



ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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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.

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FROM THE PRESBYTERY WINDOW

READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20;

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm 53; The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: St James 3:16-4:3;

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37: The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

PRAYING WITH THE POPE: "THE HEART OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION IS PRAYER".

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (formerly known as the Apostleship of Prayer) run by the Jesuits (SJ) encourages all to participate. Each month the Pope's monthly prayer intention is offered to the whole People of God. In September, Pope Francis asks; "We pray we will make courageous choices for a simple & environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this." When Pope Francis invites us to pray with him for a specific intention, he asks us to take on this mission which must have prayer at its heart. This is how to approach September's timely Intention. Clearly, our prayer leads to action and can never be an excuse for avoiding it!

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Recently, we said goodbye to Aimee Barnes who has moved onto full-time work. We thank her for more than 6 years work in our parish office. We welcome Emma Dunsire -our new Parish Administrator. She works each Mon & Thurs between 9am - 12 noon.

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me .

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Our readings speak about wisdom, but from different perspectives. The reading from Wisdom can be seen as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. The 'godless' regard with contempt those who listen to and follow God's voice, condemning them to cruel death. The Psalm also speaks of those who have no regard for God. Seeking God's protection from surrounding threats, the psalmist prays with certainty: 'I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.' James points out jealousy and ambition cause division and rivalry, in contrast to the wisdom coming from above.

Such wisdom, which desires humility and not glory, brings us peace with ourselves and can be attained through prayer. It is 'essentially something pure, it's kindly and considerate; it's full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.' Jesus predicts his own death and resurrection with the disciples, who fail to understand what this means. They have been arguing which of them is the greatest, but Jesus teaches them true greatness lies in being the servant of all, especially the weak and the helpless. He symbolizes this by embracing the child and places the child in their midst. By welcoming and serving 'little children' we are welcoming God.

We ask for the wisdom to see Christ in all the 'little children' we encounter and pray for a spirit of humility and peace. **Fr Jimmy**

JHN OPEN EVENING 30TH SEPTEMBER

"The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 30th Sept from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening and there will be three opportunities at 6:00pm, 6:45pm & 7:30pm to attend the Headteacher's address in the school hall. The last tour will be at 7:00pm and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School following this Open Evening."

ST THOMAS MORE MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT VACANCY

We require a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our experienced and hardworking team as soon as possible. You will be working with well-behaved children and a friendly MSA team to supervise children in the dining hall and during outside play. You will work every lunchtime, from 12pm to 1.15pm, term-time only. Application forms are available from the school office and must be returned by 28th September 2021. If you require further information, please contact Kath Lee on 01462 620670. *St Thomas More is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.*



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



Sunday 9.30 am Mass link
[St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church, Letchworth.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

[St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church Children's Liturgy Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/...)

Please share this link with families who have younger children.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your continued generosity.

April 2021	£6,320.91
May 2021	£6824.33
June 2021	£7819.23
July 2021	£6751.20
Aug 2021	£6556.16

Contactless card machine available in the Church porch, donate online at www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/lethworth

For information about or to set up a Standing Order, please contact the office.

SACRAMENTS

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

To arrange a baptism or wedding please contact the parish office.

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 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

RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS

Thank you for following the necessary restrictions for so long. As numbers attending Church increase—and to make attendance at Mass easier, it is no longer necessary to book places for Mass or to sign in. You are encouraged to continue wearing a mask in Church and to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Thank you to our stewards and cleaners who have been doing an excellent job in keeping us all safe.

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 fifth week in Ordinary Time
18th—26th September

Saturday 18th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Monday 20th Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Companions	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 21st Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 22nd Feria, 25th Week, Year 1	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday 23rd Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 24th	9.30am	Celine Kodagoda INT
Saturday 25th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Cara Meehan RIP Johannes Dep RIP
Sunday 26th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Holy Souls

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

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.

