

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

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33rd Week Ordinary Time

15th November 2020

From The Presbytery Window

To paraphrase our second reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, the oldest New Testament document in our possession; 'It's not as if we live in the dark, for the Day (of the Lord) to overtake us like a thief.' For us, God's word builds anticipation and tension as we come to the end of the Church's Year. With the advancing darkness of winter, the uncertainties of the global pandemic and a variety of home and international issues, we are pressed into a prayerful frame of mind about how to interpret "times and seasons". Events invite us to experience the Liturgy as it is intended to work, telling us to be alert to God's activity in the world.

While some seek comfort in distractions or find a semblance of control by immersion in media coverage, our faith draws us into a timeless hope; seeing God's hand in history. We are members of a community of pilgrims who have weathered storms, negotiated change and faced difficulties before! We do what our ancestors did when facing uncertainty; we go forward through one season to the next, confronting trouble with courage, perseverance, hope and with each other. Then we look ahead to Advent, where new life is our focus and our cause for celebration. In the midst of life's perennial questions, something wonderful is about to happen. *Jimmy (Fr)*

Sick and Retired Priests' Fund

Thank you for generously supporting the sick and retired priests of our Diocese last weekend with your prayers and your offerings. If you haven't made an offering and would like to do so, envelopes for the collection are available at the back of church or from the parish office and tax payers are encouraged to complete the Gift Aid section of the envelope and return it in the collection or to the Presbytery. You can donate on-line at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations, or scan the 'QR' code on the envelope with your 'phone camera. We will provide the amount collected in next week's Newsletter. Thank you to the priests who have served in our Diocese and to you for supporting them.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to the catechists in our Children's Liturgy team who are providing resources for families with younger children to access and engage with God's Word each Sunday. The link for the first YouTube Video from the our channel can be found by searching, 'St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church, Children's Liturgy' <https://youtu.be/DT747VD01vg>. Please feel free to share this link with families who have younger children. The team are busy working to provide Children's Liturgy for the Advent and Christmas seasons.



CHURCH OPENING TIMES

The Church is open for private prayer at these times:

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

10.00am to 11.00am

SUNDAY

10.15am to 12noon

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass is celebrated without a congregation at 9.30am

Confessions:

By appointment only.

9.30 am Sunday Mass is streamed via our Parish YouTube Channel:

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church,
Letchworth.

(link available via our parish website).

Our Catholic Schools: **St Thomas More RC Primary School**, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts. SG63QB Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcimi.herts.sch.uk

The John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage. SG14AE Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Officer Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 Email: letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Lister Hospital RC Team: Tel: 01438285138 (24/7) For urgent need: 01438 314333

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.

Annual Report and Accounts 2019

Cardinal Vincent has written to priests this week about our annual accounts, here are extracts from his letter;

'I am grateful for the enormous contribution parishioners make to all that is reported. The theme chosen for this year's Report, Lumen Christi, is even more appropriate due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is by the Light of Christ we walk steadily forward, carrying out his mission. Every one of the 136,000 people who attend Mass in our 212 churches; the 90,000 students educated in our 208 schools; the 870 social action projects and the volunteers in more than 40,000 roles, is a point of light radiating from our love and dedication to Christ our Lord. These are the lights which offer hope, a hope which transforms our world. The Report presents financial figures in a simple, clear way and provides detailed accounts. Given the need to maintain COVID safety, the Review is not available at the back of church. It is right and proper we share this information as widely as possible, especially among those who contribute to our work.' The full report is available at: www.rcdow.org.uk

Adoration – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Saturday, 21st November, the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is dedicated throughout the Church as a day of prayer for humanity in the struggle with the Covid-19 pandemic. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between 10–11am. Please come to Church to pray for this intention, or if you are unable to, please make this intention part of your individual prayer next Saturday. This Adoration takes place in the context of the delayed International Eucharistic Congress which was to have taken place earlier this year.

World Day of the Poor—15th November

An edited message from John Coleby, Director of Caritas Westminster:

'Pope Francis' theme for today's World Day of the Poor, invites us to consider "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sirach 7:32). Over the past few months Caritas Westminster has seen this theme lived out across the Diocese as parishes and schools reach out to those suffering due to the pandemic. The Pope's theme invites us not just to offer hand-outs to people in need, but also a hand up out of poverty. It is crucial we look not just to feed the hungry and help the poor, but enable people tackle the factors causing their poverty.'

Caritas Westminster is launching ***Road to Resilience***, a new programme of work focused on helping people out of poverty and empowering them to be more resilient to the shocks and challenges causing insecurity.

Bishop Paul McAleenan has given his support to the project, available to watch on the Caritas Westminster website.' Our parish will be signing up to Caritas Westminster's *Road to Resilience*; if you are interested in joining this programme please let Fr Jimmy know at the parish house. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time Sunday 15th to Sunday 22nd November 2020		
Sunday 15th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	The People of the Parish
Monday 16th Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Tuesday 17th Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 18th Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Thursday 19th Feria 33rd Week	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Friday 20th Feria	9.30am	Iris Pompey INT
Saturday 21st Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Sunday 22nd Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.30am	The 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
 Anna Harte
 George Marston
 Joe Fernandes
 Aron Haughton
 Reg Rolph