

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 21st July 2024, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 109 Psalter week 4

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 22 response v 1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 13-18

Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd.

COLLECT: Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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.**

He came to bring the good news of peace

The shepherding care of God is a central theme of our readings. This shepherding care brings reconciliation and ends false separation. Jeremiah shows great courage as he castigates the rulers of his day, describing them as corrupt, irresponsible shepherds. But he foresees God will raise up other shepherds with integrity, who will be true leaders of their people. This prophesy is fulfilled in the Gospel where Jesus sees the people as ‘sheep without a shepherd’. His loving concern for them reveals him as the Good Shepherd who offers food for hearts, souls and bodies. He also tends the tired apostles, inviting them to rest awhile, affirming a balanced life, including times of reflection and rest as well as activity. Psalm 22 is the famous song of confidence and trust in the Lord as ‘my shepherd’, the God who is with his people in times of challenge, rest and celebration. Paul offers us the basis for a profound understanding of human interconnectedness and unity as children of the one creator. Christ Jesus brings all peoples together as the great unifier and peacemaker. We pray for peace, for innocent victims of war throughout our polarised world, asking for the individual and collective courage and humility which leads to forgiveness and reconciliation. We follow too, the invitation of Jesus, ‘Come ... rest for a while in my presence.’ *St Beuno's Prego*

POPE'S JULY INTENTIONS—For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING

No Mass, Adoration or Benediction till 31st August.

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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed the third week of August. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

THANK YOU

To Mrs Jane Perry and Mrs Christine Gracie for their services to Catholic education. On Friday 12th July, Bishop Paul lead a Thanksgiving Mass for the children of Year 6 leaving St Thomas More and for the retirement of our Primary's Head Teacher and Chair of Governors.

Mrs Perry has lead STM for 12 years, years in which the face of the school changed with many welcome additions and improvements. Much loved by the children and their families, she has lead our Primary with energy, a welcoming attitude and an eye always on innovation and development. Through the years, Mrs Perry has built a strong team and strengthened even more the school's solid foundations left by the Heads before her. The congregation is very grateful for her leadership and for her professional and personal involvement in our parish life. The new Head Teacher, Mrs Gavin, will find a great environment in which she will be able to flourish in her new position. We wish her all the best in her new post and Mrs Perry a well-deserved happy retirement.

Governors are often unsung heroes who give up much of their time to support schools. Mrs Gracie has been a phenomenal asset for STM and worked very hard for 12 year on the Governing Board, most of this time as Chair. Our congregation is very grateful for her ministry, and for countless hours of voluntary work to make STM the successful school it is today. We wish the new co-Chairs, Mrs Chrysandreas and Mrs Thompson, all the best as they take up the challenge and we thank them and Mrs Gracie for their commitment to our school and community.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Michaela and Samir who recently got married in our church. We wish them both all the best in their life together!

To all the pupils in our parish who recently finished another Academic Year. May God bless you as you grow up and find your callings.

VOTE FOR MARLEY!

A very important member of Caritas Westminster is up for a National Award. Marley is a rescue cat who comforts the women of Bakhita House. A victim of abuse himself, Marley is, in Karen Anstiss, head of the house, "a small miracle. [...] Often Marley placing a gentle paw on our guests' legs is the first kindness they've experienced in years. He has this incredible gift of empathy, knowing instinctively who needs him." Needless to say, a win for Marley would help raise Bakhita House's profile nationally, hopefully bringing in more funds for this thoroughly deserving part of Caritas. Please, head to [NCAs: Incredible Cats finalists | Cats Protection](#) to vote for this wonderful creature. It's just a click. You can also watch a video of Marley on the same page. Have some tissues ready.

PARISH SHARED LUNCH

Parish Shared lunch, Fortescue Hall Sunday 21st June. Hall open from 12pm. Please bring a savoury or sweet dish to share and perhaps something to drink (tea, coffee and juice will be available in the hall) - we will aim to eat from 12.30 onwards. Everyone of any age very, very welcome. Come along for a relaxing friendly Sunday lunch.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

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.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Eric Bunson, a seven year old boy who has been diagnosed with a difficult form of leukemia. His parents also need our prayers and his older brother Conrad is deeply affected. We also pray for the skill of the medical profession that Eric's treatment will be successful.

APPRENTISHIP WANTED

Thanks very much to our parishioners for all their support to refugees so far. Currently, I am looking for an apprenticeship for a very conscientious, hardworking 19 year old Syrian who is training to be a mechanic. He is fluent in English. Ideally, he would welcome work four days a week as has college on a Friday. If you, or anyone you know, could help, please email Sarah Martinelli at smartimjg@gmail.com and will send through his CV.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20th July to Sun 28th July 2024

Saturday 20th July

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 21st July—16th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: John Harrison RIP

Monday 22nd July

9.30am: Kitty Pyne RIP

Tuesday 23rd July

9.30am: Ratnavali Dep RIP

Wednesday 24th July

9.30am: Pauline Doran INT

Thursday 25th July

9.30am: Pauline Doran INT

Friday 26th July

9.30am: Jim Whelan RIP

Saturday 27th July

6pm: Therese & Hilary Brohier RIP

Sunday 28th July—17th Sunday Ordinary

Time

10.30am: People of the parish

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekday Masses are available from August; Weekend Masses are available from mid-September. When booking a Mass, please let the office know if you are able to Gift Aid.

ROSARY every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 3rd August . Coach leaves Plinston

Hall, opp St Hugh's, Letchworth at 8.35 am £25 adults, £10 children. Led by Rt. Rev. David Oakley. To book call Geraldine on 07971 028415.

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.

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.

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS.

Fortescue Hall on Friday 10.45am after morning Mass. 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.

CATHOLIC MEDITATION GROUP

On Tuesday 5-6pm, St Hilda room. Meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of reflection and discussion. All welcome.

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. There will be an opportunity for everyone to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Pasta Sauce Instant Coffee (small & medium jars) Tinned Potatoes (medium tins), Tinned Rice/Custard, Tinned Soup, 500gm Sugar.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE IN HITCHIN

On Sat 26th October 10am-4pm. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/sacramental-prep/marriage/> email: Trish Bonnett at trish-bonnett@rcdow.org.uk

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
Eric Bunson	

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: £6,786.97 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 21st Jul	Parish Shared Lunch, more details to follow
Sat 3rd Aug	Pro-life pilgrimage
Sat 10th Aug	Cream Tea for Kanyike, Fortescue Hall 3-5pm
Thu 15th Aug	Assumption of BVM, Holy Day of Obligation. Masses 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sun 8th Sept	Education Sunday
Sun 15th Sep	Baptism Preparation Course, St Hilda Room after 9.30am Mass
Sat 21st Sep	Diocesan 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

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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.