

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office: Monday 9-2.30pm, Tuesday 9-2pm and Thursday 9am—2.30pm

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 6pm) 9.30am & 11.30am. Holy Day Mass 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 9.30am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9.10am.

Adoration & Confession Wednesday & Saturday 10.00-10.30. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45 & on request.



SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2022 — Parish Mass book Year C Vol 1—Ps Week 2

FIRST READING: a reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden-beyond these essentials.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8. R v.4

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

SECOND READING: a reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14: 23-29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

COLLECT: Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold in what we do .

From The Presbytery Window

A peace the world cannot give; this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

Continuing through Eastertide our readings turn towards the Holy Spirit. In Jesus's Farewell Discourse to his disciples, he announces he is to return to his Father and tells them not to be afraid or troubled: he will still be with them through the Holy Spirit. Jesus also bestows on them the gift of his peace. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see how, despite the differences between members of the early Christian Church at its first council, the community was guided by the Holy Spirit in coming to decisions. The Apocalypse shows the transformation which has been brought about by the death and resurrection of Christ; the New Jerusalem is in perfect order and needs no temple because God is already in union with God's people, dwelling in them. In a song of thanksgiving, the Psalmist asks God to bless everyone and for God's ways and saving help to be known to all.

This week we pray for peace for all nations, especially for the people of Ukraine, Eastern Europe, Yemen, Syria and Palestine, as well as for ourselves. We may also ask that we are willing to share Christ's word by our actions with those we encounter. *Fr Jimmy*

Praying with Pope Francis For Faith-Filled Young People.

In May, we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. Amen.

FUNERAL MASSES

Mon 23rd May 10am: Funeral Mass for Dorothy McBride.

Friday 27th May 11am: Funeral Mass for Mary Rostron.

IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments.

“A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” [...]

“Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a

source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. [...] In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. *Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops’ Conference, Friday 6 May 2022* The full text is available here: [IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE – Roman Catholic Parish of Letchworth Garden City \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

BAPTISM COURSE

The next course is on 26th June 2022 after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda’s Room. Please contact the office to book your place.

FOOD BANK OPENING TIMES:

The Letchworth Foodbank will remain closed on Friday June 3rd, The Queen’s Jubilee. We will be open on Tuesday May 31st and open again on Tuesday June 7th.

PLENARY RESOLUTION— REFUGEES

The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, by plenary resolution, appeal for refugees and asylum seekers to be welcomed and respected is based on the fundamental principle of the dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God.

“We appreciate the complexity and magnitude of the challenges being faced in the ongoing migration crisis. With over 80 million people across the world displaced by war, poverty, persecution and the effects of global warming, this challenge requires collaborative international action. [...]

Those seeking refuge in the UK should be provided with safe routes for travelling, have the opportunity to tell their story, be listened to and have their cases assessed justly. We keep in mind that there is no illegal asylum seeker; to claim asylum is a human right. [...]

People smugglers and modern-day human traffickers profit from the desperation and misery of refugees. We fully support their prosecution. It is imperative however to make a clear distinction between victims and those who exploit them. [...]

Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously to asylum seekers whose dignity must be protected and upheld. Jesus taught us, “I was a stranger and you made me welcome.” (Matt 25:35)” The full text is available here: [REFUGEES – Roman Catholic Parish of Letchworth Garden City \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

SENIORS AT ST. HUGHS (SASH)

Our meetings are held in St. Hilda’s room every fortnight at 2.30 on alternate Thursdays. If you are new to this Parish, have recently retired, or moved to support your family, or become rather isolated due to COVID or bereavement, and want to meet mature people, come and join our friendly group.

On May 26th we will have discussion on “My earliest Memory”; on June 9th on “What I did on Coronation Day”.

For further information please phone Patsy Marshall on 01462 620397

MASS INTENTIONS - Saturday 21st May to Sunday 29th May 2022

Saturday 21st May

Vigil Mass, 6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 8th May

Sunday 22nd May

9.30am: First Holy Communion Children and families

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 23rd May

10am: Funeral Mass for Dorothy McBride RIP

Tuesday 24th May

9.30am: Mary Rostron RIP

Wednesday 25th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 26th May - Ascension of the Lord

9.30am: People of the parish and STM School

7.30pm: Lourdes Escano RIP

Friday 27th May

11am: Funeral Mass for Mary Rostron RIP

Saturday 28th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

6.00pm: Julian Brotherton RIP

Sunday 29th May

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Leslie Henry RIP and Betty Henry INT

MASS BOOKINGS:

“The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer” *Pope Paul VI*. Masses can be offered not just for the repose of a soul but also in thanksgiving, celebration and for someone’s health and wellbeing. Please note:

- Mass cards are available from the parish office.
- Available dates start from the second week of June.

SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Reset have updated their list of resources and tool kits for people wishing to host Ukrainian refugees. Please see the link below: <https://resetuk.org/toolkits/homes-for-ukraine/useful-links>

Caritas Westminster Refugee Response, :

<https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/refugee-response.php>

Financial appeals through the Ukrainian Eparchy and CAFOD are ongoing.

1. <https://www.ucc-gb.com/post/helpukraine-emergency-appeal>
2. <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

FOR A SYNODAL PARISH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Our journey together as a Church depends upon our accompanying one another in our parish, trusting that the Spirit guides us as we act together. The joy of the Gospel remains hidden in our hearts until we come together, to offer it to one another for the healing of our parish and our world.

Two open parish-wide meetings are scheduled for us to listen and speak again as we did during the Advent listening events and written responses. The contents of our parish synthesis statement sent to the Diocese will be presented as well as the synthesis from the Diocese sent to the bishops' conferences and the Vatican.

The ears of the Spirit are open: What remains to be said to one another? To the Diocese? To the Vatican/global Church?

The hands of the Spirit are ours: What lies before us as we discern our journey together?

Meetings in the Saint Hilda Room:

Wednesday evening, 8 June at 7.30 pm

Saturday morning, 11 June at 11.00 am

Refreshments available.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for a few people to take over the running of the Parish Repository. This entails overseeing the sale of greetings/prayer/Mass cards and other religious articles after our Sunday Masses. A Rota would ensure that sole responsibility does not fall on one person. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you can help.

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

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
Lucia Camisa	James Stoppard
Stephen Prohaska	Angela Horne
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
Anna Harte	George Marston
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Toby Hughes	Tony Burns
Mary Wallace	Philomena Johnson
Reg Rolph	Mick McGrinder
Rosie Child	Andrew Browne

Easy Giving: To make giving to your parish easier there is a Contactless Machine in the Church porch or via our parish website; www.pariah.relow.org.uk/lethworth
Thank you.

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

Planned Giving: Parishioners who are part of our Planned Giving Scheme can collect their box of envelopes from the Church

Collection for April 2022: in church collection: £3254.22. Thank you for your generosity.

Dates for your diary:

Thu 26th May	The Ascension of the Lord: Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 9.30am and 7.30pm
Sun 5th June	Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Mass at 9.30am celebrated by Bishop Paul
Wed 8th June	Synod meeting, St Hilda Room 7.30pm
Sat 11th June	Synod meeting, St Hilda Room 11am
Sun 12th June	The Most Holy Trinity
Sun 19th June	Corpus et Sanguis Christi. Thanksgiving Mass for First holy Communion at 9.30am
Sun 26th June	Baptism course after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda's Room.

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjmi.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.