

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 10.00-10.30am. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th July 2022

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FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10

Lord, do not pass your servant by.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 14:2-5. R v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28.

A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to god's saints.

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 38-42

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.

COLLECT: show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

From The Presbytery Window

Jesus our Guest

This Sunday's readings lead us to ponder the gift of hospitality, the giving and receiving we experience. May we learn to welcome our Lord who wishes to dwell with us.

In the **First Reading**, Abraham gives us the example of Bedouin hospitality. In welcoming three strangers, he welcomes his Lord and receives the good news that Sarah will conceive a son.

In the **Psalm** it is we who are invited to come into the Lord's presence. And what are our dispositions?

In the **Second Reading** from Colossians, Paul speaks of sharing in the sufferings of Christ. It is our choice to receive this message –that of Christ among us, the hope of our glory.

In the **Gospel**, the story of Martha and Mary, we learn of the importance of presence to the other, of stillness, of attentive listening, and of hospitality.

May we be aware this week of our attitude to others.

Do we welcome them, do we listen ...?

We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer. *Fr Jimmy*

Praying with Pope Francis

POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK: JULY INTENTIONS - For The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility. Amen.

When an elderly person dies, a library burns to the ground— African proverb

FUNERALS

21st July 10.30am, Funeral Mass for Stella Galivan RIP at St Hugh of Lincoln.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Antoinette Franken who passed away aged 60 and whose body will be repatriated to County Kildare, Ireland.

22nd July: Crematorium Service for the repose of the soul of Louise Symonds who passed away aged 56. Mass times will NOT be affected. Please pray for the repose of Louise's soul.

NO Mass on 18th and 29th July

PLENARY RESOLUTION—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. **Unless you are sick or house-bound, following Mass online does not count as attendance.** The full text is available here: [IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE – Roman Catholic Parish of Letchworth Garden City \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk/PERSON%20MASS%20ATTENDANCE%20-%20Roman%20Catholic%20Parish%20of%20Letchworth%20Garden%20City)

THANK YOU FROM THE STM PA

The STM Parents' Association would like to thank all parishioners for supporting the school's fundraising throughout the past Academic Year. You will be pleased to know that all three targets were met and the school now has a very efficient library scanning system, a beautiful Prayer and Reflection Garden and will soon be equipped with a defibrillator. We hope that you will continue to help the PA support our wonderful school and we can't wait to unveil our new targets later in the Autumn. It takes a village to raise a child: our "village" is pretty special. Thank you.

FOODBANK VACANCY:

Letchworth Foodbank is **URGENTLY** looking for an experienced Warehouse manager. Please check on our website for details about pay and requirements: [Wanted urgently: Foodbank Warehouse Manager – Roman Catholic Parish of Letchworth Garden City \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk/Wanted%20urgently%20Foodbank%20Warehouse%20Manager%20-%20Roman%20Catholic%20Parish%20of%20Letchworth%20Garden%20City)

MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish meditation group meets on Tuesdays at 5 30 pm for an hour in St Hilda's room. (www.wccm.org).

CHURCH WORKS

You might have noticed that our Church's doors are showing a bit of wear and tear. All being well, we will have them sanded and restored to their former glory during the Summer.

MUSIC AT 9.30am SUNDAY MASS

Our choir is taking a well deserved holiday over the coming weeks so we shall be relying on our parishioners to sing hymns at our Family Masses. Don't forget to bring your best singing voice!

JHN PUPIL IN NEED OF HELP

Emilka is a 15 year old pupil at our secondary school, The Saint John Henry Newman. She suffers from a rare autoimmune disease which has compromised her kidneys and left her dependent on dialysis. Regrettably, her family members are not a match and are not suitable for the transplant she needs. If you would consider donating a kidney to help boost Emilka or would like to know more information please email anita.copley@gstt.nhs.uk. For the full article, please check our website.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today is the last of this Academic Year's Children's Liturgy sessions. We thank our wonderful catechists for looking after our littlest parishioners and for dedicating their time to this very important ministry, not just running the sessions but also planning them. Please keep the catechists, the children and their families in your prayers.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Advanced notice for our young parishioners applying for DoE awards in the new Academic Year: our parish will be opening up a number of volunteering roles specifically designed to meet the Awards criteria.

COFFEE MORNINGS BETWEEN SUNDAY MASSES

Lots of parishioners bemoan the loss of our wonderful coffee mornings. We are all for resurrecting the rota, what we are missing is: VOLUNTEERS! Get in touch if you are willing to help.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Saturday 16th July to Sunday 24th July 2022

Saturday 16th July

Vigil Mass, 6pm: Claire Dwyer RIP

Sunday 17th July

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Constance Fernandes RIP

Monday 18th July

9.30am: NO MASS

Tuesday 19th July

9.30am: Bruce Kent RIP

Wednesday 20th July

9.30am: John McGill RIP

Thursday 21st July

10.30am: Funeral Mass for Stella Gallivan RIP

Friday 22nd July

9.30am: Kitty Pyne RIP

Saturday 23rd July

9.30am: Fr David Wilson RIP

6.00pm: Ratnavali Dep RIP

Sunday 24th July

9.30am: Violet and Bernard Albon RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

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 August.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES SUPPORT-

Reset’s resources and tool kits for people wishing to host Ukrainian refugees: <https://resetuk.org/toolkits/homes-for-ukraine/useful-links> *Caritas Westminster Refugee Response*, : <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/refugee-response.php>

Ukrainian Eparchy’s financial appeal: <https://www.ucc-gb.com/post/helpukraine-emergency-appeal>
CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

FR JIMMY’S ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Jimmy is on annual leave from Thursday

7th July to Thursday 4th August. Fr Stephen will be looking after the parish apart from Sunday 24th July when Fr Tony Convery will celebrate the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. The Office will remain open during this time at the usual times. Monday 9am to 2.30pm, Tuesday 9am to 2pm and Thursday 9am to 2.30pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY—LISBON 2023

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. It aims to provide all participants with a universal Church experience, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is a new stimulus to the faith, hope and charity of the entire host country community. With young people as its protagonists, World Youth Day also seeks to promote peace, unity and fraternity among peoples and nations around the world.

Over the course of a week, young people from all over the world are welcomed, mainly in public and parish facilities or family homes. In addition to the moments of prayer, sharing and leisure, the young people enrolled in this celebration participate in various initiatives organized by the WYD team, in different locations across the host city. The highlights are the celebrations (central features) for which the Pope is present, such as the welcoming and opening ceremony, the Way of the Cross, the vigil and, on the last day, the closing mass. Visit [WYD Lisbon 2023 \(lisboa2023.org\)](https://www.wyd2023.org) for more information.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

If a relative or neighbour cannot come to church, please get in touch. We can arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit them and bring Communion. A visit from a member of the parish can alleviate loneliness and lift the spirit.

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

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
James Stoppard	Barry Brown
Stephen Prohaska	Angela Horne
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
Anna Harte	George Marston
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Toby Hughes	Margaret Connelly
Mary Wallace	Philomena Johnson
Reg Rolph	Mick McGrinder
Rosie Child	Andrew Browne
Brenda Feeney	Richard Parker

Easy Giving: To make giving to your parish easier there is a Contactless Machine in the Church porch or via our parish website; www.parity.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth
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 June 2022: in church collection total: £2135.83. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Dates for your diary:

Sun 14th Aug	Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon 5th Sept	Start of Autumn Term at our Catholic Schools, STM and JHN

Our Catholic Schools

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

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

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

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

Safeguarding Officer - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 letchworthsg@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.