

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 11th August 2024, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 118 Psalter week 3

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19: 4-8

Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33: 2-9 response v 9

Taste and see the Lord is good.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4: 30-5:2

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.

GOSPEL: John 6: 41-51

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

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.**

I AM THE LIVING BREAD WHICH HAS COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

Our readings show God's loving kindness and care for us, calling us to live with all people in love. Psalm 33 invites us to, 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'. We too can sing our praises to the Lord, who always hears us when we call out to him and frees us from our fears. God hears Elijah in our first reading, as Elijah cries out, despondent and wanting to give up. God reaches out to him through an angel, who offers food and water and encourages him to eat. Elijah is sustained and given the strength to continue his journey. Jesus desires to sustain us in our journey through life too. In the Gospel he reveals himself to the complaining Jews, and to us, as the 'bread of life'. To those who are willing to be drawn to him, Jesus desires to be our comfort, our nourishment, our joy and our strength. He feeds us through our faith and our trust in him. The bread he offers, his own body and way of life, gives life forever. Paul reminds us we are beloved children of God, urging us to follow Christ's example of being kind and compassionate, readily showing forgiveness to one another. We pray to be open to God's tender care always, so we may savour the goodness he shares with us in our lives. *St Beuno's 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 Francesca and James 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.

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.

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS will resume in September.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

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

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](#)

OPALS (OLDER PERSONS ACTIVITY LEARNING AND SAFETY) EVENT

On Tuesday 27th August at 10.00am at the Free Church Hall, Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3HS. The aim of the OPALS event is to provide quality information, advice and help available within the local community on a wide range of services available to reduce vulnerability of our senior citizens, to provide reassurance, safe and wellbeing support and reduce loneliness. All event guests will be seated and served refreshments and a FREE hot meal, representatives from a variety of agencies will give advice and the services they offer. It is a sociable event, and a great opportunity to meet other residents in the local area. Agencies not giving talks will have stalls that you can visit, to get advice, collect some safety related information and freebies. The event lasts around 4 hours, please arrive on time to ensure you do not miss out on the speakers or freebies on offer. "Act of Kindness" bags will be handed out at the end of the event.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10th to to Sun 18th August 2024

Saturday 10th August

6pm: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 11th August—19th Sunday Ordinary

Time

10.30am: Peter Quinn RIP

Monday 12th August

9.30am : Frank Madden RIP

Tuesday 13th August

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

Wednesday 14th August

9.30am: Fr Cedric Stanley RIP

Thursday 15th August - ASSUMPTION OF

BVM

9.30am: Mercedes Domingo RIP

7pm: People of the parish

Friday 16th August

9.30am: Geoffrey Cook RIP

Saturday 17th August

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 18th August—20th Sunday Ordinary

Time

10.30am: People of the parish

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.

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.

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.

ST ELIZABETH'S POSITIVE LIVING AND LEARNING FOR PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY AND OTHER COMPLEX NEEDS

St Elizabeth's is a charity supporting children, young people and adult day clients with learning disabilities, epilepsy and other complex medical conditions, the severity of which impacts upon their health, social, behaviour, learning and emotional development. Over the past 120 years, St Elizabeth's has grown and developed to comprise a non-maintained Specialist School for both boarders and day students, a specialist Further Education College domiciliary care for College learners, Supported Living both onsite and in the local community, a comprehensive Day Opportunities programme for adult day clients and 24 hour health provision provided by specialist nurses and therapists. The charity was previously one of the charitable works of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liège ("the Congregation"), a Catholic religious congregation, founded in 1833 in Liège, Belgium. On 1st October 2018, St Elizabeth's Centre became a charity in its own right, continuing the wonderful work established by the Daughters of the Cross of Liège. Donations are vital to the charity ongoing work. Currently, St Elizabeth is raising funds to build new classrooms, create a new sixth form provision and refurbish current learning spaces. If you wish to donate and support this charity please visit: stelizabeths.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

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, we invite the children at our catholic school 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 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.