

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

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Sunday 1st August 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4 & 12-15; *I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.*

Responsorial Psalm 77; *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17 & 20-24; *Put on the new self, created in God's way.*

Gospel: John 6:24-35; *Those who come to me will never be hungry, those who believe in me will never thirst.*

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED until Monday 9th August, inclusive.

Messages can still be left on the 'phone and sent by email.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY WINDOW **Christ, the Bread of Life**

Draw near to your servants, O Lord and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness. For those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, may you restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. We listen to the second of five Sunday Gospels from John's Gospel chapter six as Jesus invites us to contemplate his teaching on the bread of life. This follows last week's account of the feeding of the five thousand. Exodus tells us of the hungry, grumbling Israelites in the desert and the gift of manna God sends to them. Our Psalm echoes this event with the Lord feeding his people with manna from heaven, where mere mortals ate the bread of angels. Recently, we have been listening to passages from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, linking us with the new way of life demanded by recognising we are Christ's missionary disciples and follow him in pilgrimage to the cross and new life. The crowd in the Gospel have searched for Jesus, wanting more of the bread he has given them. Jesus's teaching appeals to their deeper, spiritual hunger. In our prayer, individually and as community, we turn to God knowing whatever the situation God will always provide for God's people. May our prayer lead us to a greater appreciation of and participation in the Eucharist so we become what we celebrate. **Fr Jimmy**

PARISH FINANCES Since the new tax year in April the collection, including standing orders, envelopes and the loose collection, have amounted to; April £6,320.91; May £6,824.33; June £7,819.23; July £6,751.20. Thank you for your continued generosity. Although our monthly collection figure has fallen over the past sixteen months, our Standing Order figure has risen to £5,221 per month. Making your offering to your Church by Standing Order is simple and enables the Finance Committee and me, to plan our finances and budget accordingly. Please contact the Parish House if you would like information about giving by Standing Order. To make giving easier, there is a contactless machine in the porch of the Church and access to contributing to our Parish via our parish website; <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth/donate/> Thank you. **Fr Jimmy**

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.

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES STATEMENT Please read this statement from our Bishops, which can be found elsewhere on our website, regarding keeping ourselves, other parishioners and visitors safe within our church and the possibility of relaxing the measures we have all taken in the future. For the time being, please continue to book your place(s) for Mass, sanitise your hands on entry and exit of the Church and observe the one-way system while in Church, especially at communion. You are encouraged to continue wearing a face mask when visiting Church and especially for Mass.



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.

SACRAMENTS Please pray for our young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE Please keep the Fernando family in your prayers, whose child Ranudh, was baptised this weekend and the Chambers and Mellor families whose children Joshua and Alexi will be baptised next Saturday. To have your child baptised please contact the Parish House.

LETCHWORTH FOODBANK Visit the parish website or Letchworth Foodbank website to read the latest newsletter. Thank you for your support. All donations are welcome. Items urgently needed are: Juice [Long life] * Tinned Tuna * Tinned Fruit [Not Grapefruit] * Tinned Rice Pudding * Sponge Puddings



COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOURS / GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE

Can you spare an hour a week to make a real difference in someone's life? To help alleviate the detrimental physical and mental effect of social isolation. Approx 200,000 older people in the UK do not have conversation with relatives or friends for extended periods. The Garden House Hospice Care wants to raise awareness and help people connect with their community. **Compassionate Neighbours** are trained volunteers who offer regular visits, companionship, emotional support, and a listening ear and help others to stay connected. If you can spare an hour a week **Compassionate Neighbours** would love to hear from you. Phone: 01462 679540 option 8. Email: cn@ghhospicecare.org.uk

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.

PAX CHRISTI has been the Catholic Peace movement since 1945. It's national President is Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, and Chair for England and Wales is Ann Farr. Annually, Pax Christi helps us remember the devastation caused when atomic bombs fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th August 1945. We pray nuclear weapons will be abolished so they can never be used again. In his message, *A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*, for the World Day of Peace this year, Pope Francis asks; **"How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, which could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty and the provision of health care?"** Pope Francis calls us to, "strive daily, in concrete, practical ways to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another." Pax Christi's website suggests ways we can promote peace in our daily lives, www.paxchristi.org.uk and there are activities for families to share, including a peace liturgy for young children; <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/> Pax Christi needs our support, its income having dropped significantly last year. If you'd like to make a donation you can do so at, <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> Cheques can be sent to; Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY Tel: 0208 203 4884. Thank you for your support.

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 31st July to Sunday 8th August 2021 Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 31st July Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Tommy Hannon RIP
Sunday 1st August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Halette Sugapathpala RIP
Monday 2nd Feria Eighteenth Week, Year 1	9.30am	For Refugees & Migrants
Tuesday 3rd Feria	9.30am	For Deceased Priests
Wednesday 4th Memorial of St John Vianney, Priest	9.30am	For Parish Priests
Thursday 5th Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	9.30am	The Intentions of our Sick and Retired Priests
Friday 6th Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9.30am	Deceased People of Hiroshima
Saturday 7th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Mederie Rechal RIP For our Deceased Parishioners
Sunday 8th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Holy Souls

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

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| Lucia Camisa | Mary Wallace |
| Elizabeth McKenna | Philomena Johnson |
| Stephen Prohaska | Mick McGrinder |
| Angela Horne | Anna Harte |
| Christopher Gillham | George Marston |
| Della Stockwell | Joe Fernandes |
| Margaret Haywood | Aron Houghton |
| Debbie Giacobelli | Reg Rolph |
| Sylvia Hills | Tony Burns |
| Ken Freeman | |

**Please pray for all who have died recently, their families and all who grieve.
May they rest in peace.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 15th August 2021 | Feast of the Assumption |
| November 2021 | Class 2021 Sacrament of Confirmation |