

# 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 30th June 2024, SS Peter & Paul—Mass during the day**

**Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 172 Psalter week 1**

FIRST READING: Acts 12: 1-11

Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33: 2-9 response v 5; alternative response v 8

From all my terrors the Lord set me free *or* The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

COLLECT: O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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.**

## **Their word goes forth through all the earth**

This weekend we celebrate the ancient feast of Saints Peter and Paul – two giants of our faith on whose shoulders we stand. Both were faithful and unstinting in their mission and are an example to us as we strive to follow Jesus Christ.

In the First Reading, we hear how the newly appointed king, Herod Agrippa, begins to persecute the Christian community in Jerusalem. But while Peter is in prison, an angel of the Lord leads him to safety.

The Psalm is a song of praise, and in particular one of thanksgiving for the psalmist's own deliverance.

In the Second Reading, Paul approaches the end of his life and looks back on his ministry with a grateful heart. He recalls how God supported him in his difficult mission and is confident that God will also bring him to the safety of the kingdom.

The Gospel tells of Peter identifying Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus rewards Peter for his insight by conferring on him the grace of leadership, a unique position in the community of Jesus.

This week, let us think of our role in the mission of the Church, not forgetting to pray for those who are persecuted for living out their faith. *St Beuno Prego*

**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**

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 6pm and the Funeral Mass on Mon 1st July at 10.30am.

We also pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Anne Rooney. Anne's body will be received into church on Monday 8th July at 5.30pm and the Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday 9th July at 11am.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **COFFE MORNINGS**

After 9.30am Mass. Please contact the office if you wish to volunteer to run one.

## **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 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. 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.

## **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

## **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.

## **A DAY WITH MARY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 13 JULY 9.45AM TO 5.00PM**

A DAY WITH MARY is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic church or shrine. It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns, a programme on the story of Fatima and periods of rest with refreshments. The Sacrament of Penance is readily available. There is a bookstall and the opportunity to enrol in the Brown Scapular (consecration to Our Lady) and Miraculous Medal if so wished.

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Sat 29th June to Sun 7th July 2024*

Saturday 29th June

6pm: Denis Marrinan RIP

**Sunday 30th June—SS Peter & Paul**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Iris Pompey RIP

Monday 1st July

10.30am: Funeral Mass Eddie Keogh RIP

Tuesday 2nd July

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 3rd July

9am: Holy Souls

Thursday 4th July

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 5th July

11.30am: Holy Souls

Saturday 6th July

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 07th July - 14th Sunday Ordinary Time**

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: David Crook RIP

## MASS BOOKINGS

Available from late 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.

## 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting at 2pm and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Maiden Lane, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. There will be an opportunity for everyone to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.

## SPONSOR A LOURDES WHEELCHAIR

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is in need of new wheelchairs to transport the Assisted Pilgrims during the pilgrimage. Each wheelchair costs £139. If anyone would like to sponsor a wheelchair in memory of someone, then please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office on: [elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk) or 0207 798 9173 for further details.

## Fr TOM O'BRIEN'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Fr Tom from Hitchin parish is celebrating 50 years of priesthood on Saturday 6th July at 12noon with a Mass at Our Lady's. Please keep him in your prayers on this truly remarkable milestone! Cards for Golden Jubilees are available in the repository box in St Hilda but we only have a limited number.

**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	Phil Garvey-McGovern
Mary Sutton	Bob Pitman

**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](http://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 May £ 7,562.83** 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
<b>Thu 15th Aug</b>	<b>Assumption of Mary—Holy Day of Obligation</b>
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 car park 8am.

**Our Catholic Schools**

**St Thomas More RC Primary School**, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

Tel: 01462 620670 [www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk)

**The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School**, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

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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.