

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 24th November 2024, Christ The King

Vigil Mass: Parish Mass Book Year B Vol 2 page 160 Psalter week 2

FIRST READING: Daniel 7: 13-14

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty .

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92: 1-2, 5 response v 1

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Rulers of the kings of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

GOSPEL: John 18: 33-37

It is you who say that I am king.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.**

As we come to the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and the end of another liturgical year, it gives us the opportunity to consider the priorities we wish to live by in our troubled world. The universality of Christ is described in the book of Daniel as the vision of 'one like a Son of Man', who we identify as Christ himself, Christ's sovereignty is eternal, is not exclusive and shall never be destroyed. Psalm 92 (93) picks up this theme of kingship and majesty. Christ, as Son of God, has reigned from the beginning of time. In the Apocalypse, or Book of Revelation, Christ is called the Alpha and the Omega. He has rescued us from our sins and will be made manifest when he comes again on the clouds of heaven. John's Gospel brings us to the essential question, what kind of King is Jesus? As Pilate questions him, Jesus explains his kingdom is not of this world, it's not a kingdom of power, pomp and glory. Christ has come to testify to the truth. We pray today and through this week for the whole world and for all people, that they may they be united in Christ, so he can offer himself to his Father on the altar of the Cross. May we create, through Christ's self-offering, 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace', as the Preface of today's Mass puts it. *Fr Jimmy & St Beuno's Prego.*

‘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



What a beautiful occasion! It is safe to say, we made St Hugh proud. As a parish, we are extremely grateful to Bishop Nicholas who lead the many who gathered last Sunday to celebrate our Patron Saint. In the words of a parishioner: “St Hugh, with the Bishop’s wonderful talk, became not a shadowy figure from the past, but someone real, to have as a friend and guide. We heard how he was led out from his monastery, became a Bishop, with his support to those marginalised and his impact upon royalty. Yet, in the end, which to me was most moving, when he was dying , wanting to be before Jesus, in front of the Sacrament in adoration and love. Clothed in his hair shirt and bare footed , giving himself in trust ,faith and love to Jesus.” A life of work and service to God indeed, how apt then that we should celebrate our Alex on this day. Alex who, rain or shine, 82 years young, cycles to church everyday and serves the Lord with reverence, competence and selfless love; Alex who trained all the young people around him at that Mass and many more; Alex who is a very real and present guide, a friend and a role model to us all and truly lives out Jesus’ teaching to live a life of service. How many lay saints are in heaven unrecognised by the calendar but recognised by God! One is allowed to think that, with Alex, we also celebrated all of them. Our Patron Saint would certainly approve. St Hugh of Lincoln, pray for us.

FUNERALS †

We are saddened to announce the passing of three parishioners, **Caroline Randall, Anthony Burrows and Mary Sutton**. Caroline’s Funeral will be held on Wed 4th December at 11.30am. Mary Sutton’s Funeral will be held on Tue 10th December at 10am. Anthony Burrows Funeral will be held on Wed 11th December at 11am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep the families in your prayers at this most difficult time.

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 more visit www.newlectionary.org

PARISH MASS BOOKS

As for the Lectionaries, the parish Mass books need to be replaced with the updated translation. Each cycle of books will cost the parish over £1000, the first new cycle, Year C volume 1, starting with Advent. With a donation of £5, you can sponsor a book in memory of a loved one. An inscription will be put in the book “In loving memory of ...” Your help and support is very gratefully received and appreciated.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests’ collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven’t had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese

website – look out for the ‘QR Code’ on the envelopes and poster. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say ‘Thank you’ to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

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 contact 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.

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 Fr Jimmy or Fr Stephen only. They must be completed and returned by Sunday 8th December for Enrolment on 15th December at 9.30am Mass.

MASS BOOKINGS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24th November to Sun 1st December 2024

Saturday 23rd November

6pm: Annamaria & Mariano Schipani RIP

Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Cosimino Rizzo RIP

Monday 25th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 26th November

9.30am: Teresa Whyte RIP

Wednesday 27th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 28th November

9.30am: Veronica Barry

Friday 29th November

9.30am: Anthony Cocallis RIP

Saturday 30th November

9.30am: Caroline Randall RIP

6pm: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Sunday 1st December - First Sunday of Advent

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Chinwe Okoro 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.

SASH GROUP

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Please come and join us every other Thursday at 2pm in St Hilda Room. Refreshments available. The next meeting is on 4th December.

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.

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: 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
Bob Pitman	Eric Bunson
Kristina Ullrich	James & Josie McElroy
Pauline Doran	Anne Moran

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 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
Thu 26th Dec	Mass for Altar Servers 10am

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.

Easy Giving: Via the Contactless machine in the porch or 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.

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.