

# St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

Special edition newsletter

21st June 2020

## View from Fortescue House

If a week is, 'a long time in politics', fourteen weeks can feel like an eternity. Until last Monday, we have been unable to visit, pray in, or celebrate Mass and the other sacraments and services, in our Church. At the same time as we've been able to first live-stream and later pre-record Sunday Mass; our sitting rooms, kitchens or even bedrooms, have become our 'domestic Church' dressed in our Sunday Best or otherwise! Now we are able to visit the Church for individual prayer. We have put measures into place ensuring and promoting the safety and well-being of all who visit our Church. It is a sign that we are returning to what is going to be our "new normal". When you're able to come, please follow the instructions on the Information Board at the entrance. When we can we will open in the morning too. Please continue to pray for the day when we can gather, socially-distanced, for Mass.

If you, or anyone you know, is willing to volunteer as a Steward in Church morning or evening, over the coming weeks, please contact the parish office by email or telephone as soon as possible so you can be added to the weekly Stewarding Rota. As soon as we are able we will open the Church each weekday morning from 10.30am to 12 noon. One of the things this will depend on will be having two stewards available for every session. When a priest celebrates Mass without a congregation, the liturgy of the Church assumes at least one other person is present to make the responses and symbolise the People of God, the Body of Christ. Please remember, if the whole Catholic community takes this stage of re-opening seriously and gets it right, the sooner we will be able to have socially distanced Mass(es).

Allow me to confess: lock-down liturgy feels awkward! However creative many fabulous people are with computers, recording readings, or adding hymns and photos, as a parish community we miss being together. The Church and the Eucharist are best described as "we" and "us" rather than "I" or "me"! So, it feels very odd to celebrate Mass in a normally full Church when it's entirely empty! No less odd, I suppose, than trying to make an act of Spiritual Communion at home when you are used to receiving Jesus in the Eucharist!

Congratulations to Mrs Perry and the entire St Thomas More School Community on the celebration of their Feast of St Thomas More on Monday 22nd June. This week, we also celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist on Wednesday, 24th and St John Southworth on Saturday, 27th, whose body lies in our Cathedral in Westminster.

With prayers for you, your family and you loved ones,  
Jimmy (Fr)



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noon (Closed Fridays)

The Church is open for  
individual prayer:  
**Mon to Sat**  
**5pm to 6.30pm;**  
**Sat & Sun**  
**10.30am to 12 noon.**

Sunday: Mass at 9.30am  
via our parish YouTube  
Channel: St Hugh of Lin-  
coln RC Church, Letch-  
worth. (link available  
through our parish web-  
site).

Celebration of Mass  
continues without a  
congregation.  
Sacramental preparations  
are on hold.

Confessions:  
By appointment only.

## 12th Sunday Ordinary Time

Year A Psalter Week 4

21st June 2020

### First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah begs God to grant him peace from the enemies who are whispering against him.

### Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-15*

As through one person, Adam, sin entered the world so through one person, Jesus, grace has abounded even more.

### Gospel: *Matthew 10: 26-33*

Jesus urges us not to fear: in the Father's sight, the very hairs of our head are numbered.

**Reflection:** Every human being knows fear; in today's Mass, Jesus show that fear need not

## Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Psalter Week 1

28th June 2020

### First Reading: *Acts 12:1-11*

The lives of Peter and the other disciples are threatened by Herod.

### Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

The writer speaks of a life poured out like a libation.

### Gospel: *Matthew 16: 13-19*

Peter, the rock, the keeper of the keys, has to remember that his task is first and foremost to follow Jesus.

**Reflection:** St Peter and Paul are among the greatest figures in the history of Christianity. This does not mean they were perfect—in fact they rank among the least perfect saints of all time. Perhaps it's their acknowledgement of weakness which makes them great saints.

## Caritas Westminster

Over the coming weeks, Caritas are hosting a series of online gatherings and webinars to understand the impact, to hear stories, share ideas and provide some initial solutions that a parish can implement straight away as an addition

to their current outreach in response to COVID-19.

If interested in being part of this, please join through the Caritas website:

[www.caritaswestminster.org.uk](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk)

## Pandemic impact on fundraising

Since the coronavirus pandemic arrived in the UK, charities and voluntary organisations have been impacted significantly. Fundraising efforts have necessarily scaled back and in some cases, services have been postponed. Detailed results of research can be found on the Institute of Fundraising website: [www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/guidance/coronavirus/round-up-coronavirus-impact-on-charities/](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/guidance/coronavirus/round-up-coronavirus-impact-on-charities/).

