

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 and 11.30am; 1pm Mass in Polish. 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 8th September 2024, Education Sunday

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 129 Psalter week 3

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.**

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B **SAY TO ALL FAINT HEARTS, COURAGE, DO NOT BE AFRAID!**

Our readings invite us to celebrate our unbounded admiration for the Lord who keeps faith with us for ever. Our God makes no distinction between classes of people, desiring to nourish us and set us free. Isaiah has an unshakeable faith in the trustworthiness of God. Such faith allows him to see a future where God's transforming action will enable the world to evolve to its fruition. There is fulfilment of Isaiah's promise in the Gospel, where Jesus not only heals the deaf man with a speech impediment, but opens the ears of many to faith and loosens tongues to spread the Good News of the kingdom. St James tells the young Christian community very clearly this Good News means God has no partiality according to class or wealth: we are all equally his children. So when Jesus reaches out to the poor and those on the margins of community life, he brings into focus the kind of world God desires and continues to long for. The Psalmist's hymn of praise speaks particularly of the Lord's concern for the poor, the marginalised and those regarded as outsiders. We pray we may be open to God's love, to the God who wants to work in and through us, healing and transforming us individually, as communities and in our institutions. St. Beuno's Prego

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.

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for Helen Currie will be held on Monday 9th September at 2pm. The Mass will be streamed on the parish YouTube channel. Please keep Helen, her family and loved ones in your prayers at this sad time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

SATURDAY MORNING No Mass, Adoration or Benediction till Advent.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

We welcome the pupils of our Catholic schools dressed as we celebrate Education Sunday. The pupils will help at Mass during the weekend. Your support as they contribute to the Liturgy is much appreciated. Please keep all school staff and pupils in your prayers as they begin the new academic year.

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

As Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si'*, the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are one and the same thing. As we listen to the earth, we hear also the voices of one another and we are called to respond. There are many simple ideas for taking part in the Season offered here: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2024/09/02/season-of-creation-ideas-for-parishes/>

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites every-

one 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.

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](#)

AGE FRIENDLY HERTFORDSHIRE

We kindly invite Hertfordshire residents aged 55 or over to participate in our survey which we expect will take you less than 10 minutes. Hertfordshire is on a mission to become Age Friendly! An Age Friendly community works to remove barriers that can make aging harder. We focus on eight key areas covering physical and social issues to make life safer, happier, and healthier for older people.

We want to hear your views!

Have your say about specific issues within your community so we can understand your needs and identify areas for improvement. As a thank you, we are offering the chance to win a £20 One4all voucher, which can be spent at most places on the high street or online. You are welcome to remain anonymous. However, to enter the prize draw, complete the survey and enter your name and contact details at the end. Five people will win one of these vouchers! [Age Friendly Hertfordshire Survey \(Page 1 of 13\) \(office.com\)](#)

DANCE FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS have resumed. These are drop in sessions and do not require pre-booking. Just turn up at Fortescue Hall on

Fri morning at 10.45am.

SJHN OPEN EVENING

The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 26th September, from 5.30 – 8.00 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening. The last tour will be at 7:00pm. and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES

Improve your fitness, gain confidence, make new friends, and learn real fighting skills to apply to every aspect of your life, come join our self defence classes for adults, Tuesday evenings in Fortescue hall. Call or text Mel for more information. 07802 283 524.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31st August to Sun 8th September 2024

Saturday 7th September

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 8th September – Education Sunday

9.30am: STM & JHN Schools INT

11.30: Natasha– Ramalinga Chetty RIP

Monday 9th September

2pm: Funeral Mass, Helen Currie RIP

Tuesday 10th September

9.30am: James & Josie McElroy INT

Wednesday 11th September

9.30am: Kevin Duignan RIP

Thursday 12th September

9.30am: Fr Terence McGuickin RIP

Friday 13th September

9.30am: Annie Clarke RIP

Saturday 14th September

6pm: Nimal Seneviratne RIP

Sunday 15th September - Twenty-fourth Ordinary Time

9.30am: Michael and Breege Kerrane RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

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.

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.

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



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

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 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.
Fri 4th Oct	Family Fast Day
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.