

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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 21ST AUGUST 2022

Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 Page 127 Psalter Week 1

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21

They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 116. R Mark 16:15

Go out to the world, proclaim the Good News.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord trains the one that he loves.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

COLLECT: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

From The Presbytery Window

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

‘The last shall be first ...’

This Sunday’s scripture bears testimony to the universal outreach of the Lord. Our God is one who desires to gather all people, from far and wide, even from lands that have never heard of the Lord.

God wishes to reach those who are considered last, those who are overlooked. Today’s readings reveal a Lord with priorities different from the norm.

The ones anticipating a place at the banquet will lose it, but those expecting no place at the feast will be offered one (Gospel). Those who have never seen or heard of God’s glory will be the ones to see it (First Reading). Those experiencing suffering are to remember they are God’s children and are not forgotten (Second Reading).

In response to all the Lord has done for us, this week we go out into the whole of the world and proclaim the Good News through our lives (Psalm).

We particularly remember those who are suffering in war and conflict in Ukraine and beyond.

Fr Jimmy

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*

CLIFFORD COWLEY RIP

Clifford Cowley, who resided at Guysfield care home, sadly passed away. Please pray for the repose of his soul. *Requiem aeternam dona ei Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei. Requiescat in pace. Amen*

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)

SASH

Apologies to everyone but Cliff and I will not be able to attend the next meeting - 8th September. If someone would like to organise the meeting that would be great, if not we hope to see everybody on September 22. *Patsy*

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.

THE JOURNEY WE SHARE

Autumn faith-sharing resource for parishes and communities
by **Monsignor Peter Fleetwood**

“I am delighted to introduce our latest faith-sharing resource, *The Journey We Share*. Written for us by Monsignor Peter Fleetwood of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the author of our Year of Saint Joseph resource *With A Father's Love*, this new resource will explore over five sessions some of the emerging themes of our recent *Synodal Pathway*. It will take us a few steps further along the road of becoming and remaining a Synodal Church. For use in small communities/groups, in gatherings after weekday or weekend Masses, or in larger parish gatherings, this resource will simply help us carry on where we left off.” *Chris Vipers, Director of the Agency for Evangelisation*

Please let the office know if you would like a copy of the resource.

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.**

HEALING AND WHOLENESS

A Service of Healing and Wholeness takes place at 3pm, Sunday 4th September at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, SG5 1QS. All welcome.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS -

Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th August 2022

Saturday 20th August

Vigil Mass, 6pm: Catherine and Kenneth
Lowthian RIP

Sunday 21st August

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Peggie Byrne RIP

Monday 22nd August

9.30am: Sick and Retired Priests INT

Tuesday 23rd August

9.30am: Our Parish Volunteers INT

Wednesday 24th August

9.30am: Marion Duggan RIP

Thursday 25th August

9.30am: Mary Wrynn O'Keefe INT

Friday 26th August

9.30am: Mike Dwyer RIP (25th anniversary)

Saturday 27th August

12noon: Wedding Mass Aneta&David

6.00pm: Betty Whelan RIP

Sunday 28th August

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Barry Gallen 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.

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 Lisbo2023 (lisboa2023.org) for more information.

HOST FAMILY URGENTLY NEEDED

There is a Ukrainian mother and 17yr old daughter living in Biggleswade. The daughter has been given a place at St Francis College, Letchworth until July 2023. The six months with the host family will end on 20th January 2023. The mother and daughter will need new hosts, preferably in Letchworth, from 20th January 2023 to July 2023. Hosts will be supported by BAAAU (Baldock Ashwell Action Aid - Ukraine). If interested or you know of someone who might be interested in hosting this mother and daughter please contact Vivienne Reed 07815308124 or Clare Davis 07816061416.

NEW STATUES

You might be aware that, sadly, St Michael's Church was shut down. Our church will be keeping two of their statues. They will be displayed in the Baptistry so that ST Michael's parishioners can come to see them and pray.

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:

Sat 27th Aug	No 9.30am Mass due to a 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.