

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 5th 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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FIRST READING: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97: 1-4 response v 2

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4: 7-10

God is love.

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friend.

COLLECT: Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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.**

AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, SO I HAVE LOVED YOU. REMAIN IN MY LOVE.

Our readings centre on love, the totally faithful, unconditional love of God for us. The Acts of the Apostles describes a turning point in the growth of the early Church. Peter visits the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion and Gentile, announcing, 'God does not have favourites'. God reaches out to those who listen to him through his Holy Spirit. He creates a community of love embracing all humanity. St John reminds us God loved us first as God's nature is love. The great depth of this love is revealed in God sending Jesus, whose self-sacrifice redeems our sins, drawing us into the very life of God. Jesus teaches his disciples about his loving relationship with his Father and he chooses and invites us into the same intimate relationship. He tells us how to follow him so we will love one another. The Psalmist encourages us to sing praise joyfully to the Lord whose love offers salvation to all. We pray for the grace that we might reflect the gift of God's love through our love for our brothers and sisters and all creation. We give thanks for the love of our friends and for the joy they bring to our lives. *Fr. Jimmy*

THIS THURSDAY, 9TH MAY, IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD AND IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION . MASSES ARE AT 9.30AM AND 7.30PM.

POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS— FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. . Amen.

COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 5th May in Fortescue Hall hosted by Mary & Elaine.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS : St Hilda Room.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:
9th June 2024.

NO SAT MORNING MASS

from 25th May till Advent. Confessions will still be heard.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Funeral Mass for Bianca Mariconda will be held on Tue 7th May at 10.30am. The Mass will be livestreamed on our parish YouTube channel for friends and family overseas. Please keep Bianca's loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Please save the date for a fun night on 8th June at Fortescue Hall in aid of the CAFOD Sudan Appeal. More details to follow.

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS:

Fortescue Hall on Friday 10.45am after morning Mass. Come and have fun with upbeat 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.

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!

SJHN VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a **Lay Chaplain** to join our Chaplaincy team. Experience working in school is an advantage but not essential. There will be opportunities for training and career development in the school. You will be an integral part of a friendly and committed team of staff. You must also be able to work on your own initiative as well as in a team. This could be a good opportunity for someone considering a career in education.

MISSIO RED BOXES 2023

Thank you to all who have a Red Box for the Missions in your home and your kind donations. In 2023 St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church raised £810.41 through the Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. If you have a Red Box at home and would like your box emptying or haven't had it emptied for a while, please

leave it in the Sacristy or take to the Parish Office so they can be emptied and counted. If gift aiding don't forget to put your name and address on the bottom of the box as this is necessary in completing the appropriate return. Empty Red Boxes and copies of the Missio magazine can be found in the church porch. Please do take a copy of the Missio magazine and see where your generous donations are helping the missions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4th to Sun 12th May 2024

Saturday 4th May

6pm: Ines&Leonardo Antonaci, Ross Nittolo RIP

Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: FHC Children and Families

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 6th May

10am: Fr Michael Daley RIP

Tuesday 7th May

10.30am: Funeral Mass Bianca Mariconda

Wednesday 8th May

9.30am: Anthony Gunasekera RIP

Thursday 9th May—Ascension

9.30am: STM School

7.30pm: People of the Parish

Friday 11th May

9.30am: McCann Family INT

Saturday 11th May

9.30am: Elizabeth Dep-Rajakaruna RIP

6pm: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Sunday 12th May—Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am: FHC Children and Families

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available from June. 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 for mothers of all ages is

held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. It isn't a playgroup, but a chance to socialise and pray together for mothers and grandmothers. Tea and coffee available. In case of a Funeral on Monday, the group will be held on the Tuesday.

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.

MEMORY CAFE every Thursday at the Ernest Garden centre in Letchworth 10-12noon. Organised by Garden House Hospice, this is for people, families or carers who are suffering with any form of dementia. There is no need to book, it's a drop in, health professionals are present, you get a cup of tea and socialise.

PROLIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, 3RD AUGUST Please join us to pray for the conversion of our culture, at this time when the lives of the Elderly and Pre-born are under further threat from medicalised killing through misguided compassion. For details please contact Bernadette on 07939 634696 or 01462 682910.

FREE BSL LESSONS WITH THE BRITISH DEAF ASSOCIATION. On 7th May on MS Teams. Whether you're a complete beginner, previously attendee or looking to brush up on your skills, everyone is welcome! 10am - 11am lesson, 2pm - 3pm lesson go to <https://ukcod.org/deaf-awareness-week-2024/> to register.

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
Willie Hudson	Kay McKenna
Mary Wallace	Rosie Child
Harper Draper	Hannah Draper
Andrea Boncristiani	Charles McCann
Silvia Neri	

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 April: 7,177.45 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 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
Sat 1st Jun	Craft Clear Out Fayre, Fortescue Hall, 12 - 3pm
Sat 8th Jun	Parish Quiz night, Fortescue Hall, in aid of CAFOD Sudan Appeal
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.

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 they, or a relative, contact the Chaplaincy or nursing staff.