

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

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Sunday 13th June 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Every tree of the field will learn I am the Lord.
PSALM	Psalm 91	It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
SECOND READING	Corinthians 5:6-10	Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.
GOSPEL	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:26-34

FROM THE PRESBYTERY WINDOW "This is what the Kingdom of God is like."

The Collect, or Opening Prayer, at Mass is ancient and 'collects' our disparate prayers together before we listen to God's Word. Today it reads; "O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds." Our Old Testament reading, Psalm and Gospel use simple, beautiful images from nature to teach us eternal truths. We are encouraged to see and draw from the wisdom of God expressed in nature. The prophet Ezekiel uses a shoot from a mighty cedar tree to describe how the Kingdom of God will grow and describes how intimately God is at work in creation. The psalmist sings of the cedar of Lebanon and the palm-tree; those whose lives are rooted in the Lord will always bear fruit for God's Kingdom. The Gospel parable draws on similar images of God's seeds of love and truth. They grow slowly and bear fruit in ways we often cannot see and fail to fully understand. The Kingdom of God is within us and around us, it's not a realm of power and domination but a spirit of growth and nourishment, rooted in compassion and love, providing shelter and food for all. Paul encourages us to be confident in our faith and place our trust in Christ. Perhaps in our prayer this week we can make a special effort to look more deeply at nature on our doorstep and connect more meaningfully with it. May we have eyes to see God's Kingdom at work throughout nature and in our brothers and sisters; grow ever closer to God in all we do, so we may be living expressions of God's Kingdom. *Fr Jimmy*

SACRAMENTS In the coming months children will be baptised and couples will marry. Please pray for them and for the children preparing for First Communion, our young people preparing to be Confirmed and their families.

Our First Communion children will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday 26th June. Our 2020 Confirmation candidates will be Confirmed on Sunday 11th July and our 2021 candidates on Sunday 21st November.

PLANNED GIVING Parishioners part of our Planned Giving Scheme are invited to collect their new box of envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you for your offerings.

CARITAS NEWS - SOCIAL ACTION newsletter is available on the parish website - <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth/news/caritas-news-social-action>. It details upcoming events to support individuals and parish groups in supporting refugees, volunteer "self care" and information about the EU settlement scheme application deadline (30th June).



CHURCH SERVICES TIMES

Sunday Mass

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9.30am & 11.30am

Mass in Polish at 1pm

Weekday Mass 9.30am

Holy Day of Obligation Mass

9.30am & 7.30pm

Adoration & Benediction

Sat 10am

Confession Sat

(during Adoration)

Sat 5.15 - 5.45pm and by appointment

BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Please book via the parish website:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth/events>

Bookings can also be made by phoning the parish office.

Parishioners and visitors may opt out of the Track & Trace programme.

Bookings are GDPR compliant.

Personal data is deleted after 21 days.



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

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church, Letchworth.
(link available via our parish website).

Children's Liturgy of the Word
is available at

<https://youtu.be/DT747VD01vg>

Please share this link with families who have younger children.

Our Catholic Schools: St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts. SG63QB Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjni.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 Tel: 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 note: Catholic patients can only be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, or a priest, if they, or a relative, contact the Chaplaincy or nursing staff.

LETCWORTH FOODBANK

Visit the parish website or Letchworth Foodbank website to read the latest newsletter



SUPERMARKET COLLECTION POINTS
LETCWORTH: MORRISONS & SAINSBURYS LOCAL
HITCHIN: WAITROSE & SAINSBURYS

<https://letchworth.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/70/2021/06/Newsletter-May-2021.pdf>

Thank you for your support. All donations are welcome. Items urgently needed are below.

- Juice [Long life]
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Fruit [Not Grapefruit]
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Sponge Puddings

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS—NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Read the new North Herts Spreading the Good News newsletter, with information and updates from Bishop Paul McAleenan, Fr Norbert, the Dean of the Stevenage Deanery and from the Catholic schools across the area.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth/spreading-the-good-news/>

THE CHURCH IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD REFLECTION

A Reflection - The Day of the Lord - on the post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church is available on our parish and CBCEW websites.

The reflection praises the significant “vibrant” contributions of many throughout the pandemic using innovative and creative ways to be the “hands and feet of Christ”. And it highlights areas for consideration by parish communities to enable appropriate and effective responses in the post pandemic world. Please take the time to read, reflect and share your thoughts with others - as it will ultimately benefit our own and possibly other parish communities.

COVID 19 STEP 3 GUIDANCE

Further to government guidance about relaxation of COVID-19 safety measures, CBCEW have published national guidance for liturgical worship in England and Wales. These are available on our parish website and at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/>

MASS INTENTION If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone in your family or amongst your friends, please contact the Parish Office. Currently, there are spaces available in our Mass Intentions diary.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Pope Francis declared a year dedicated to St Joseph, from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

Visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/> for resources, ideas and planned events based around the Year of St Joseph.

A JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH NOVENA PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Mass Intentions Saturday 12th to Sun 20th June 2021 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 12th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Tonina Rizzo RIP
Sunday 13th Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Deceased Priests of Westminster Diocese People of the Parish
Monday 14th Feria Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Eileen McCarthy RIP
Tuesday 15th Feria	9.30am	Mariano & Anna Ma- ria Schipani RIP
Wednesday 16th Memorial of St Richard of Chichester	9.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 17th Feria	9.30am	Cardinal Basil Hume RIP
Friday 18th Votive Mass of the Holy Cross	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 19th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Souls Fr Mikie & Agnes O’Sullivan RIP
Sunday 20th Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Jack Johnstone RIP 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
Angela Horne
Christopher Gillham
Della Stockwell
Margaret Haywood
Debbie Giacobelli
Sylvia Hills
Ken Freeman

Mary Wallace
Philomena Johnson
Mick McGrinder
Anna Harte
George Marston
Joe Fernandes
Aron Haughton
Reg Rolph
Tony Burns

Please pray for Eileen McCarthy, John Ryan, Mary Child and all who have died recently, their families and all who grieve.
May they rest in peace.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 26th June	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 29th June	Sts Peter & Paul Holyday of Obligation
Sunday 11th July	Class 2020 Sacrament of Confirmation