

# 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 & 7pm. 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 3rd November 2024, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 152 Psalter week 3**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 17: 2-4,47, 51 response v 2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7: 23-28

Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.

GOSPEL: Mark 12: 28-34

This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

COLLECT: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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.**

### ***LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.***

The readings this week remind us the love of God and the love of other people lie at the core of our lives as Christians.

In the First Reading, Moses reminds the people of Israel, who are about to enter the promised land, they must love God with all their heart, soul and strength.

The Psalm expresses our love for God, who is our rock and our refuge. It praises the God who has done so much for us.

St Paul speaks of Jesus as the ideal high priest. Unlike previous high priests, he lives for ever, and can 'intercede for all who come to God through him'.

Answering the question posed by a scribe in the Gospel, Jesus goes beyond the exhortation of Moses. We are indeed to love God, but we must also love our neighbour. Love of God, the greatest commandment, is inseparable from love of neighbour.

This week, we might want to focus our prayer on the people around us, near and far, that they should know and love the Lord, and live in peace. ***St Beuno Prego***

### **POPE'S INTENTIONS**

#### **For anyone who has lost a child - November 2024**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. Amen

## **FUNERALS**

We are saddened to announce the passing of two parishioners, Caroline Randall and Gerry Fryers. The Funeral Mass for Gerry will be held on 20th November at 11am. Details of Caroline's Funeral will be shared as soon as they are available. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep the families in your prayers at this most difficult time.

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

## **ROSARY**

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

## **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**

Thank you to the parishioners who very kindly offered up their time to take on this position. Help is very much appreciated. The parish couldn't function without all the volunteers. We are lucky to have you all.

## **MASS IN ST HILDA ROOM**

Weekday Mass has now moved to St Hilda Room. 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. The new

Book of the Gospels costs £275, the Ambo Edition of the Lectionaries costs £695. We are also buying a set of studio editions Lectionaries for Fr Jimmy and one for Fr Stephen, £250 each. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the Lectionaries, please get in touch with the office. Thank you to those who have already donated.

## **SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER—Solemnity of St Hugh Of Lincoln**

On the Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, there will be one Sunday morning Mass at 10.30am presided by Bishop Hudson. In addition to celebrating our patron Saint. I am delighted to announce, the Honorary President of the Guild of St Stephen, Paul Briers will also be attending and serving at Mass to present Alex his 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.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION**

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

## **NEW ENCYCLICAL LETTER**

His Holiness new Encyclical Letter, *DILEXIT NOS*, is available to read online here: [Dilexit nos \(24 October 2024\) | Francis](#)

## **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.

## **AN UPDATE ON LITTLE ERIC**

The family of Eric Bunson, currently battling with Leukemia, are very grateful for our congregations' prayers. Eric is still undergoing chemo but he is responding well to treatment. Please keep praying for him and his loved

ones. This is a battle no family wishes to face .

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2nd to Sun 10th November 2024

Saturday 2nd November

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

Monday 4th November

9.30am: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Tuesday 5th November

9.30am: Kajetan Migdal RIP

Wednesday 6th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 7th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 8th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Saturday 9th November

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

**Sunday 10th November - Thirty-second Ordinary Time**

9.30am: Confirmation Candidates INT

11.30am: People of the Parish

## 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>

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Vincents RC Church, Mallard Close, Dartford, DA1 5HU on Saturday 9 November from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will be led by the Marian Fathers and 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. All welcome no booking required. Call millie on 07957594646 for more information

**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)

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	Anne Moran

**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 September: £ 8063.14** inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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. Sick & Retired Priest collection.
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.
Tue 24 Dec	Morning Mass 9.30am; Christmas Vigil Mass 5.30pm; Mass During the Night 8.30pm
Wed 25th Dec	Christmas Morning Mass 10.30am

**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.