

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

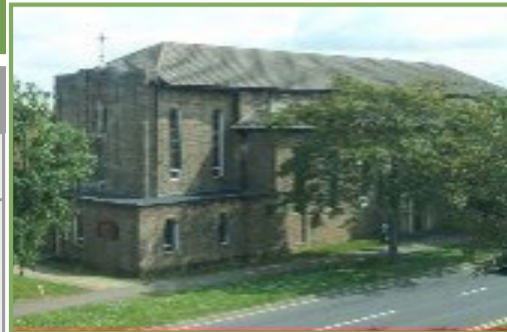
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ANNUAL LEAVE Fr Jimmy is on annual leave from Wed 25th August to Fri 3rd September.



SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 2021

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18; We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32; This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

Gospel: John 6:60-69; To whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.

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

FROM THE PRESBYTERY WINDOW

‘You have the message of eternal life and we believe!’

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

Our readings invite us to consider honestly the depth of our love for the Lord. The same challenging questions once put to the Israelites by Joshua and later to the disciples by Jesus are asked of us today. The tribes of Israel gathered at Shechem answer Joshua’s challenge by declaring why they intend to serve the Lord. Ephesians is full of social codes and expectations well understood by those to whom they were addressed. They are a discourse on the deep love Christ has for the Church, a love so strong it is compared to a loving relationship between husband and wife. The full mystery of this love has been revealed over the last few Sundays and today, in Jesus’s teaching on the living Bread of Life. For many of Jesus’s followers this proves too challenging. Turning to the Twelve, Jesus asks if they want to leave too. Peter speaks for them and for the whole Christian community; ‘Lord who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.’ We hear again the invitation in the Psalm to ‘Taste and see that the Lord is good’. We pray especially this week our spiritual life may nourish us and those around us, that we may embody a loving commitment to follow the Lord at all times. **Fr Jimmy**

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office is open from 9am to 12 noon on each Monday and Thursday.

PARISH FINANCES Thank you for your continued generosity. Monthly contributions are listed in the Parish Finances box on the right side of this page. 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 and me to accurately plan and budget. Please contact the Parish House if you would like information about giving by Standing Order. Thank you.

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.

PRAYING WITH THE POPE The former tradition of the Apostleship of Prayer, now known as 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.

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 online, click [here](#) or go to www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth

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.

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

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th August 2021

Saturday 21st Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	The Holy Souls The Holy Souls
Monday 23rd Memorial of St Rose of Lima, Virgin	9.30am	Antonietta De Lucca RIP
Tuesday 24th Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 25th Votive Mass of St Joseph	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Thursday 26th Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest	9.30am	Mike Dwyer RIP
Friday 27th Memorial of St Monica	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Saturday 28th Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	The Holy Souls The Holy Souls
Sunday 29th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Holy Souls

SACRAMENTS

- **CONFIRMATION** Please pray for our young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November.
- **BAPTISM** Please pray for Nevaeh Gallagher who was baptised this weekend. To arrange a baptism please contact the Parish House.
- **MARRIAGE** Please pray for Gabrielle Jones and Carwyn Morgan who were married this weekend. To arrange your wedding please contact the Parish House.

LETCWORTH 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 and help to alleviate detrimental physical and mental effects of social isolation? **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

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

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 28th August to Sunday 5th September 2021

Saturday 28th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Julie Cranston RIP
Sunday 29th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish The Holy Souls
Monday 30th Memorial of Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs	10.00am	The Holy Souls
Tuesday 31st Memorial of St Aidan, Bishop & the Saints of Lindisfarne	9.30am	Leonardo Antonaci, RIP
Wednesday 1st September Votive Mass of St Joseph	9.30am	Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP (2017)
Thursday 2nd Feria, 22nd Week, Year 1	9.30am	Leonardo Antonaci RIP
Friday 3rd Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor	9.30am	Christopher Cham- bers RIP
Saturday 4th Memorial of St Cuthbert, Bishop Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	The Holy Souls The Holy Souls
Sunday 5th Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Souls People of the Parish

We pray for all those who are sick and suffering in anyway 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.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH Pope Francis declared a year dedicated to St Joseph, from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

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.

