

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 19th May 2024, Pentecost (Mass during the Day)

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 1 page 287 Psalter week 4

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34 response v 30

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised.

Or Galatians 5: 16-25

The fruit of the Spirit.

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

COLLECT: O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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.**

THE SPIRIT IS OUR LIFE

The ancient Pentecost commemoration of the revelation of God was celebrated through the giving of the Torah, the Law, and the making of the covenant. Now it's celebrated by the early Christians as the revelation of God through the out-pouring of the Spirit, about which we hear in the Acts of the Apostles. St John in his Gospel, returns us to Jesus's words of farewell to his disciples. He promises to send the Spirit of truth to them; amazingly and incredibly, we receive the same Spirit. Today we can say, this is our season in the Spirit. In St Paul's condemnation of self-indulgence amongst those belonging to the Church at Galatia, he tells them only the consolations of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, gentleness and self-control, can unite their hearts to the freedom of the Gospel. We can ask for the help of this same Spirit in the words of the Psalmist, 'Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth'. We are called to witness to the fire of God by bringing the light of the Son and the heat of the Spirit to all we meet. We pray this line of St Paul every day this coming week, 'Since the Spirit is my life, let me be directed by the Spirit.' *Fr. Jimmy*

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 19th May in the St Hilda Room hosted by Hannah.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS : St Hilda Room.

CONGRATULATIONS

Eva, Liam, Michael, Alfie, Nayeli, Niamh, Serena, Tahlia, Zachary, Aedan, Sophie, Enoch, Kaleb Elizabeth, and Oliver who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday.

Eoin, Keira and Rosene for receiving their Guild of St Stephen Silver Medals. We thank them for their ministry and for being role models for all young people in our parish. All Year 6 students in our parish for completing their SATS.

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=a2SQ200000AHSb> 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.

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

MASS BOOKINGS are available from mid-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.

STM SUMMER SPECTACULAR

We are all invited to this fantastic event on

Sunday 7th July at St Thomas More school. Lots of entertainment, food, fun for all and a good wholesome family atmosphere. Lots of amazing prizes in the raffle, too. Please come along and support the school.

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! Ticket prices will be announced soon.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18th to Sun 26th May 2024

Saturday 18th May

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 19th May—PENTECOST

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Patsy & Cliff Marshall INT

Monday 20th May

9.30am: Maryse Rose INT

Tuesday 21st May

11am: Memorial Mass for Billy Clarke RIP

Wednesday 22nd May

9.30am: Sr Margarite Windle RIP

Thursday 23rd May

9.30am: Mary Roche RIP

Friday 24th May

9.30am: Fr Kevin Greene RIP

Saturday 25th May

6pm: Monica & Anastasia Dep RIP

Sunday 26th May—Trinity Sunday

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Gretta McGrath RIP

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.

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](#)

CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS (CCA) is an international charity, founded and based in the UK which seeks, in the heart of the Church, to promote compassion and welfare for all animals. Bolstered by Catholic tradition and teaching, and encouraged in recent years by the Papal Encyclical 'Laudato Si', the charity will be celebrating, in 2029, its centenary year. As part of the preparation for this, Fr Terry Martin, a trustee of CCA, is drawing together a database of bishops, priests and deacons who share an animal-friendly, compassionate approach to this topic. For further information please see the CCA website at www.catholic-animals.com and contact Fr Terry if you would like to be added to the database as a Clergy Friend of CCA by email at terry.martin@abdiocese.org.uk or phone 07545 576627.

We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:

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| 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 |
| 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/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 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:

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| Sun 19th May | Pentecost. Presentation of Guild of St Stephen Silver Medals at 11.30am Mass |
| Sun 26th May | Trinity Sunday |
| 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 |
| Sun 7th Jul | STM Summer Spectacular 1pm to 4 pm |
| 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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjmi.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 they, or a relative, contact the Chaplaincy or nursing staff.