

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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th July 2022

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FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8.R v.3

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14.

He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

GOSPEL: Luke 11: 1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

COLLECT: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

From The Presbytery Window

‘Ask, and it will be given to you’

The readings for this Sunday remind us again of the boundless love God offers to those who believe. Our faith in God will be rewarded more than we can imagine, if we but ask in prayer. God’s mercy for the sinful people of Sodom and Gomorrah is revealed in the **First Reading**. Abraham pleads with the Lord not to destroy them, even though few good people remain there. Abraham’s persistence and belief in God are an example for us of the power of prayer. The **Psalm** similarly speaks of God’s constant faith and mercy. The psalmist offers praise and thanksgiving to the God who hears the cry of the people in distress. In the **Second Reading**, Paul reminds us that Christ’s sacrifice on the cross has brought everlasting life and forgiveness for all our sins. As Jesus teaches the disciples in the **Gospel** how to pray to the Father, he also encourages us to believe we can ask God for anything, and our faith will be rewarded simply because of the immensity of God’s love.

In the week ahead, we might renew our efforts to take every opportunity to show our faith and trust by placing the needs of those who are suffering before the God who loves us all. We particularly remember those who are suffering in war and conflict in Ukraine and beyond.

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

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.

NO Mass on 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 housebound, 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/in-person-mass-attendance)

ADULTS SOCIAL AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH, HITCHIN

Parish Pals is a A Young Adults Social for people aged 18-35. Meet like-minded people and have a moment to connect with God in Adoration. The next meeting will be on Monday 25th July at 7pm at Our Lady's Church Hitchin. We look forward to seeing you.

MISSIO BOXES

If you have a Missio box you were not able to return during Covid, get in touch with the office. We are able to collect them again.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster for the following dates: - St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham: 3rd September, 30th October – 1 st November - Westminster Cathedral: 3rd – 5 th September - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes: 5th – 6 th September - St Mary's University, Twickenham: 6th September - St John Fisher, Shepperton: 6th – 7th September - St Joseph's, Stevenage: 17th – 18th October - Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden: 28th – 30th October For full details of the tour, visit www.stbernadette.org.uk

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.

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The next **Marriage Preparation Course** will take place at Our Lady's in Hitchin on Saturday 29 October 2022, 10am to 4pm. Anyone considering marriage in the church in 2023 should book onto a course. To book a place please email catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com with your full names. **The fee is £60 per couple.**

MASS INTENTIONS -

Saturday 23rd July to Sunday 31st July 2022

Saturday 23rd July

Vigil Mass, 6pm: Ratnavali Dep RIP

Sunday 24th July

9.30am: Violet and Bernard Albon RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 25th July

9.30am: Julian Brotherton RIP

Tuesday 26th July

9.30am: John Brookes RIP

Wednesday 27th July

9.30am: Barry and Ruth Brown INT

Thursday 28th July

9.30am: Catherine Lowthian RIP

Friday 29th July

9.30am: NO MASS

Saturday 30th July

9.30am: Margaret & Patrick Hempenstall
INT

6.00pm: Holy Souls

Sunday 31st July

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Rev Mothers Angela & Gabriel RIP

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.pariah.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
Tue 6th and Wed 7th Sept	Relics of St Bernadette at St Joseph's, Stevenage

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.