bargain and stock up for a future project. Free entry with tea and coffee available. Fortescue Hall Saturday 1st June 12 to 3pm.

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. Fr Philip from Royston will be accompanying us. We have booked a bigger coach, 54 seats so please spread the word!

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*

... **FOR SENIORS:** Fortescue Hall on Friday after morning Mass and the rosary group. Come and have fun with fun music routines. This class can be taken standing or sitting down. It's a chance to keep fit and catch up with friends. £5 per session on the day, no need to subscribe or pay in advance.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20th to Sun 28th April 2024

Saturday 20th April

6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 21st April - Good Shepherd Sunday

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Monday 22nd April

9.30am: Clarence & Claire De Silva RIP

Tuesday 23rd April

9.30am: Jack & Mabel Mills RIP

Wednesday 24th April

9.30am: Osmund & Fleur Perera INT

Thursday 25th April

9.30am: Maria Puosi & Pietro Pallini RIP

Friday 26th April

9.30am: Bernard Dereppe INT

Saturday 27th April

9.30am: Emilia Mukwekwe RIP

6pm: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: Denis Marrinan RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

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 in 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.

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 info visit <https://www.care-line.co.uk/home.aspx>
Email: carelinesupport@north-herts.gov.uk
Phone: 0300 999 2 999

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.

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

WORLD DAY FOR CHILDREN

Pope Francis, has established an annual World Day for Children which will be kept over the weekend of 25th and 26th May. In support of this the Holy Father has also published his first message for children, available on our website. Please share this with children and with those involved in working in schools, youth services and catechesis.

HOLY WATER

Holy Water blessed at Easter for use at home is available in the Baptistery. 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.

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	Willie Hudson
Mary Wallace	Rosie Child
Harper Draper	Hannah Draper
Andrea Boncristiani	Charles McCann

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

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 21st 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
Sat 21st Sep	Pilgrimage to Walsingham—departure from St Hugh of Lincoln carpark 8am. One stop only at Royston.

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.

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

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

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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