

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 12th 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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FIRST READING: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26

We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97: 1-4 response v 2

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4: 11-16

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them.

GOSPEL: 17: 11-19

That they may be one like us!

COLLECT: Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

GOD IS LOVE

On this Sunday, which comes between the Ascension and Pentecost, we continue to follow the development of the infant Church and return to St John's theme of God's love for us. In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples come together to discern and pray to choose an Apostle to replace Judas. Psalm 102 is a hymn of praise, describing the love of God covering the whole universe. John emphasises God's love for us is the reason and example for our love for each other. As long as we love, God will live in us and share his Spirit with us. In the Gospel, taken from Jesus's priestly prayer to the Father, Jesus prays the disciples will remain true to his name. As the Father sent Jesus into the world, so he now sends his followers. May they be united in faith and love. Our readings lead us to contemplate the love and unity within the Trinity, a fitting preparation as we look towards Pentecost. *Fr. Jimmy*

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Jim Curry, currently parish priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, as an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Bishop-elect Jim's Episcopal Ordination at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 18th June at 12 noon, is NOT a ticketed event and parishioners are invited by the Cardinal to attend. The Ordination Mass takes just under two hours

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 12th May in Fortescue Hall hosted by Michael.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS : St Hilda Room.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rosa, Alexandra, Natasha, Carlos, Chidera, Clara, Chicca, Hugo, Isabel, Jamike, Julen, Keira, Matus, Nathan-James and Oliver who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Today we celebrate the second group as they make this important step in their faith journey.

Maddy McConnell Smith, for a fantastic concert last Sunday. We wish Maddy all the very best as she prepares to finish her Masters Degree. As a bonus, just shy of £170 was raised for the life saving work of Bakhita House.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:
9th June 2024.

PARISH QUIZ for CAFOD

On Saturday 8th June 7.30 pm, £10 a head. Chilli supper (including vegetarian chilli) and bar. Teams of 6-10. Prizes and raffle. Tickets available from Mary on 07932191685 Payments via the link below: <https://cafod.my.site.com/celebrations?p=fd&v=a2SQ2000000AHSb> Start building your dream team and brush up on your general knowledge in aid of this great cause!

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.

PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK

A wonderful £913.56 was raised for CAFOD Fast Day. This number doesn't include online donations from our parishioners made directly to CAFOD. Thank you for your generosity.

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

MASS BOOKINGS are available from June. When booking a Mass, please let the office know if you are able to Gift Aid.

NO SAT MORNING MASS

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

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!

MISSIO RED BOXES 2023

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.

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.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11th to Sun 19th May 2024

Saturday 11th May

6pm: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am: FHC Children and Families

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 13th May

9.30am: Fr John McCollough RIP

Tuesday 14th May

9.30am: Sr Ann O'Connor RIP

Wednesday 15th May

9.30am: Fr George Taylor RIP

Thursday 16th May

9.30am: Mary Roche RIP

Friday 17th May

9.30am: Andrew and Mary Perry RIP

Saturday 18th May

9.30am: Fr David Williamson RIP

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 19th May—PENTECOST

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Patsy & Cliff Marshall INT

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.

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.

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.

IRISH PENSION FORMS

Fr Jimmy can witness signatures for Irish Pensions forms but these have to be signed in front of Fr Jimmy. **Please do not sign the form before you see him.** Thank you.

FAITHS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

21 May, 5.30-7.30pm: 22 May, 5.30-7.30pm: Faiths for Climate Justice Free Online Workshop. Do you want to know what "climate justice" means? Are you looking for a welcoming space where you can bring your unique spiritual and/or religious motivations to tackle the climate emergency? If you're based in the UK, these workshops are designed to help you address these questions and be part of a community of action. Choose one of these two dates. More details and registrations here [Faiths for Climate Justice workshops: - Faith For The Climate](#)

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 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
Sun 2nd Jun	Corpus Christi. 9.30am Thanksgiving Mass for FHC Children
Fri 7th Jun	Sacred Heart
Sat 8th Jun	Parish Quiz night, Fortescue Hall 7.30pm, in aid of CAFOD Sudan Appeal
Sun 9th Jun	Baptism Preparation session, after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda Room
Fri 12th Jul	STM Year Six Leavers' Mass, 9.30am
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.