

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

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Sunday 8th August 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4 – 8; *Strengthened by the food Elijah walked until he reached the mountain of God.*

Responsorial Psalm 33; *Taste and see the Lord is good.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2; *Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.*

Gospel: John 6:41 - 51; *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.*

THE PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 9TH AUGUST AT 9AM UNTIL 12 NOON.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY WINDOW 'I am the living bread'

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our heart the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

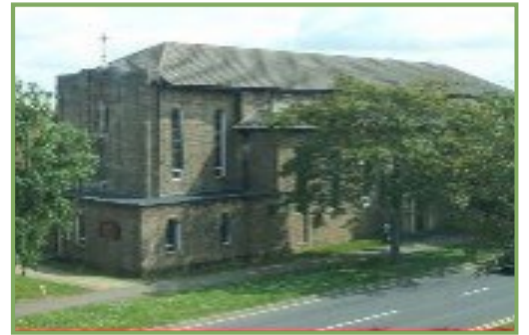
Our readings demonstrate how God our Father draws us close to himself and through Jesus Christ nourishes and sustains us with the living bread of the Eucharist. The prophet Elijah is convinced he's a failure and flees for his life into the wilderness. An angel of God rouses him from his depression, comforts and nourishes him for his long journey to the mountain of God. Those who are hostile to Jesus in the Gospel complain against him when they're confused by and misunderstanding his teaching. Jesus challenges their criticism directly. He has come to reveal the Father to them. Jesus teaches he himself is the true, living bread from heaven, bread which gives life for ever. The Psalmist thanks God for deliverance from trouble, inviting us to taste and see the Lord is good. Paul begs the Ephesian community not to sadden the Holy Spirit through anti-social behaviour towards each other. Instead, the community is called to follow the path shown by Christ loving as Christ loves them. We pray for an openness to the Lord's tender, nourishing care, especially when we feel alienated, self-doubt or despair. We pray to deepen our acknowledgment of our human vulnerability, our utter dependence on God's grace and love, so, in the words of the Psalm, in the Lord my soul shall make its boast, the humble shall hear and be glad. **Fr Jimmy**

PARISH FINANCES Thank you for your continued generosity. Despite a fall in monthly collections throughout the pandemic, the parish Standing Order monthly figure has risen to £5,221 per month. Standing Orders are straightforward to establish and enables the parish Finance Committee to accurately plan and budget. Please contact the Parish House if you would like information about giving by Standing Order. 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 the most recent COVID 19 guidance from CBCEW 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.

PRAYING WITH THE POPE The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is being revived by Pope Francis with the help of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. Each month the Pope's monthly prayer intention is offered to the whole People of God. For August, Pope Francis prays; *"We pray for the Church; may she receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel"*. The People of God, all people of good will and Pope Francis have many concerns to bring to prayer. Some of our prayer may be devoted to his intention in our prayer and at Mass, especially on the First Friday of the month, the worldwide Day of Prayer for the Pope's Intentions.



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

WAYS TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT SUNDAY

MASSES

Via the website:

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

Or telephone 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 link

[St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church, Letchworth.](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth/events)

[St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church Children's Liturgy Channel](#)

Please share this link with families who have younger children.

PARISH FINANCES

April 2021	£6,320.91
May 2021	£6824.33
June 2021	£7819.23
July 2021	£6751.20

Thank you for your continued support. We have a contactless machine available in the Church porch or to donate via the website click [here](#).

Our Catholic Schools: **St Thomas More RC Primary School**, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts. SG63QB Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjmi.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 pray for the Chambers and Mellor families in your, whose children Joshua and Alexi were baptised this weekend and Juliette Ngambu and Ava Burling who will be baptised next weekend. To have your child baptised please contact the Parish House. Please pray for Malia Giancola and Nick Stoppard who will be married in our Church next Saturday. To arrange your wedding 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: Dried Milk * Sponge Puddings * Dried Mashed Potato * Tinned Custard * Deodorant (both men & women) * Shampoo * Toilet Rolls**



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

PAX CHRISTI Every year, Pax Christi help us to remember the utter devastation caused by atomic bombs on 6th and 9th August 1945. Click [here](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/hiroshima-and-nagasaki/) to access or visit www.paxchristi.org.uk/hiroshima-and-nagasaki/ 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?" He 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 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. Resources, ideas and planned events around the Year of St Joseph are available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/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,



Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a Mass to be offered for someone in your family or amongst your friends.

MASS INTENTIONS

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th August 2021

Saturday 7th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	For Deceased Parishioners
Sunday 8th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Holy Souls
Monday 9th Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe	-	No 9.30am Mass
Tuesday 10th Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	9.30am	Matthew Brotherton INT
Wednesday 11th Memorial of St Clare, Virgin	9.30am	Intentions of the Poor Clares
Thursday 12th Memorial of St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	9.30am	Julian Brotherton INT
Friday 13th Feria Nineteenth Week, Year 1	9.30am	Richard Smithers RIP
Saturday 14th Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	- 6.00pm	No 9.30am Mass
Sunday 15th The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am 11.30am	Mariano & Anna Maria Schipani RIP People of the Parish

We pray for all those who are sick and 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 Haughton |
| Debbie Giacobelli | Reg Rolph |
| Sylvia Hills | Tony Burns |
| Ken Freeman | |

Please pray for all who have died recently, their families and all who grieve.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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