

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) 10.30am. Holy Day Mass 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday 9.30am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am.

Adoration & Confession Wednesday 10.00-10.30am Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.



SUNDAY 28th July 2024, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 112 Psalter week 1

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 144: 10-11, 15-18 response v 16

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4: 1-6

One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

GOSPEL: John 6: 1-15

Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.

COLLECT: O God, protector to those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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.**

Pick up the pieces left over so nothing gets wasted.

Our readings focus on the generosity of the Lord who feeds his children both physically and spiritually, 'till they want no more'. Elisha, the man of God, feeds a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves. Despite the misgivings of Elisha's servant, everyone is fed and there is food left over. This story is a foreshadowing of the feeding of the five thousand in the Gospel. Despite Philip and Andrew's doubts five loaves and two fish feed everyone, yet twelve baskets are still left over. Psalm 144 continues the theme of God feeding his creatures, using the image of God's open hands, to give people the spiritual or physical food they desire. Paul reminds us we must preserve unity and peace as we are all part of one Body, sustained by one faith in God the Father of all. We can pray all those who hunger for food and for God may be satisfied. We ask the Lord to help us give generously when we come across people in need and find ways of working towards greater unity and peace.

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.

PARISH SHARED LUNCH—Thank you

Thank you to all who took part. It was lovely occasion and one we are looking forward to repeat in September when people are back from their Summer holidays. Keep your eyes peeled for new dates.

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.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN - Call for your MP to turn the tide on global poverty.

With MPs taking their seats at Westminster, let's call on them to play their part in tackling the climate, debt and hunger crises. Please head to [Call for your MP to turn the tide on global poverty \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk) to take part in this initiative. CAFOD plans to send 2000 messages out and they are more or less half-way through. Please consider adding your voice to this campaign.

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 to book or if you have any questions.

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. There is time till 30th August to vote.

AUTUMN RESOURCE

Calling People of Goodwill: The Bible and the Common Good.

First produced in 2017, this resource is the result of a collaboration between Bible Society and Together for Common Good in association with Jesuits in Britain and the Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics. "During times of social and political turbulence and division, the common good is a way forward. But what does the Bible have to say about this powerful ancient idea? This handy and accessible guide explores how God is calling all Christians to build relationships of goodwill in their communities. It contains six short Bible passages with reflections, questions and prayers to prompt discussion and action." If you are interest in ordering a copy of this booklet, please let the parish office know by 5th September. Booklets cost £4 each.

St HILDA ROOM

Please be advised St Hilda room will be closed the week commencing 5th August due to redecorating. Fortescue Hall or the Presbytery can be used for parish Group meetings that week. Please get in touch with the office to make arrangements.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

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

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 27th July to Sun 4th August 2024

Saturday 27th July

6pm: Therese & Hilary Brohier RIP

Sunday 28th July—17th Sunday Ordinary

Time

10.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 29th July

NO MASS

Tuesday 30th July

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Wednesday 31st July

9.30am: John McGill RIP

Thursday 1st August

9.30am: Quirico Giancola RIP

Friday 2nd August

9.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Saturday 3rd August

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 28th July—17th Sunday Ordinary

Time

10.30am: Maud Elva RIP

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.

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- located in the St Hilda Room. Prices vary, please check the dividers and leave money in the honesty box.

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. This activity will resume in September.

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.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

ROSARY every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

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 July: £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:

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

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.