

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.



Newsletter Items SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME Sunday 16th January 2022

First Reading: *Isaiah 62:1-5; The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.*

Responsorial Psalm 95; *Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; *One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.*

Gospel: *John 2:1-11; This was the first of the signs given by Jesus, at Cana in Galilee.*

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

From The Presbytery Window

Do whatever he tells you.

Isaiah uses the beautiful imagery of a wedding to describe the ways in which the deep love of God for people transforms our lives. God delights in us; ‘As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride so will your God rejoice in you.’ Another wedding scene is described by John in our Gospel. At the beginning of his public life, Jesus’s love and care transforms a wedding feast in Cana from disaster to joyous celebration by turning water into wine. St Paul in the second reading teaches the Church in Corinth how God works through many different people so they can use their gifts in a variety of ways in God’s service. They can do this because they are united by the one Spirit working through all people to transform the lives of others. We do the same in our day when we recognise we are the church, filled with the Lord’s Holy Spirit. Our Psalm invites us to praise God and to proclaim the good news of God’s transforming love to and for all people. In what ways do I need to seek the Lord help in transforming my life this week? *Fr Jimmy*

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.

Funerals

The Funeral Mass for Patrick Whyte, who died on Thursday 23rd December, is at 11.30am on Tuesday 18th January. Fr Dan Whyte, Pat's brother, will be the celebrant.

The Funeral Mass for Elizabeth, Lizzie Dean, daughter of Philip and Bridget Dean, who died at the age of 43 on Wednesday 5th January, is at 11am on 27th January.

The Funeral Mass for Zbyszek Ciolko, who died on 04th January 2022, is at 11am on 02nd February. Fr Cezary will be the celebrant.

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. He was born in London in June 1940 and Ordained a Priest on 21st December 1969. Fr Desmond's Funeral Mass, celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan, is at 2pm on Thursday 20th January, in the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's-on-Sea, East Sussex. May Fr Desmond Rest in Peace. A full version of his obituary is displayed on the noticeboard in the porch.

Sr Joan Yates SCJM RIP

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

A Fresh New Start

Last week, we welcomed the children of the 2022 First Holy Communion Programme and on 30th January we will enrol the candidates for Confirmation. Many families have approached Fr Jimmy to Baptise their children. Despite new variants and Covid still affecting our community, our Congregation thrives and keeps growing. Please keep these families in your prayers as they accompany their children on their Faith Journey.

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 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda's Room.

Confirmation Programme - Parents' session

The new Confirmation programme starts on 24th Jan at 7.30pm with a parents' meeting. Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on 30th January at 9.30am.

Saturday 15th Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Canon James Hathway RIP
Sunday 16th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Nora Comiskey RIP
Monday 17th Memorial of St Anthony, Ab-	9.30am	Hugh Doran RIP
Tuesday 18th Funeral Mass	11.30am	Patrick Whyte RIP
Wednesday 19th Feria 2nd Week of Year 2	9.30am	Mary Lawlor RIP
Thursday 20th Feria	9.30am	Patrick McBride RIP
Friday 21st Memorial of St Agnes, Martyr	9.30am	James & Mary Rooney RIP
Saturday 22nd Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.00pm	Luigi Rizzo RIP Intentions of Trish & Bob Haines
Sunday 23rd Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Maria & Pietro Pallini RIP People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS

If you wish to book a Mass, please contact the Parish Office via phone 01462 510 015 or via email lethworth@rcdow.org.uk. Masses can be booked for the repose of the soul of a loved one but also for the someone's intentions. We will always do our best to accommodate your request. Due to Covid, we have moved Mass cards from the porch but they are available from the parish office.

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	
24th Jan 2022	Confirmation Parents' Session 7.30pm	
27th 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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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.