

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office open: Monday, Tue and Thursday 9am—1pm

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 7pm) 9.30am & 11.30am. Holy Day Mass 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekday Mass Mon-Thurs 9.30am. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Fri 9.30am. Morning Prayer

Mon-Fri 9.10am. Confessions: Thursday & Saturday 10.00-10.30; Sat 6.15 to 6.45; & on request.



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Sunday 9th January 2022

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.*

Responsorial Psalm 103; *Bless the Lord my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7; He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel: *Luke 3:15-16. 21-22; While Jesus after his baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.*

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be pleasing to you.

From The Presbytery Window

‘He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms’

Today as we mark the end of the Christmas season we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It heralds the beginning of Jesus’s public mission, his work of teaching, preaching and healing. God’s great love and mercy offer salvation to all through Jesus, by the gift of the Holy Spirit. As God proclaims Jesus his beloved Son at his baptism in the Jordan, Luke draws our attention to the descent of the Holy Spirit while Jesus is at prayer. **Our reading from Isaiah** offers hope and joy. God has seen his people repent and will bring them home across the desert. He is their defender and shepherd, who gathers, guides and nourishes. The image of God gathering and nourishing is echoed in the **Psalm**. The Lord renews with his Spirit all who look to him. St Paul reminds us it is entirely due to God’s mercy, love and compassion we are offered salvation, not by anything we have achieved. God’s loving kindness is revealed through ‘the cleansing water of rebirth’ and renewal with the Holy Spirit in Christ. As we reflect on the gift of baptism, we remind ourselves the words spoken at Jesus’s baptism apply to us too. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, called to make known the love of God to all we meet. We pray this week and in the weeks ahead for whatever grace God feels we need to help us. **Fr Jimmy**

Fr Jimmy Annual Leave

Fr Jimmy will be away from Monday 10th January to Monday 17th January.

Praying with Pope Francis

As part of the Holy Father's global network of prayer, we pray with Pope Francis from our hearts, united in the heart of Christ, to grow as missionary disciples. You can join this network by praying these monthly intentions with the pope. In January we pray for evangelisation. We pray for those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. May I be open this day, O Lord, to the many opportunities I will find to do Good. In times of need may I be open to the help and care of others. I pray for the Pope's intention.

Funeral

The Funeral Mass for Patrick Whyte, who died on Thursday 23rd December, is at 11.30am on Tuesday 19th January. We pray for Patrick, may he Rest in Peace.

Fr Desmond Baker RIP

Fr Desmond, who was an Assistant Priest in our parish in the early 1980's, died peacefully on Monday 20th December at the Conquest Hospital close to where he had been living in retirement at St Leonard's on Sea, East Sussex. He was born in London in June 1940 and Ordained a Priest on 21st December 1969. May Fr Desmond Rest in Peace.

Sr Joan Yates SCJM RIP

Sr Joan lived in our parish for many years. She was a passed Provincial of The Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary, worked on Bishop Jim O'Brien's pastoral team in Hertfordshire and was involved in promoting the Kanyike Charity. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Joan who died on December 24th. May she Rest in Peace.

Cakes for Garden House Hospice

A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who generously baked and provided cakes to the Hospice. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Trish

Catholic Children's Society – Offerings at the Crib

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none, with the sole aim of helping those in greatest need. Throughout the pandemic the CCS has provided mental health services and family support for thousands of vulnerable children and families. Through their Crisis Fund they have provided immediate practical help for families facing real hardship. Our Parish will be donating our Crib and candle offerings until 2nd February, The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to the CCS. Thank you for your support of the CCS in the past. If you can, please be as generous this year. You can donate via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

Easy Giving

To make giving to your parish easier there is a Contactless Machine in the Church porch. You can also contribute via our parish website; www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth Thank you.

Standing Order

Making your offering to the Church by Standing Order is simple and enables the Finance Committee and Fr Jimmy to plan the parish finances accurately and budget accordingly. Please contact the Parish House if you would like information about giving by Standing Order.

Baptism Course

If you wish to have your child Baptised, attending a preparation course is essential. Please get in touch with the Parish Office to book your place. The next course will run on 06th March after 9.30 Mass in the St Hilda's Room.

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MASS INTENTIONS
FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th January 2022

Saturday 8th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Julie Cranston RIP
Sunday 9th Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.30am 11.30am	Paolo Puosi RIP People of the Parish
Monday 10th Feria 1st Week of Year 2		No Mass
Tuesday 11th Feria	9.30am	June Hatley RIP
Wednesday 12th Feria	9.30am	Doyle Family INT
Thursday 13th Feria	9.30am	Kearney Family INT
Friday 14th Feria	9.30am	Michael Madden RIP
Saturday 15th Memorial of the Blessed Vir- gin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Mgr Mark Langham RIP Canon James Hathway RIP
Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Nora Comiskey RIP

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

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

Parish Collection

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The collection for December 2021, including standing orders, envelopes and the loose collection, was £6,564.54. The Christmas collection was £1,391.73. Thank you for your generosity.

Dates for your diary:

18th Jan 2022	No 9.30 Mass	
2nd Feb 2022	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Mass 9.3am	
2nd March 2022	Ash Wednesday. Mass with the Blessing & Distribution of Ashes 9.30am and 7.30pm.	
6th March 2022	Baptism course, St Hilda's Room after 9.30 Mass	

Our Catholic Schools

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

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The John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

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Please remember Catholic patients can only be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, or a priest, if they, or a relative, contact the Chaplaincy or nursing staff.