

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 7th July 2024, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 104 Psalter week 4

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2: 2-5

The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 122 response v 2

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 1-6

A prophet is only despised in his own country.

COLLECT: O God, who is the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithfully with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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.

‘My grace is enough for you’

Today’s readings encourage us to place our whole trust in God’s grace, for God’s power is at its strongest even when we are most weak.

In the Gospel, Jesus has left Capernaum, the scene of many ‘mighty deeds,’ and headed for the home where he grew up. Once in Nazareth there is a change of mood. While his listeners are impressed by stories about him, they can’t get over the fact that Jesus is one of their own, another worker, just like each of them, with sawdust in his hair and dirt under his fingernails.

The First Reading hints at the defiant and obstinate spirit of the townsfolk. Perhaps Jesus sees himself as Ezekiel’s ‘Son of man’ when he says in today’s Gospel that a prophet is despised in his own country. As Ezekiel writes, ‘Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them’.

The Second Reading encourages us to rely on God when things seem to be a struggle. St Paul, faced with failure and his own weakness, clearly heard from God that it was exactly through such weakness that God’s strength would be known.

The antidote to pride, scorn, and contempt is mercy (Psalm), and we receive it when we abandon ourselves to God. As ‘slave to the master’ or as ‘servant to the mistress’ (as the psalmist puts it), let’s keep our eyes firmly fixed on our Lord, this week, till he shows us his mercy.

St Beuno, 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.

FUNERAL MASS

We pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Ann 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.

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.

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 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. Go to [St. Thomas More Parents' Association Summer Spectacular 2024 | RallyUp](#) to buy

raffle tickets.

STM END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS

This Mass is at 2.00pm on Friday 12th July. It will mark the retirement the head-teacher, Mrs. Jane Perry after eleven years as Head and the end of Primary School for Year 6 Pupils. There is no 9.30am Mass on this day. **Please note the carpark will be closed** because the children will be dismissed from church, not school. The **Fortescue Hall carpark will be reserved** for invited guests and staff. Please consider walking to church especially if you are only collecting your child at the end of the school day.

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

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!

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29th June to Sun 7th July 2024

Saturday 6th July

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 7th July - 14th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: David Crook RIP

Monday 8th July

9.30am: Mary Child RIP

Tuesday 9th July

9.30am: John McGill RIP

Wednesday 10th July

9.30am: Fr Derek Powney RIP

Thursday 11th July

9.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Friday 12th July

2pm: STM Year 6 INT

Saturday 13th July

6pm: Claire Dwyer RIP

Sunday 14th July—15th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Pauline Doran INT

MASS BOOKINGS : weekday Masses are available from the end of July; Weekend Masses are available from mid-September. 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 morn-

ing 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.

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.

TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

15 July, 6.30pm: Online Lecture with Jon Kuhrt, in memory of Frank Field - 'Grace, Truth and the Common Good: The Future of Christian Social Action'. Book tickets here [Grace, Truth and the Common Good: the Future of Christian Social Action Tickets, Mon 15 Jul 2024 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

THE PRIEST'S TALE.

8 August, 7.30-9.30pm: Play with Q&A at the end. An evening remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The riveting story of a miraculous suitcase, a daring escape and the devastation wreaked on a city in one instant by one bomb. Fr Wilhelm was a German Jesuit priest living in Hiroshima, who survived the blast but witnessed much of the destruction. He later succumbed to radiation sickness. Live musical accompaniment will be provided by London-based Japanese violinist Chihiro Ono. This event is supported by CND, donations shared by Sands Films and CND. Studio main stage, 82 St Marychurch Street, London, SE16 4HZ. [Book tickets](#)

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	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 . 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 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 car park 8am.

Our Catholic Schools

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

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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.