

# 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 27th October 2024, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 149 Psalter week 2**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 125 response v 3

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5: 1-6

You are priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52

Master, let me see again.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living Lord, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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.**

### ***What do you want me to do for you?***

Our readings invite us to worship Christ Jesus, who opens our eyes to the marvels he has done for us as our high priest and reveals the Father to us. God's word assures us God never abandons us, even when we feel we're in captivity. Jeremiah addresses the exiled people of Israel with a poem of restoration. Using tender, compassionate imagery, he promises God will bring God's people home again. Psalm 125 is a pilgrim song of hope and joy, sung as the people returned home, reminding us of God's goodness in the past and God's on-going deliverance of God's people. Restored to their own land, God's loving purpose will be triumphant once more. Restoration appears too in the Letter to the Hebrews, where the author describes Christ Jesus as our compassionate high priest who restores us as daughters and sons of God. The story of Bartimaeus in the Gospel reveals another type of restoration, that of his sight to Bartimaeus, the blind beggar at the roadside who cries out to Jesus in desperation. Not only is Bartimaeus healed and his sight restored, he models discipleship by following Jesus without hesitation. We pray for the eyes of our mind and heart to be opened so we may receive the life-giving revelation and blessing of Jesus. We pray for all who live lives of captivity and slavery in our world, as we seek God's guidance as to how we can come to their aid. ***Fr Jimmy & St Beunos' Prego***

### **FOR A SHARED MISSION - October 2024**

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

## **FUNERAL**

The funeral Mass for Geraldine Pulham will take place on Monday 28th October at 2pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

## **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 avocation 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.

## **CAKES FOR THE HOSPICE**

For the past few years, the kind ladies of St Hug have provided cakes for our hospice. We provide cakes for the whole month of November, in order for patients and visitors to enjoy a treat with afternoon tea. Home made or shop bought are equally gratefully received. Home made cakes should be accompanied by a list of ingredients, please. Contact Trish on 07709029220. Cakes are needed by 5th November.

## **COUNTERS STILL NEEDED**

*Deo gratias*, we succeeded in finding one volunteer but we need at least two more. Please consider volunteering your time to be part of a counting team. Money collected each week needs to be counted and takings recorded. The counting takes approximately 1h and is done in teams. Each team counts once a month. Times are flexible so please consider putting your name forward, we can find you a team to suit your requirements. If you are interested in taking this role up, please contact the parish office.

## **MASS IN ST HILDA ROOM**

In order to save on our heating bill, weekday Mass will be moved to St Hilda **from Tuesday 29th October** (after the clocks change). Weekend, Feast and school masses will be held in Church as normal.

**LECTIONARIES** – A new edition of the

Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. It is a big moment of change as we move away from the now familiar Jerusalem Bible translation to the new English Standard Version – Catholic Edition translation. The new lectionary will use better biblical scholarship and more up-to-date translations to make the Bible more faithful to its original languages To learn more about this please go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/> <https://www.newlectionary.org/>

This also amounts to a large expense for each parish. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the Lectionaries, please get in touch with the office.

## **SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER—St Hugh Of Lincoln's Feast**

On the Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, there will be one Sunday morning High Mass at 10.30am presided by Bishop Hudson. In addition to celebrating our patron Saint, we will be celebrating our beloved Alex Rebello who is finally getting his long overdue **Guild of St Stephen Gold Medal**. Please join us in Fortescue Hall after Mass for refreshments and a chance to see the original architectural drawings of our Hall commissioned by Fr Fortescue. Please let the parish office know if you have an easel we can borrow to display the drawings. We will need at least four.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION**

24th November 2024 after the Family Mass in the St Hilda Room.

## **ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL—SPACES AVAILABLE**

Nursery spaces are available in the current year and Reception spaces are available for the September 2025 intake. Prospective parent have the opportunity to tour the school and see it in action. Call 01462 620670 to book your place. Dates are as follows: Thurs 7th Nov 9:30am, Fri 22nd Nov 2:00pm, Tues 3rd Dec 9:30am, Wed 8th Jan 2025 9:30am.

## **MASS BOOKINGS**

Weekday Masses are available from December and Weekend Masses from January 25. When booking a Mass, please let the office know if you are able to Gift Aid.

## OFFICE OPENING—HALF TERM

I will be mostly working remotely during next week (Half Term). Please email or drop a message through the letterbox. 'Phone messages are no good as the system has not been updated yet. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. *Emma*

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Sat 26th to Sun 3rd November 2024*

Saturday 26th October

6pm: Kathleen Bourke RIP

Sunday 27th October -Thirtieth Ordinary Time-

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Rosaleen Garvey RIP

Monday 28th October

2pm: Funeral Mass Geraldine Pulham RIP

Tuesday 29th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th October

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Thursday 31st October

9.30am: Francesco and Emma Pucci RIP

Friday 1st November—All Saints

9.30am: Pauline Doran INT

7pm: People of the Parish

Saturday 2nd November—All Souls

11am: Deceased Parishioners

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 3rd November - Thirty-first Ordinary Time

9.30am: Nora Comiskey RIP

11.30am: Mr & Mrs Elva and Richard Mathurin RIP

## 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:

The following items are required for the

### *Christmas season:*

Small tins of Ham; Small tins of Salmon; Cream Crackers; Stuffing; Gravy; Christmas Cake for 3-4 people; Christmas Pudding for 3-4 people; Boxes of Chocolate. Thank you for your continued support.

## DANCE FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS

These are drop in sessions and do not require pre-booking. Just turn up at Fortescue Hall on Fri morning at 10.45am.

## CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASS AT FORTESCUE

Participants of any age and fitness levels are welcome. An experienced fitness trainer will tailor the sessions to suit all individual needs. Wednesday 12.15 - 13.00.

Cost £5 per session. Please contact Steve asap if you would like to join us Steve Green 07710542803; [circuit-training@lalq.org.uk](mailto:circuit-training@lalq.org.uk).

## LIGHT OF TRUTH

Inclusive Catechesis – this initiative provides a wealth of first-hand experience of catechising individuals of all ages and abilities with conditions such as autism, ADHD and Down's Syndrome, and also of living with neurodiversity ourselves. Click: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/inclusion>

**Quiz Night**  
Friday November 29th  
7.00pm - 10.00pm

at The Icknield Centre  
(LGCC) Icknield Way  
Letchworth Garden City  
SG6 1EF

Tickets £10 per person  
Teams of up to 6  
To book your place contact  
Martin Money: Tel: 07934 410425  
or [treasureratcis@gmail.com](mailto:treasureratcis@gmail.com)

on behalf of  
**CIS**  
Christian  
Initiative to  
Schools

Price includes meal of jacket potato with various fillings  
BYO drinks and snacks, tea and coffee provided

**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](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.

The September total will be available next week.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Tue 29th Oct	From today, weekday Mass will be said in St Hilda
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 <b>10.30am</b> presided by bishop Nicholas Hudson, refreshments afterwards in Fortescue Hall.
Sun 24th Nov	STM Christmas Market at Fortescue Hall, 10am to 2pm
Sun 1st Dec	First Sunday of Advent—Junior Readers
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](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)

**Lister Hospital RC Team:** Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333

Via text message: 07884 187463 Email: [chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net](mailto: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.