

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 re-

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SUNDAY 29th September 2024, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FIRST READING: Numbers 11: 25-29

Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18: 8, 10, 12-14 response v 9

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

SECOND READING: James 5: 1-6

Your wealth is all rotting.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

COLLECT: O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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.**

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, they will most certainly not lose their reward.’

Today’s readings show how God’s spirit works in unexpected ways. Anyone can be chosen to share God’s message, even those who do not follow the way of Jesus. We are all called to live justly and work together. Just as the Lord shared the spirit that was on Moses with the seventy elders in the tent, his spirit also rested on two who were not present. Joshua objected to these two men prophesying, but Moses declared that anyone speaking the word of the Lord should be allowed to do so. (First Reading)

We see a parallel to this in the Gospel. Jesus rebukes John for being concerned about someone outside their group casting out demons in Jesus’s name. But Jesus teaches his disciples to be open and inclusive, instructing them not to hinder anyone doing good. They, too, are part of his mission. Jesus uses strong metaphors to emphasize the importance of avoiding sin.

James (Second Reading) warns about misuse of wealth and exploitation of workers. Helping those in need is a key part of living our faith.

The Psalm sings of the gift of God’s law. The law of love revives the soul, gives wisdom and creates joy in the heart. In seeking God’s closeness, and with the law as our guide, we will truly live.

This week, let’s pray for the grace always to be open and receptive to the promptings of the Lord’s spirit, and to recognize and support his work in others. *St Beuno 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 30th September. Mass on Wednesday 2nd October will be at 9am.

WALSINGHAM 2024



Thank you to our pilgrims who took part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage this year. Massive thanks to Jacquie who spent many hours making the wonderful parish banner, now/soon to be displayed in the St Hugh Chapel and to Brenda for acting as Coach Marshall on the day. A candle will be lit for our parish at the Shrine. May Mary give our congregation the guidance we so much need and deserve.

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.

SASH

Next meeting on 10th October 2024 at 2.30pm in St Hilda Room.

CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASS AT FORTESCUE

Suited to a 50+ audience, this class will start at Fortescue Hall on 16th October and run every Wednesday from 12noon to 1pm. Keep fit and meet new people in the familiar surroundings of our parish hall. More info next week.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE on Saturday 26 October from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Holy Rosary, Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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 28th September to Sun 6th October 2024

Saturday 28th September

Michael Madden RIP

Sunday 29th September - Twenty-sixth Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Cosimino Rizzo RIP

Monday 30th September

9.30am: NO MASS

Tuesday 1st October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 2nd October

9am: Fr Dominic McKenna RIP

Thursday 3rd October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 4th October—St Francis of Assisi

9.30am: Holy Souls

Saturday 5th October

6pm: Giuseppa & Saverio Rizzo RIP

Sunday 6th October - Twenty-seventh Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Margaret Boyle 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	Andrea Boncristiani
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
Pauline Doran	

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:

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. Refreshments afterwards in St Hilda Room.
Sun 17th Nov	Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Mass at 10.30am presided by bishop emeritus Nicholas Hudson
Sun 24th Nov	STM Christmas Market at Fortescue Hall, 10am to 2pm
Sun 1st Dec	First Sunday of Advent
Sat 7th Dec	Christmas Concert for Kanyike, Fortescue Hall.

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.