

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 16th June 2024, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

I make low trees grow.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 91: 2-3, 13-16 response v 2

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 26-34

It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

COLLECT: O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without your mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

‘THIS IS WHAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE.’

Our readings are full of hope and confidence, enabling us to grow in joyful hope as we pray and ponder them. Growth, seeds, trees and harvest wind in and out of these scriptures, as does the universality of God’s reign as God’s kingdom is for the whole of humanity and all creation. God, through the prophet Ezekiel, promises the tiny remnant of Israel will grow into a new people, just as the cedar grows from a small shoot. Psalm 91 is a beautiful song of thanksgiving to the Lord who enables the just to grow and flourish at all times of the day and all through life. St Paul reminds the Corinthians of the confidence they have, despite the tensions of living while waiting for the Lord. Such joyful hope ensures the Corinthian community, and us, make our pilgrimage through life, ‘by faith and not by sight’. It fills us with the joyful expectation of being with the Lord one day. The Gospel contains two parables of the Kingdom; the seed, growing secretly and the mustard seed. In them Jesus reveals God working continuously for the growth of God’s kingdom, God’s reign. As we go about our lives this week, we may find other metaphors for the God who works secretly for God’s kingdom in us and in everyone we meet, especially those closest to us. Our God is in all things and all people, the events of our lives, in our surroundings and even in the run-up to a General Election! *St. Beuno’s Prego & Fr. Jimmy*

POPE’S JUNE INTENTIONS—FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.
Amen

FUNERAL MASS

The Funeral Mass for Teresa Potrac will be held on Tue 18th June at 11.30 and presided by Fr Cezary. There will be no morning Mass on this day. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for the peaceful repose of Eddie Keogh, for his wife Joan and for all his family and friends, and parishioners who mourn his passing. Eddie died on 10th June. Reception of his Body will be on Sun 30th June at 5pm and the Funeral Mass on Mon 1st July at 10.30am.

SUMMER MASS TIMES

From Sunday 28th July to Sunday 25th August, inclusive, the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday, will be combined into one sung Mass at 10.30am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

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. Tickets are £25 per adult, £15 for children from 6 to 12 years of age and free under 6. Half the seats have already been pre-booked by Royston so please hurry and reserve a seat if you intend to go. We will leave at 8am from our church's carpark and make one stop only at Royston. Departure from Walsingham is expected to be around 4/4.30pm and again we will stop at Royston on the way back. Please contact the office to book your seat.

STM END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS

This Mass is at 2.00pm on Friday 12th July will mark the retirement the head-teacher, Mrs. Jane Perry after eleven years as Head and will be followed by a Reception in Fortescue Hall. Please note, there is no 9.30am Mass on this day.

STM SUMMER SPECTACULAR

We are all invited to this fantastic event on Sunday 7th July at St Thomas More school from 1pm to 4pm. Lots of entertainment, food, fun for all and a good wholesome family atmosphere. Lots of amazing prizes in the raffle, too, including vouchers for L'Artista, Royal Albert Hall tickets, gym

passes, personal Training sessions and more. Please come along and support the school.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

Cardinal Vincent invites parishioner around the Diocese to the Ordination Mass of Monsignor Jim Curry, currently parish priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, who has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop by His Holiness. The Episcopal Ordination will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 18th June at 12 noon and it is expected to take just under two hours.

PARISH QUIZ for CAFOD

Thank you to everyone who supported our parish quiz night in any way - thank you to all who were part of a team and thank you to the Chilli makers! We had a wonderful night, lots of team and community spirit on show. We raised a fabulous £547 for Cafod's Sudan Crisis Appeal. A huge thank you. We will have another quiz in the Autumn - so keep up your trivia knowledge!

Our sincere thanks to Mary, Elaine, Tom and all involved in the organising this wonderful event.

PARISH SHARED LUNCH

Come along and share lunch with fellow parishioners on Sun 21st July. More details to follow but please save the date for a fun, relaxed event among friends.

ROSARY for peace Every Friday at 10am

NORTH HERTS BOWLS CLUB

This very friendly club is looking for new members. The club runs at the Lower Green Norton Common every Monday from 2pm to 4pm. To celebrate the Letchworth Festival, an open afternoon on 24th June has been organised from 2pm to 4pm. No experience necessary and all equipment & Tuition is provided. You're sure of a friendly welcome! Just turn up or ring John on 01462 684914.

REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

The general election will take place on Thursday 4 July. The deadline to register to vote in these elections is midnight on Tuesday 18 June 2024. If you are not yet registered, visit GOV.UK to register - it usually takes about 5 minutes. To vote at a polling station you will need to show photo ID. Don't have any? You can apply for free voter ID until 5pm on Wednesday 26 June.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15h May to Sun 23rd June 2024

Saturday 15th June

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 16th June—11th Ordinary Time

9.30am: Tony O'Connor RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 17th June

9.30am: Cardinal Basil Hume RIP (25th Anniversary)

Tuesday 18th June

11.30am: Funeral Mass Teresa Potrac RIP

Wednesday 19th June

9.30am: Fr Francis Wahle RIP

Thursday 20th June

9.30am: Jack Johnstone RIP

Friday 21st June

No Mass

Saturday 22nd June

9.30am: STM School

6pm: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Sunday 23rd June—12th Ordinary Time

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available from July. 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.

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. Classes have been confirmed till October half term.

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.

LETCHWORTH OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 30th June 2024 from 11am to 5pm. Gardens will be open to visitors in the world's first Garden City covering every aspect of gardening and size of gardens. Some have quirky features, others more cottage style, some set around 1905 cottages. All proceeds to British Red Cross, the Garden House Hospice and other local charities. Tickets are £10.00 per adult and can be bought on the day from any garden (some gardens will have contactless payment facilities - see map on website) or in advance from David's Bookshop or Bickerdike's Garden Centre. There is a park and ride minibus service operating from the Arena carpark, entrance off Eastcheap, near Broadway cinema, operating approx. every 30mins.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

15th September 2024 after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda Room..

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

All donations are, as always, welcome. The items listed are the most urgently needed for the current month. UHT Milk (Whole or Semi-Skimmed), Dried Milk, Tinned Potatoes, 500gm Sugar, Tinned Tomatoes, Hair Conditioner. Thank you for your continued support.

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
Charles McCann	Silvia Neri
Phil Garvey-McGovern	Mary Sutton

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 June: £7,368.83 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 7th Jul	STM Summer Spectacular 1pm to 4 pm
Fri 12th Jul	STM Year Six Leavers' Mass, 2pm
Sun 21st Jul	Parish Shared Lunch, more details to follow
Sat 10th Aug	Cream Tea for Kanyike, Fortescue Hall 3-5pm
Sun 8th Sept	Education Sunday
Sun 15th Sep	Baptism Preparation Course, St Hilda Room after 9.30am Mass
Sat 21st Sep	Pilgrimage to Walsingham—departure from St Hugh of Lincoln carpark 8am.

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) letchworthsg@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.