

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.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31st July 2022

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FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

What does a man gain for all his toil?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R v.1

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11.

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

COLLECT: Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

From The Presbytery Window

There is more to life than wealth and riches

Today's readings are about material things and our attitude towards them. Are they at the centre of our lives? The texts also suggest what we *are* is more important than what we *have*.

Qoheleth, 'the Preacher', who wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes 300 years before Christ, gives a pessimistic view of the world. Is it worth working hard and worrying about our wealth, since we have to leave it to others after our death? He declares: 'All is vanity!' (**First Reading**)

The Gospel develops the same theme. The main problem with wealth is that it risks taking centre stage in our life, and displacing God from his rightful position. What really matters is making ourselves rich in the sight of God. St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, develops similar ideas. As Christians, we should put aside our former preoccupations – in particular greed – and turn our thoughts to '*heavenly things*', for Christ is '*in everything*'. As the **Psalm** encourages us, we ought to praise and thank the Lord in word and song rather than grumble and worry. We should listen to his voice *today*.

This week, I might want to make some time each day to listen to what the Lord is telling me about myself, and about my relationship with others and with money. I also pray for peace in the world. *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

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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will journey 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 our Diocese the following dates:

St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham: 3rd September, 30th October – 1st November

Westminster Cathedral: 3rd – 5th September;
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes: 5th – 6th 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

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Find out more www.cafod.org.uk Thank you for your support. *Tony Sheen*

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 30th July to Sunday 7th August 2022

Saturday 30th July

Vigil Mass, 6pm: Betty Whelan INT

Sunday 31st July

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Srs Angela&Gabriel RIP

Monday 1st August

9.30am: Richard Parker RIP

Tuesday 2nd August

9.30am: Fr Philip Willenbrock RIP

Wednesday 3rd August

9.30am: Fr Robert Rutledge RIP

Thursday 4th August

9.30am: John Warner RIP (1st Anniversary)

Friday 5th August

9.30am: Brenda Feeney INT

Saturday 6th August

9.30am: Matthew Brotherton INT

6.00pm: Chris Bibby RIP

Sunday 7th August

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Leonardo Antonaci 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 mid-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. 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
Betty Whelan	

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
Fri 16th Sept	No Mass
Mon 17th-Tue 18th Oct	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.