In short, all charities are expecting to see significant falls in their income which necessarily means a further reduction in the support they are able to provide to “build a better world” within their specific remits. Like many, St Hugh's has been affected by this (details of how to donate are on the parish website) but in addition, details of other organisations who provide essential support are below:

### **Letchworth Foodbank—run by local people for local people**

[www.lechworth.foodbank.co.uk](http://www.lechworth.foodbank.co.uk): Food collection points can be found at Morrisons and Sainsburys Local  
Monetary donations can be made online <https://www.goldengiving.com/secure/donation/lechworth-foodbank> or by post: Letchworth Foodbank, c/o St. Paul's Church Office, 179 Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City SG6 1QT

### **Mary's Meals**: Donations can be made via their website

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/covid-19-response> or by phone on 01838 200605 or 0800 698 1212 or by post. Please send any cheques, marked with Covid-19 response on the back, made payable to Mary's Meals, Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll, PA33 1AR.

### **CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal**: via their website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal> ;

by phone 0303 303 3030 or by post to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB. Mark your donation on the back with Coronavirus Appeal.

# Our parish website



**Please visit the website and sign up to the e-alerts .**

It has become even more clear since the pandemic lockdown began that we are living in a digital world. Our parish website is part of this and is a vital source of news and information.

With this in mind, the website has been updated as developments occur.

It also contains links to a wealth of resources and most importantly our news and updates. You will receive an email when there is new or updated news.

Please share news/updates with those who are not connected to the internet.

***If you do not have access to the parish website, perhaps a family member or friend could do this on your behalf and share news and information with you as they receive it.***

## Subscribing to Catholic papers

Did you know that you can have the Catholic newspapers of your choice delivered straight to your door.

### **Catholic Universe**

- Quarterly print subscription - £18
- 1 year print subscription - £72

Order online at

[www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com)

or by post: Universe Media Group Ltd ,  
2nd Floor, Oakland House, 76 Talbot Rd,  
Manchester, M16 0PQ

### **The Tablet**

- Quarterly print subscription - £30.00
- Order online at [www.thetablet.co.uk/](http://www.thetablet.co.uk/)  
subscribe

or by phone 01858 438736

- **Magnificat** containing beautiful prayers

for both morning and evening, drawn from the treasures of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts of the daily Mass, and much more is available at [www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com). Currently running a reduced trial offer.

The cost of subscriptions decrease if you would prefer a digital subscription only.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

Envelopes for Planned Giving Envelopes are available for existing users and can be collected from one of the Stewards when the Church is open for individual prayer.

If you would like to make a one off donation, this can be done by Bank Transfer.

**Account Name: Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee**

**T/A St Hugh of Lincoln / St Hugh's / Letchworth**

Sort Code 400520

Account 41095269.

Please reference this with your name. Thank you.

<b>Mass Intentions</b> <b>Saturday 20th June to 5th July</b>		
Saturday 20th <b>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	9.30am	Yvonne Plourde, RIP
Sunday 21st <b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd <b>Ss John Fisher, Bishop &amp; Thomas More, Martyrs</b>	9.30am	Intentions of the St Thomas More School Community
Tuesday 23rd <i>feria</i>	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 24th <b>Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>	9.30am	Luigi Rizzo RIP
Thursday 25th <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Felicia Phillips RIP
Friday 26th <i>feria</i>	9.30am	For The Dead of the COVID19 Pandemic
Saturday 27th <b>Memorial of St John Southworth, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>	9.30am	Intentions of Westminster Diocesan Priests
Sunday 28th <b>Solemnity of Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 29th <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Canon Vincent Berry RIP
Tues 30th <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 1st July <b>Feast of the Dedication of Westminster Cathedral</b>	9.30am	Una Bourke RIP
Thursday 2nd <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Leonardo Antonacci RIP
Friday 3rd <b>Feast of St Thomas, Apostle</b>	9.30am	Canon Christopher Tuckwell INTS
Saturday 4th <i>feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sunday 5th <b>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am	People of the Parish

**We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:**

Lucia Camisa  
Elizabeth McKenna  
Stephen Prohaska  
Eileen McCarthy  
Angela Horne  
Christopher Gillham  
Della Stockwell  
Margaret Haywood  
Debbie Giacobelli  
Nellie O'Brien  
Sylvia Hills  
Ken Freeman  
Mary Wallace  
Philomena Johnson  
Mick McGrinder

**Our Catholic Schools**  
**St Thomas More RC Primary School**, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB  
Tel: 01462 620670  
[www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk)  
**The 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 01462 646636 [lethworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:lethworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**Lister Hospital RC Team:**  
Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7)  
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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.