

# 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 15th September 2024, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 132 Psalter week 4**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 114: 1-6, 8-9 response v 9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 2: 14-18

If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-35

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

COLLECT: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the workings of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our hearts. 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 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B *BUT YOU, WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?***

Our readings invite us to reflect on the person of Jesus, who is the Christ, the anointed one of God, and the challenges and suffering involved in being his follower. In Isaiah's third song of the Suffering Servant, we see a description of the ideal disciple. Despite intense suffering and misery, they never lose hope and trust in the Lord. The Psalmist, like the Suffering Servant, calls on the Lord from the depths of his anguish and sorrow. The Lord hears and saves him. However, as James points out, we cannot call ourselves followers of Christ if we don't do what we can to help the needy, the sick and the poor. In the Gospel, we are invited, like Peter, to make our own profession of faith. Proclaiming Jesus is the Christ also means accepting the hardships which will come our way. We have to take up our cross to follow him. We may want to focus our prayer on all who suffer for their belief in the Lord and for all who are in need of safety, food and shelter, wherever they may be.

*Fr Jimmy & 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.

*Season of Creation: 1st September to 4th October*

**SATURDAY MORNING** No Mass, Adoration or Benediction till Advent.

### **EDUCATION SUNDAY—Thank You**

Last week we celebrated Education Sunday, one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago. Pupils from Saint Thomas More Primary, Saint John Henry Newman Secondary and St Francis College helped with the liturgy much to the delight of the congregation and the presiding priests. Thank you to Riccardo and Serena, readers and to Jonathan D., welcoming and Offertory, at the Vigil Mass; to Eva, Niamh and Alexandra, readers, and Jonathan E. and Thomas, Offertory, at the Family Mass. They all did a brilliant job and are a credit to their schools and families.

### **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.

### **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.

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

### **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 7:00p.m. and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30p.m.

There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week.

### **SEEDS OF HOPE EVANGELISATION DAY**

Saturday 28th September 2024, 10:30am - 3:30pm at Holy Apostles Church and Hall, Pimlico. 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.

### **SASH**

We are very happy to announce SASH meetings will resume on Thu 26th September at 2.30pm in St Hilda Room. Meetings will run every other week and a programme of activities will be discussed at the first meeting. No need to book, just pop in. We thank Phil Marrinan and Mary

Johnstone for restarting this much loved parish activity.

### **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 14th to Sun 22nd September 2024*

Saturday 14th September

6pm: Nimal Seneviratne RIP

**Sunday 15th September –Twenty-fourth Ordinary Time**

9.30am: Michael and Breege Kerrane RIP

11.30: People of the Parish

Monday 16th September

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 17th September

9.30am: Bob & Connie Dull RIP

Wednesday 18th September

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 19th September

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 20th September

9.30am: Roy & Mary Rostron RIP

Saturday 21st September

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 22nd September - Twenty-fifth Ordinary Time**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba RIP

### **MASS BOOKINGS**

Weekday Masses are available from late 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**

Urgent: Bags for Life Carrier bags Sponge puddings Sugar - 1kg Sugar - 500gm Long Life Fruit juice Dog food

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE IN HITCHIN**

On Sat 26th October 10am-4pm. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/sacramental-prep/marriage/> email: Trish Bonnett at trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk to book or if you have any questions.

### **ROSARY every Friday at 10am, after Mass WELL BEING HUB**

The Garden House Hospice Wellbeing Hubs offer plenty of opportunity to be listened and be empowered to live life to its full potential. There are a number of hubs locally: The Ernest Gardiner Centre, Pearsall Close, Letchworth, SG6 1QZ, Tuesday and Friday 10.30am-12.30pm; All Saints Church, Church Lane, Willian, Herts, SG6 2AF Tuesday 1.30pm-3.30pm; St John's Community Centre, St John's Road, Hitchin, SG4 9JP, Wednesday 1.30pm-3.30pm. For info email: [cn@ghhospicecare.org.uk](mailto:cn@ghhospicecare.org.uk) or call Gez Lowry on 07485 027596.



**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
Andrea Boncristiani	

**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](http://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:**

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
Fri 1st Nov	All Saints—Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9.30 and 7pm
Sat 2nd Nov	All Souls—Mass for the Deceased of the Parish 11am
Sun 17th Nov	Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Mass at 10.30am presided by bishop emeritus Nicholas Hudson
Sun 1st Dec	First Sunday of Advent

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670 [www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk)

**The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School**, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Officer** - Rebecca Clarke (retiring), Kate Hewitson (in training) [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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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.