

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 1st September 2024, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 129 Psalter week 2

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 4-7

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145: 7-10 response v 1

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

SECOND READING: James 2: 1-5

God chose the poor to be the heirs to his kingdom.

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

COLLECT: O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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.**

YOU MUST DO WHAT THE WORD TELLS YOU

Our readings challenge us to reflect on how much the word of God influences the way we live our lives. Moses explains to the people it is by obeying the laws given to them by God in the commandments they will have life in the land promised to them by the Lord. We, like the Jewish Christians who first heard the words of the letter of James, must not only listen to the word but do what the word tells us by caring for those in need and living good and honest lives. Jesus describes the lip-service of the Pharisees, who, as foretold in the words of Isaiah, offer worthless worship. Their adherence to human traditions and values takes their hearts far from God. This week we may want to spend time considering how closely our lives reflect what God asks of us and in what ways. We could adapt the words of the Psalm, we walk without fault, act with justice and speak truth from the heart. Chosen to be the children of God, we pray for the grace, strength and courage to live according to the message of the truth we have received through the teaching of Jesus. *St Beuno's Prego & Fr Jimmy*

POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS— For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live. Amen.

Season of Creation: 1st September to 4th October

SATURDAY MORNING No Mass, Adoration or Benediction till Advent.

ROAD CLOSURES 8th SEPTEMBER

On Sunday 8th September there will be a running event in Letchworth town centre. To make the event as safe as possible, the following roads will be closed between 9am and 12pm: The Broadway, Eastcheap, Leys Avenue.

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.

ROSARY every Friday at 10am, after Mass

AUTUMN RESOURCE

Calling People of Goodwill: The Bible and the Common Good. If you are interest in ordering a copy of this booklet, please let the parish office know by 5th September. Booklets cost £4 each.

THE SEASON OF CREATION— WEEK 1 REFLECTION

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is “To hope and act with Creation”.

Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action but one embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity. This season, we are also uniting our Christian voices through a joint advocacy initiative to support the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty which calls for a halt to new fossil fuel projects.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:
15th September 2024 after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next non-residential retreat is from 21-22 September 2024 at **Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ**. Why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

FOODBANK DONATIONS LIST

Sugar 500gm, Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Rice/Custard, Tinned Soup, Dog Food. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS will resume Fri 6th September.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31st August to Sun 8th September 2024

Saturday 31st August

6pm: Dudley Orloff RIP

Sunday 1st September—22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

9.30am: Louise Lee

11.30: People of the parish

Monday 2nd September

9.30am: STM School INT

Tuesday 3rd September

9.30am: Daryll & Anne—Marie Lusty INT

Wednesday 4th September

9.30am: Johannes Dep RIP

Thursday 5th September

9.30am: Peggy Reeves RIP

Friday 6th September

9.30am: Linda & Rocky Brown INT

Saturday 7th September

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 8th September—Education Sunday

9.30am: STM & JHN Schools INT

11.30am: Natasha—Ramalinga Chetty RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekday Masses are available from mid-September; Weekend Masses are available from October. 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.

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](#)

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE COURSES

The Jesuit centre in London runs many courses accessible online. These offer an opportunity to engage with like minded people and deepen aspect of our faith. The website lists the courses and divided them by theme and level. Head to [Our calendar \(londonjesuitcentre.org\)](#) to see if there is anything of interest to you. Some of the courses starting in September:

- Literature & Theology, new ways of reading stories through the lens of theology, exploring some key concerns of the Christian theological tradition: sin, faith, prayer and personhood.
- Thinking with Theologians: Simon Weil
- The Book of Ruth: A Woman of Worth, one of the finest stories in the Bible, shows how God uses human faithfulness and generosity to restore life, but it also portrays honestly the pain great losses can inflict on us.
- Philosophy through the Year: Reality - We look at some of the biggest philosophical questions together, and see what the best philosophers have to say about them.

WORLD WEEK FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL—PAX CHRISTI INITIATIVE

In the week of the 16th September to the 22nd September, we will join churches, faith-based communities and civil society organisations around the world for a week of prayer and peaceful action for a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel. As part of the week, we'll be hosting an online prayer event on Wednesday 18th September (details to follow on [www.paxchristi.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	Kristina Ullrich
Kevin Duignan	James & Josie McElroy

Collection Total August: £5,144.74 inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 8th Sept	Education Sunday, we invite our catholic schools' pupils to attend Mass in their uniforms.
Sat 14th Sept	Eucharistic Festival at Westminster Cathedral, 2-4pm.
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 presided 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.

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.

UNIVERSAL CATHOLIC WEEKLY: copies of this Catholic newspaper are now on sale in the porch, £3.50 per copy. Thank you.