

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 17th November 2024, Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln / 33rd Ordinary Time

Morning Mass: booklet

Vigil Mass: Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 157 Psalter week 1

FIRST READING: Daniel 12: 1-13

When that time comes, your own people will be spared.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 15: 5, 8-11 response v 1

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

COLLECT: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

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.**

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER— SOLEMNITY OF ST HUGH OF LINCOLN

A warm welcome to **Bishop Nicholas Hudson**, presiding at the 10.30am Mass for the Solemnity of our patron saint, St Hugh of Lincoln, and to **Paul Briers**, Honorary President of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen, here to celebrate Alex Rebello's Gold medal for over fifty years of loyal, selfless and unwavering service to the Catholic Church. The congregation is invited to celebrate both our Patron Saint and Alex in Fortescue Hall after morning Mass for refreshments and a chance to see the original architectural drawings of our Hall, our first church, commissioned by Fr Adrian Fortescue.

*Happy St Hugh of Lincoln Day
And Congratulations, Alex!*

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

His Holiness new Encyclical Letter, **Dilexit Nos** (trans. *He Loved Us*), is available to read on the Vatican website www.vatican.va

FUNERALS †

We are saddened to announce the passing of three parishioners, **Caroline Randall, Gerry Fryer** and **Anthony Burrows**. The Funeral Mass for Gerry will be held on Wed 20th November at 11am. Gerry's body will be received into church on Tue 19th November at 8pm. Caroline's Funeral will be held on Wed 4th December at 11.30am. Details of Anthony's Funeral will be made available once finalised. 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.

WEEKDAY MASS IN 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 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. 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 the cost of the two study editions for Fr Jimmy and Fr Stephen.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

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

RCIA MEETINGS on Wed at 7pm in St Hilda Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Forms to enrol your child into the FHC Programme are available from this weekend and

must be completed and returned by Sunday 8th December. The catechists are looking forward to meet the new cohort on Sunday 15th December at Enrolment Mass.

CONFIRMATION

Our programme has successfully started. The catechists have already planned some exciting enrichment opportunities for the new group, including attendance to Flame and a Youth Summit in our parish in the new year. Please keep all Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

SICK&RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION—TODAY

Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years. Last year, the Diocese provided care to 72 retired priests, at a cost of £976,000. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you are able, please consider filling out section 4 on the envelope form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to 3 support our sick and retired priests. By becoming a Patron, and assuring income to the fund, the Diocese can plan its continued care for our retired and sick priests. Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

A bill has been introduced to Parliament by Kim Leadbeater MP to legalise assisted suicide. This will be voted on by MPs on 29th November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs to vote against the bill. Please urgently contact your MP and ask him /her to vote against the bill. You can con

-tact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk or write at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR KANYIKE

Sat 7th December at 2pm, Fortescue Hall. Tickets are now available at a cost £10 each. Christmas refreshments available on the day. From Sue & Jacque or the parish office. Please support this initiative if you can.

MASS BOOKINGS

All 2024 Masses have been booked. You are welcome to enquire about 2025 dates. Please consider Gift-aiding

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16th to Sun 24th November 2024

Saturday 16th November

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 17th November - Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln

10.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 18th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 19th November

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Wednesday 20th November

11am: Funeral Mass, Gerry Fryer RIP

Thursday 21st November

9.30am: Veronica Barry

Friday 22nd November

9.30am: Iris Pompey RIP

Saturday 23rd November

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Cosimino Rizzo 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 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.

NEW FEES FOR FORTESCUE HALL,

JAN 2025 - In order to cover the ever increasing costs, unfortunately, we have to implement a small increase in fees for renting Fortescue Hall. New fees are as follows: long term (6 months or more) weekdays contract, £19 per hour; one-off weekday event, £22 per hour; weekend hire for organisations, £25 per hour; weekend hire for parishioners, £23 per hour.

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. 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, the charities Fratello and BARKA UK are organizing a worldwide time of prayer on Sunday, November 17, at 2:00pm (UK time). We will gather at St Hilde'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.

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.

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 October: £ 7245.89. These are inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

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
Sun 15th Dec	FHC Enrolment Mass 9.30am
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.