

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: a reading from the book of Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-10. 15 R Jn 6:63

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

SECOND READING: a reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 12-30

You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

This text is being fulfilled today.

Collect / Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

From The Presbytery Window

Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life

On this Sunday of the Word of God we are invited to deepen our relationship with the Lord through our devotion and dedication to reading and praying with scripture. In each reading, we hear how the Spirit of the Lord revives, liberates, sustains, unites and gives life. According to Nehemiah, Ezra proclaims the law of the Lord and the people are taught to celebrate it. The joy of the Lord is their stronghold. Our Psalm celebrates God's law of love; each line is a litany of comfort, joy and strength drawn from the Word of God. Paul teaches the Christian community is very diverse, with different strengths and perspectives, we are all united in the Spirit of the Lord through our baptism. Jesus, filled with the spirit of the Lord, reads from the word of God and proclaims Isaiah's prophecy is embodied and fulfilled in him. Jesus liberates, heals, transforms and brings good news. As followers of Jesus united by the Spirit of the living God, this is our calling too. With our lives centred on Scripture, the living word of God, we are not alone as we pray. We belong to a living, transforming community of believers united by our baptism. We share the same joy expressed by the Psalmist and are guided by the word of God the prophets proclaimed. We pray that lives will be a testament to the liberating, healing teachings Jesus embodied.

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 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 family has requested that people attending do **NOT** wear black but colourful attire to honour Lizzie's happy and bright personality.

The Funeral Mass for Zbyszek Ciolko, who died on 04th January 2022, is at 11.30am (please note this has been changed from 11am) on 02nd February. Fr Cezary will be the celebrant.

Synod Update

A message from Fr Chris Vipers, Director of the Agency for Evangelisation:

I would like to sincerely thank you for your participation in the Westminster Synodal Pathway so far, and for all the many creative and imaginative ways which have been found to reach out to parish and school and other communities across our Diocese. It has been inspiring to hear from many of you, and to have met many enthusiastic and committed parishioners along the way.

All feedback has now been processed by our parish and forwarded to our Diocese on 21st January.

Christian Bookshop, Leys Avenue

The Christian Bookshop has been an independent faith-based business since it began in Hitchin during the 1960s. It moved to Letchworth more than 20 years ago, and has been in Leys Avenue since 2009. It has been serving and supported by the local Christian community for 50 years. Unfortunately Covid and the downward trend of current trading conditions, have put the shop in a difficult position. Trustees will meet at the end of January to decide the future of this important community resource. Please consider supporting the shop so they can continue to bear a Christian witness on the High street in North Herts.

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.

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.

Key-holders Register

As you can appreciate, safety is paramount. We would therefore like to update our parish records as, due to Covid, this has not been done for a while. If you are in possession of a set of keys for Church and/or Fortescue hall, please contact the Parish Office so your name can be noted down. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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MASS INTENTIONS
THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th January 2022

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| Saturday 22nd Vigil Mass | 6.00pm | Mabel and Jack Mills RIP |
| Sunday 23rd Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.30am 11.30am | Maria and Pietro Pallini RIP People of the Parish |
| Monday 24th Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor | 9.30am | Niall Doran and Family INT |
| Tuesday 25th Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle | 9.30am | Mrs Madjeleth RIP |
| Wednesday 26th Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops | 9.30am | Mary Paterson RIP |
| Thursday 27th Feria | 11.00am | Funeral Mass Lizzie Dean RIP |
| Friday 28th Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor | 9.30am | Seamus Duignan RIP |
| Saturday 29th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass | 9.30am 6.00pm | Fr Eugene Lynch SAC RIP People of the Parish |
| Sunday 30th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.30am 11.30am | Fr Patrick Howard RIP Fr Desmond Baker RIP |

MASS BOOKINGS

If you wish to book a Mass, please contact the Parish Office via phone 01462 510 015 or via email letchworth@rcdow.org.uk. Masses can be booked for the repose of the soul of a loved one but also for someone's intentions or their health and wellbeing. 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.

****DID YOU KNOW?****

Offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul.

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

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| 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:

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| 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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk

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

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Officer - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 lethworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Lister Hospital RC Team: Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333

Via text message: 07884 187463 Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

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.