

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 6th October 2024, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FIRST READING: Genesis 2: 18-24

They become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 127 response v 5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 9-11

The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 2-16

What God has united, man must not separate.

COLLECT: Almighty, ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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.**

THE FAMILY OF GOD

Our readings today lead us to consider the importance of several elements in Jesus's teaching: marriage and commitment, families and children, struggle and compassion.

In the First Reading we hear the story in Genesis of the beginning of humanity: how God made man and woman to find completion in each other, so that they become one body.

The Psalm is a song of praise for the gift of marriage and a happy family life.

The Second Reading, from the letter to the Hebrews, speaks of how completely Jesus took on the human condition, even to the point of enduring a shameful death.

In the Gospel Jesus is being challenged by the Pharisees, who are trying to trap him. While accepting that our frailty can lead to divorce, Jesus insists on the sacred unity of marriage. He then blesses little children, encouraging us to welcome them and to be more childlike in our faith.

This week, may we pray for all families, the happy and the struggling, those separated and those dispersed.

May all find support and friendship in their communities. *St Beuno's 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.

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 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

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

PARISH ACCOUNTS

Financial results for 2022 and 2023 are now published on the parish website.

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.

ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW PILGRIMAGE

On 26th and 27th October 2024, there will be a St. Margaret Clitherow themed pilgrimage, we will visit the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, visit her relics at the Bar Convent and visit the place of her execution. There will also be other social and devotional activities/talks. The event is organised by Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History. All ages are welcome. Please come to as much or as little of the pilgrimage as you want. To book onto this FREE pilgrimage please go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

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

SASH

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

CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASS AT FORTESCUE

We are starting this new group in October - participants of any age and fitness levels are welcome. An experienced fitness trainer will tailor the sessions to suit all individual needs. Two sessions are available: Wednesday 12.15 - 13.00 (St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church). Cost £5 per session. Please contact Steve asap if you would like to join us for either (or both!) of the sessions. Steve Green 07710542803; circuit-training@lalg.org.uk.

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/>

TODDLER GROUP NEWS

We are pleased to announce that on Thu 10th October the group will be joined by Fun With Numbers, a charity organising workshops to promote numeracy. The group will run, as usual, from 9.30 to 11.30am.

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 5th to Sun 13th October 2024

Saturday 5th October

Giuseppa & Saverio Rizzo RIP

Sunday 6th October - Twenty-seventh Ordinary

Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Margaret Boyle RIP

Monday 7th October

9.30am: Frank Dwyer RIP

Tuesday 8th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 9th October

9am: SJHN School INT

Thursday 10th October

9.30am: Mary Gamble, Patrick & Diana Diskin RIP

Friday 11th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Saturday 12th October

6pm: Vincenzo & Immacolata Forte RIP

Sunday 13th October - Twenty-eighth Ordinary

Time

9.30am: Michael & Brege Kerrane RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekday Masses and Weekend Masses are available from December. 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 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.

The September total will be available next week.

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, refreshments afterwards in Fortescue Hall.
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.