

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 22nd September 2024, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 135 Psalter week 1

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 53: 3-6, 8 response v 6

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING: James 3: 16– 4:3

Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

COLLECT: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 be servants of all.

Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus walked a path of compassion, humility and service. He embodied a true spirit of wisdom and understanding. Even when Jesus was aware powerful forces were plotting against him and his death was imminent, he never lost sight of his desire to serve others. In our Gospel, Jesus gently challenges his disciples to abandon their self-importance and ambition and follow his example of solidarity alongside the weak and powerless. Jesus turns human power-values on their head, his greatness comes from putting the needs of others first. The Book of Wisdom shows us how the godless are challenged by the truth. Their rejection of God's law of love foretells the way in which Jesus will meet his death. Psalm 53 picks up the same theme and is a prayer for strength and resilience in the face of evil and ignorance. We can imagine Jesus praying this psalm as he faced his death. The words offer comfort and consolation to those who face oppression for their beliefs. The Letter of St James describes true wisdom as pure, gentle, kind and full of compassion. It directs us to become peacemakers and is an antidote to the petty ambitions, jealousies and power-plays emerging in the early Christian community. We would do well to heed these words of caution in our church today. We can pray for the grace to be true servants of the poor, weak and powerless. In a world full of discord and fear, may we have the strength to stand against injustice and sow lasting seeds of peace and harmony. *Fr Jimmy & St Beuno's Prego*

Season of Creation: 1st September to 4th October

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.

SATURDAY MORNING No Mass, Adoration or Benediction till Advent.

NO MASS: Monday 23rd and Monday 30th September. Mass on Wednesday 25th September and 2nd October will be at 9am.

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](#)

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.

ROSARY every Friday at 10am, after Mass

OCTOBER - ROSARY MONTH

October is the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the

Rosary" on 7th October. St. John Paul II called the rosary his favourite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19)." You are warmly invited to join our Rosary group on Friday.

STM QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 18th October STM Quiz Night is back again! This is such a fun night out. Tickets are £6 per person, which includes nibbles. Doors open at 7.30pm, quiz starts at 8pm. Card only payments at the bar please. Teams must be 6-10 people. To book go to st-thomas-more-pa.sumupstore.com and email your team names to pa@stmlethworth.co.uk

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – HARVEST APPEAL

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

HITCHIN PANTRY FUNDRAISING QUIZ

Friday 27th September 7.30pm
Starts at 7.30pm - doors open 7pm in Our Lady's Church Hall, Hitchin. Teams of up to 6 player. Entry fee £6/ person A donation of non-perishable food would also be welcome. To reserve a table, please email caroline.kilroy@gmail.com

MARLEY WON CAT OF THE YEAR!



Thank you so much to all those who voted for the wonderful Marley, the Caritas Bakhita House cat! He won Cat of the Year! With this win, Marley secured national news coverage, a prize and, hopefully, a lot of support for the phenomenal work of Bakhita House.

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 21st to Sun 29th September 2024

Saturday 21st September

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 22nd September – Twenty-fourth Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

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

Monday 23rd September

9.30am: NO MASS

Tuesday 24th September

9.30am: Eleanor Nolan RIP

Wednesday 25th September

9am: Barbara McCawley RIP

Thursday 26th September

9.30am: Fred North RIP

Friday 27th September

9.30am: Holy Souls

Saturday 28th September

6pm: Michael Madden RIP

Sunday 29th September - Twenty-sixth Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Cosimino Rizzo 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. Meet-

ings 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 trish-bonnett@rcdow.org.uk to book or if you have any questions.

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 or call Gez Lowry on 07485 027596.

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.



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. 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 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
Sat 7th Dec	Christmas Concert for Kanyike

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strejmi.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.