

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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7th August 2022

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FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9

By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R v.12

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-12.

Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:35-40

You too must stand ready.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

From The Presbytery Window

Jesus said, 'For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also'.

Today's readings remind us that God has chosen us all as his own. They also highlight the importance of our humble faith and trust in God, who calls us to 'joyfully take courage' in the world. The **First Reading** recalls the night of the Passover, when the Jewish slaves put their trust in God and escaped the oppression of Pharaoh. In the **Gospel**, Jesus teaches that while the Kingdom of God has, in one sense, already arrived, in another it is still to come: it is both a gift and a challenge to us. It is therefore vital that we are awake to meet the Master whenever he returns, committing our hearts to the unfailing treasures of his kingdom. The **Second Reading** meditates on the history of Israel, inviting us to imitate people like Abraham and Sarah as models of faith. Faith enables us to keep watching and waiting for the Lord's presence in the ups and downs of our daily lives. The **Psalms** celebrates all peoples: women and men who are chosen by the Lord, and in turn, place their trust and hope in him.

Perhaps this week we might take our prayer from today's theme:

*Father, please deepen our trust in you,
so we may live joyfully and with courage.*

We also continue to pray for peace across the world. *Fr Jimmy*

Praying with Pope Francis

POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK: AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS:

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

There is no worse material poverty than one that does not allow for earning one's bread and deprives one of the dignity of work. *Pope Francis*

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for Betty Whelan will be celebrated at Holy Family, Welwyn on 16th August at 12noon. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

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)

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

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed from Wed 17th August to Monday 5th September. Please speak to Fr Jimmy if you have any urgent queries.

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.

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 6th to Sunday 14th August 2022

Saturday 6th August

Vigil Mass, 6pm: Chris Bibby RIP

Sunday 7th August

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Monday 8th August

9.30am: Fr Seamus McGeoghan RIP

Tuesday 9th August

9.30am: Fr James Earley RIP

Wednesday 10th August

9.30am: Canon Owen O'Neill RIP

Thursday 11th August

9.30am: Fr Eugene Lynch SAC RIP

Friday 12th August

9.30am: Fr Vincent Crewe RIP

Saturday 13th August

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

6.00pm: Betty Whelan RIP

Sunday 14th August

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Peter Quinn 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 late 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>

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.

CAFOD SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS

This summer are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty.

No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

If you are interested please contact Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Westminster at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for further information.

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

Nora Ivers	Pat Davies
Richard Parker	Barry Brown
Stephen Prohaska	Angela Horne
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
Anna Harte	George Marston
Joe Fernandes	Elizabeth McKenna
Margaret Haywood	Debbie Giacobelli
Toby Hughes	Brenda Feeney
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.recow.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 July 2022: in church collection total: £2650.87. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Dates for your diary:

Sun 14th Aug	Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 27th Aug	No 9.30am Mass due to Wedding at 12noon
Sun 4th Sept	Coffee Morning between services
Mon 5th Sept	Start of Autumn Term at our Catholic Schools, STM and JHN
Thu 8 Sept	Morning Mass at 9am
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 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.