

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 Thursday 10.00-10.45am; Benediction Thursday 10.45.

Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.



SUNDAY 10th November 2024, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17: 10-16

The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145: 7-10 response v 2

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

GOSPEL: Mark 12: 38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

COLLECT: Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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.**

Our readings focus on God's loving concern for the poor, the weak and the powerless. In the first book of the Kings, a destitute Gentile widow gives to Elijah all she has left in the world, when he asks for help. Though she herself is not one of the people of Israel, her generous self-giving is rewarded by a miraculous multiplication of her tiny supply of flour and oil. Psalm 145 continues this theme, celebrating God's eternal faithfulness and loving care to those who are vulnerable, bowed down and hungry. The reign of the Lord glorified in our Psalm is a kingdom of justice for the oppressed. By way of introduction to our Gospel, which takes place outside the Temple in Jerusalem, the letter to the Hebrews explains the death and resurrection of Jesus have done away, once and for all, with Temple offerings and sacrifices for sin. As Jesus sits outside the Temple treasury in our Gospel, he teaches his disciples to be wary of people like the scribes, who flaunt their privilege and entitlement in public places. The rich and powerful clearly have a false sense of their own importance. In contrast, Jesus honours the humble actions of another poor widow passing by. Although she only gives a tiny amount to the Temple, her contribution is all the more generous because she is offering all she has to the Lord. It is her example we are asked to follow. We pray this week for a generous and loving heart. May we never be afraid to give of ourselves to the Lord, so that we may bring about his Kingdom in our world. *St Beunos' Pray as you Go & Jimmy Fr*

POPE'S INTENTIONS

For anyone who has lost a child - November 2024

We pray 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

A WARM WELCOME TO:

Mgr Jim Overton, celebrating the Vigil Mass on Sat 9th November; Mgr Harry Turner celebrating the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday 10th November and Monday morning Mass. Thank you both for your ministry even in your retirement.

We also welcome the new **RCIA** group who met on Wed for the first time. Rest assured the congregation's prayers will accompany you during your spiritual journey.

FUNERALS

We are saddened to announce the passing of two parishioners, Caroline Randall and Gerry Fryer. The Funeral Mass for Gerry will be held on Wed 20th November at 11am. Caroline's Funeral will be held on Wed 4th December at 11.30am. 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 Sat 30th November.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

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.

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 Nicholas 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, our first church, commissioned by Fr Fortescue.

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 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 study 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

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

NEW ENCYCLICAL LETTER

His Holiness new Encyclical Letter, *He Loved Us*, 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: , Fri 22nd Nov 2:00pm, Tues 3rd Dec 9:30am, Wed 8th Jan 2025 9:30am.

SICK&RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION—Next week

Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care for 72 retired priests, at a cost of £976,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of the diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that, in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. Envelopes are available at the back of church: you can make a one-off donation or become a patron by completing section 4. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations or using the QR code. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR KANYIKE

Sat 7th December at 2pm, Fortescue Hall. Tickets are now available at a cost £10 each. From Sue & Jacque or the parish office.

MASS BOOKINGS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9th to Sun 17th November 2024

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

Monday 11th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 12th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 13th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 14th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 15th November

9.30am: Walter Cooney RIP

Saturday 16th November

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 17th November - Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln

10.30am: 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 prayer 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.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Vincent RC Church, Mallard Close, Dartford, DA1 5HU on Saturday 9 November from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. All welcome no booking required. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information .

THANK YOU FROM GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE who were so grateful for the lovely cakes and kind donations. It was a wonderful response. We also thank the wonderful Trish for organising this thoughtful outreach event for our parish.

LEFT OVER WAX: in the spirit of recycling and reusing, can anyone use the wax from the melted altar candles? Get in touch if it any use to you.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday 17th November. Instituted by Pope Francis, its purpose is to inspire the growth of fraternity with the Poor in the Church. Since 2016, the organisation "Fratello" has been promoting this day and organizing events with and for people in difficult life situations, in partnership with many dioceses and charities across Europe and beyond. These meetings are an opportunity for Brothers and Sisters to come together around Christ as equals and for everyone to share their talents! For 2024, the Holy Father invites us to a symphony of prayer in preparation for the Jubilee! As a sign of this communion of prayer among all of us, Fratello and BARKA UK Charity are organizing a worldwide time of prayer on Sunday, November 17, at 2:00pm (UK time). We will gather at St Hilda's Room next to St. Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church to pray together and to hear testimonies of individuals who have overcome poverty and social exclusion. Everyone welcome.

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.

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. 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.

Collection Total October: £ 7245.89.

These are inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 10th Nov	Confirmation Enrolment Mass, 9.30am
Sun 17th Nov	Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln, Mass at 10.30am presided by Bishop Nicholas Hudson, refreshments afterwards in Fortescue Hall. Sick & Retired Priest collection.
Sun 17th Nov	World Day of the Poor—Meeting in St Hilda Room at 2pm, refreshments available
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, 2pm
Tue 24 Dec	Morning Mass 9.30am; Christmas Vigil Mass 5.30pm; Mass During the Night 8.30pm
Wed 25th Dec	Christmas Mass During the Day 10.30am

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.