

# 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2ND OCTOBER 2022**

### **Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 Page 146 Psalter Week 3**

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

*The upright man will live by his faithfulness.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9 R vv 7-8

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

*Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.*

GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5-10

*If only you had faith!*

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

### **From The Presbytery Window**

#### **The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith.**

Our readings invite us to reflect on trust and faithfulness. They remind us to be patient. The prophet Habbakuk feels the Lord isn't listening when he asks why nothing is being done about the violence and outrage he sees. The Lord reassures him whatever the surrounding circumstances, the upright person will remain faithful, trusting in God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about faith and service when the apostles ask him, 'Increase our faith!' He moves them away from considering faith as a quantity to encouraging them to put into practice the faith they do have. Jesus uses a mustard seed to demonstrate the power of faith. He cautions the disciples about knowing one's place in God's plans, rather than having an attitude of what's in it for me? Our relationship with God is total, demanding unconditional love and service. Paul reminds us the gift of faith in Christ is the Spirit of power, love and self-control. Armed with this Spirit we are 'never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord', even if it means going against the tide or enduring hardship. Psalm 94 urges us, 'O that today you would listen to his voice!' We come before the Lord with open hearts, giving thanks and praise and pray for a deepening of our faith and trust in God, for guidance to use our precious God-given gifts with a servant's heart. We remember those suffering war and conflict in Ukraine and elsewhere.

*Fr Jimmy*

#### **POPE'S PRAYER NETWORK, SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country. Amen.

## **ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR, STEVENAGE**

The relics of St Bernadette will arrive at St Joseph's, Stevenage, on Monday 17th October.

**Monday 17th October:** Welcome Liturgy 1pm; Rosary 2pm; Service of Anointing of the Sick 3pm; Mass 5pm; Angelus and Rosary at 5.45pm; Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan at 7pm followed by Procession; Meditation at 9pm; Mass at 10pm; Rosary at 10.45pm.

On **Tuesday 18th October** Church opens at 6am; Angelus and Rosary at 6.45am; Closing Mass at 7am; Pilgrim blessing at 7.45am. The relics will then depart at 8.15am. For full details of the tour, visit [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)  
A group of pupils from St Thomas More Primary School will visit the relics.

## **SEASON OF CREATION**

This period of reflection on Creation, which started on 1st September, will conclude on the Memorial of St Francis, 4th October. Please check our website for a message from Pope Francis about our catholic responsibility and involvement in the care of God's Garden.

***THE JOURNEY WE SHARE*** faith-sharing resource by Monsignor Peter Fleetwood will be available from mid-October.

## **UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY**

Are you a student at university or college in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. In many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. To find out more:

[www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net) . If you are a full-time student heading to a university outside London, take a look at <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study.

Your Catholic chaplains will look forward to meeting you!

**Fr Jimmy will be on retreat** 5th –11th October . Wed 5th morning Mass will start at 9am.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Please join us on Tue 15th November in the St Hilda's Room for a Parish Council Meeting to discuss ways to bring our community together and keep our Parish thriving.

Covid put a huge dent in our resources in terms of participation and community. We would like to rekindle the wonderful spirit our congregation has had for years. We know it is still there, it just needs reigniting. How wonderful it is to be able to meet again!

## **SASH (Seniors at St. Hughs)**

The next meeting is on Thursday 6th October at 2.30 pm, in St. Hilda's room, where we will play the ever popular Scrabble. If you are new to this Parish or used to come to SASH meetings before the 'lockdown', or anyone else who would like to give us a try, we will be pleased to welcome you. For further information 'phone Patsy Marshall on 01462 620397

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

We are very lucky to have a great Eucharistic Ministers Team. Please consider joining them so we can reach out to more household parishioners. This is a flexible commitment and very rewarding.

## **MORNING PRAYERS**

Every morning, Mon– Sat, at 9.10am, a group of parishioners meet before the daily Mass to say Morning Prayers. It is a wonderful opportunity to start the day refreshed and uplifted. Everyone is welcome to join.

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH - RCIA**

Many people know someone amongst their family or friends who has expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic; maybe you are a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to Church and now feel drawn to become part of this community of faith. Perhaps your roots are in another religion, or none. Maybe you are a Baptised Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We encourage you to make contact with Fr Jimmy at the Parish House to discuss becoming a Catholic, or to encourage

the person you know to do so. RCIA is both a learning and teaching programme helping those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith and might be thinking about becoming a Catholic. To be a full member of the Catholic Church you need to complete the process of Christian Initiation, which includes receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

## **MASS INTENTIONS -**

*Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th October 2022*

Saturday 1st October

6.00pm: People of the Parish

**Sunday 2nd October**

9.30am: Paolo & Massimo Puosi RIP

11.30am: Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Monday 3rd October

9.30am: Fr Richard Rowe RIP

Tuesday 4th October

9.30am: Kathy Bee RIP

Wednesday 5th October

**9am:** Laurie Symonds INT

Thursday 6th October

9.30am: Robert Chronnell RIP

Friday 7th October

9.30am For the Work of CAFOD

Saturday 8th October

9.30: Patsy Shephard RIP

6.00pm: Michael Madden RIP

**Sunday 9th October**

9.30am: Holy Souls

11.30am: People of the Parish

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available for the second week of October.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 7 October**. Join together with your parish, friends and family so that families around the world survive today and have food for all their tomorrows. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis. No-one deserves to go hungry. Tania Dalton will be speaking about the fantastic work of CAFOD at Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

**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>

## **CAFOD PAKISTAN APPEAL**

Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan have affected thirty million people have, with 10 million people left homeless, 200 bridges and roads have collapsed and around 800,000 livestock have perished. Donate to the Pakistan Floods Appeal to support those affected and get funds to local experts who are already working alongside communities helping those most in need. [Catholic international development charity | CAFOD](#)

## **St HUGH's CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Our Children's Liturgy team are currently seeking volunteers to help run the Sunday morning sessions during 9.30 mass. If you love working with children and are able to commit to at least one Sunday per half term, please come along to one of our sessions and have a chat with a member of the team. Or email us at [sthughschildrensliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sthughschildrensliturgy@gmail.com)

## **FLAME 2023 – CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT AT WEMBLEY**

The theme of Flame 2023 is "Rise Up!" An impressive line-up of musicians, speakers and entertainers. The Early Bird Price, £24, is available till 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Age: 14 and over. Book here: [Flame 2023 Passes – Early Bird – CYMFed](#)

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

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 please email [catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com](mailto:catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com) with your full names. **The fee is £60 per couple.**

**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
Anne Hudson	Willie Hudson
John Ferguson	

**Easy Giving:** To make giving to your parish easier there is a Contactless Machine in the Church porch or via our parish website; [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://www.parish.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 September 2022:** in church collection total: £2352.75. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**Dates for your diary:**

Fri 7th Oct	Cafod Harvest Fast Day
Mon 17th -Tue 18th Oct	Relics of St Bernadette at St Joseph's, Stevenage
Sun 23rd Oct	World Mission Day
Tue 15th Nov	Parish Council Meeting 8pm

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk)

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

Tel: 01438 314643    [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

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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.