

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 4th August 2024, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 114 Psalter week 2

FIRST READING: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

I will reign down bread from the heavens.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54 response v 24

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

GOSPEL: John 6: 24-35

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

COLLECT: Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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.**

YOUR MIND MUST BE RENEWED BY A SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION

Our Sunday liturgy builds on the Eucharistic Communion we began exploring in John's Gospel last week. We are invited to be transformed by the Bread of Life which is made flesh in Jesus and is present in the word of God. In our Exodus reading, we hear how the people of Israel were grumbling about the seemingly painful new life they were living as they wandered in the desert. God heard their cry and gave them all they needed to survive. Our Psalm take up and celebrates how the Israelites were fed by God. Paul calls the Christian community in Ephesus to adopt a completely new way of life with a more radical understanding of God's loving providence. The true abundance of God's love for us is not to be found by focusing on our needs but on the goodness and holiness of Jesus' teaching of Gospel truth. Jesus challenges us in the Gospel. He doesn't want followers who are just looking for material security and a guarantee of plenty of food and other things in life. Following Jesus requires a more radical response. Our true food isn't manna from heaven, but is to be found in a personal encounter with the risen Christ, the Bread of Life and truth eternal. Praying with these readings, we ask for a spirit of complete transformation and renewal in ourselves and our communities. May we have the grace to be sustained by the life-giving word of God. *St Beunos Prego*

POPE'S AUGUST INTENTIONS—For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To James and Holly who recently got married in our church. May God bless them as they start their new family.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On Saturday, 21st September. Tickets are £25 per adult, £15 for children from 6 to 12 years of age and free under 6. Only a handful of seats left so please hurry if you want to book a space. 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.

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.

CREAM TEA FOR KANYIKE

3-5pm on the 10th August in Fortescue Hall. Tickets [£10] are available after all weekend masses or telephone Sue or Jacquie on 01462675117. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

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.

ROSARY every Friday at 10am, after Mass

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". 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. 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 interested in ordering a copy of this booklet, please let the parish office know by 5th September. Booklets cost £4 each.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

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

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS. This activity will resume in September.

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 \(cafod.org.uk\)](#) 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.

SEEDS OF HOPE EVANGELISATION DAY

Saturday 28th September 2024, 10:30am - 3:30pm at Holy Apostles Church and Hall, Pimlico. Everyone who is interested in evangelisation and wants to see the faith of those they care about come alive are welcome to join us at Seeds of Hope. It will be an interactive day that enables participants to voice their thoughts and concerns on different aspects of evangelisation in the morning and join one of a variety of workshops available in the afternoon. Book here: [Seeds of Hope: Evangelisation Day Tickets, Sat, Sep 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3rd to to Sun 11th August 2024

Saturday 3rd August

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 4th August—18th Sunday Ordinary

Time

10.30am: Maud Elva RIP

Monday 5th August

9.30am : Holy Souls

Tuesday 6th August

9.30am: Richard Parker INT

Wednesday 7th August

9.30am: Fr Cedric Stanley RIP

Thursday 8th August

9.30am: Fr Martin Nott RIP

Friday 9th August

9.30am: Geoffrey Cook RIP

Saturday 10th August

6pm: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 11th August—19th Sunday Ordinary

Time

10.30am: Peter Quinn RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekday Masses are available from mid-August; 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- 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.

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. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

HEALTHY MEMORY CAFE

Are you forgetful? Are you worried about your memory? Do you have dementia? Are you a carer or family member of someone who fits the above? If so, drop in for a cuppa, a chat, information and support at our Healthy Memory Café. This is a weekly drop-in session

What to expect at the Healthy Memory Café:

- Time for you and your family member or carer to enjoy being together, breaking your normal shared routine;
- A chance for you to meet new people, socialise and to gain mutual support;
- weekly activities that may include information talks, reminiscence, playing suitable games, seated exercise, music and other appropriate activities.

The Healthy Memory Café takes place every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon at the Ernest Gardiner Treatment Centre, Pearsall Close, Letchworth, SG6 1QZ. Transport is available on request - please call us on 01462 679540 for more information.

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: £6,368.88 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 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.
Sun 17th Nov	Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Mass at 10.30am president by bishop emeritus Nicholas Hudson

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.