

# 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 29th December 2024, Feast of the Holy Family**

**Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 105 Psalter Week 1**

FIRST READING: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

He who fears the Lord honours his parents.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 128 (127): 1-2, 3, 4-5 R cf 1

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, and walk his ways.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 12-21

Family life in the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 41-52

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.

COLLECT: O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

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 5th January 2025, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Psalter Week 2**

**Vigil Mass Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 114;**

**Mass During the Day Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 115**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 72 (71): 1-2, 7-8, 10-11. 12-13 R cf 11

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1-12

We have come from the east to worship the king.

COLLECT: O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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 parish is donating all Crib offerings to the Catholic Children Society, in support of the life-saving work they do. Please be as generous as you can. For direct donations visit: [Crib Offering - Catholic Childrens Society](#)***

## **POPE'S INTENTIONS—December**

*For pilgrims of hope:*

Let us pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope. Amen

## **POPE'S INTENTIONS—January**

*For the right to an education:*

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Amen His Holiness new Encyclical Letter, *Dilexit Nos* (trans. He Loved Us), is available to read on the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

## **A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL VINCENT**

"I might be getting on a bit, but I can still remember the sense of excitement as we approach Christmas. As a child, I'd say, 'Mummy, is it Christmas yet?' Well, this waiting is nearly at an end, and it's beautifully expressed in these two verses of a traditional advent hymn.

"Like the dawning of the morning on the mountain's golden heights, like the breaking of the moonbeams on the gloom of cloudy nights, like a secret told by angels getting known upon the earth, is the Mother's expectation of Messiah's speedy birth... Thou hast waited, Child of David, and thy waiting now is o'er. Thou has seen Him, Blessed Mother, and will see Him evermore. Oh, His human face and features, they were passing sweet to see: Thou beholdest then this moment; Mother, show them now to me."

"With those words, I wish you a very happy Christmas. I hope you find time to go to the crib, to see the Saviour's face, to see it held in front of us by his Blessed Mother. For He is our peace, and He is our joy, and He is the reason for me saying, wholeheartedly, a very happy Christmas to you all."

## **PARISH EPIPHANY PARTY**

Fr Jimmy invites you to celebrate our parish community at this party from 7pm Friday 3rd January in the Presbytery.

## **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 "Please pray for the repose of the soul of..." Your help and support is very gratefully received and appreciated.

## **ROSARY FOR PEACE**

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

## **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th December and reopen on Monday 6th January. Emails will be monitored but only urgent queries will be dealt with.

## **NEW LECTIONARIES RESOURCES**

To help with our reception of the new translation of the Lectionary the Agency for Evangelisation is organizing a short series of talks at Vaughan House in January, February and March, entitled 'How does the Bible work?'. Encountering the Word of God, Thursday 30th January by Fr Nick King SJ; Writing the Encounters with God, Tuesday 18th February by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz; Making Available What Was Written, Thursday 13th March by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz. 6:30pm- 8:00pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk) or tel. 0207 798 9152

A new Scripture Formation Resource created by staff at the Bishops Conference of England and Wales to accompany the new Lectionary has also been published and will be a useful aid to formation and of readers and catechesis. A copy is attached but it is also available to download at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lectionary/>

## **VINNIE PACKS**

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 homeless packs (Vinnie Packs) during the extreme cold weather.. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237 .

Thank you so much for your support.

## **RCIA MEETINGS**

On Wednesday at 7pm in St Hilda Room.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28th December 2024 to Sun 5th January 2025

Saturday 28th December

6pm: Mike Dwyer RIP

Sunday 29th December - Holy Family

9.30am: Barney & Peg Palmer RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 30th December

10am: Ratnavali Lenora Dep RIP

Tuesday 31st December

10am: Joseph Walsh (Senior) RIP

Wednesday 1st January - Mary Mother of

God

11am: Anne Greene RIP

Thursday 2nd January

9.30am: Dermot & Theresa Doyle RIP

Friday 3rd January

9.30am: Caroline Randall RIP

Saturday 4th January

9.30am: Cosimino Rizzo RIP

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 5th January—Epiphany of the Lord

9.30am: Mary Rostron RIP

11.30am: Lizzie Dean RIP

Monday 6th January

9.30am: No Mass

Tuesday 7th January

9.30am: Marian Reade RIP

Wednesday 8th January

9am: Oliver Pykerman RIP

Thursday 9th January

9.30am: Marian Currell RIP

Friday 10th January

9.30am: Caroline Randall RIP

Saturday 11th January

9.30am: Anna Kearney INT

6pm: Frances Cleary RIP

Sunday 12th January - Baptism of the Lord

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Jerry Okoro & Ali Jibril RIP

## MASS BOOKINGS

Mass bookings are available from February.

Please consider Gift-aiding.

## 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.

## 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.

## LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP

### GRANT SCHEME

Since 2001 the Listed Places of Worship Grant (LPWGS) has enabled communities which care for our historic churches and other listed places of worship to reclaim VAT on repair works. Thousands of volunteers across the UK care for our churches – sacred spaces where we celebrate all of life's most important moments, but also places which promise beauty, community, and a variety of increasingly essential services such as homeless shelters and food banks.

The grant scheme comes up for renewal in March 2025, and *we are calling on people to write to their local MP to alert them to the potential threat of closure of the scheme, and the disastrous impact this would have on historic churches.* Without this scheme, many historic and architecturally important buildings will be at risk of closure. We are asking that the government extends the scheme, ensuring a sustainable future for these buildings. The decision whether to renew the LPWGS is now with the DCMS which is why representations by MPs direct to Lisa Nandy, the Secretary of State at the DCMS, are vital. [Find out who your MP is / mySociety](#)

## 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. Last tour available: Wednesday 8th January 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
Elena Trasatti	

**Collection Total November:** £ 6,850.03 .

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

**Collection Total December:** available when the office reopens

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

**FOODBANK DONATIONS LIST:**

Small, medium and large packets of Festive Biscuits  
Individual size Christmas Puddings;  
Large Christmas Cakes; Pringles; UHT fruit juice ; Tea bags 40/80's ; Tinned fruit  
Thank you for your continued support.

**WEEKDAY MASS IN ST HILDA ROOM**

Weekend, Feast and school masses will be held in Church as normal.

**Dates for your Diary:**

1st January	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God– Mass 11am
3rd January	Parish Epiphany Party, Presbytery from 7pm
5th January	Epiphany of the Lord
12th January	Baptism of the Lord

**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.