

# 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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 16TH OCTOBER 2022**

### **Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 Page 152 Psalter Week 1**

FIRST READING: Exodus 17: 8-13

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 120 cf R v 2

Our help is the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4-2

*The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.*

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 1-8

*God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.*

COLLECT: Almighty, ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

### **From The Presbytery Window**

#### ***Pray at all times and trust in the Lord***

This week's readings focus on the need for prayer and trust in the Lord, even when we feel isolated and despondent.

The Book of Exodus tells the story of Moses, who is helped by his friends to continue brandishing the 'staff of God' even when he is too tired to raise his arms. Together they help to contribute to the victory against Israel's enemies, the Amalekites. The Psalmist puts all their trust in God, knowing the Lord will guard their going and coming at all times. St Paul encourages Timothy is to proclaim the word, and support and encourage others with great patience. The Gospel passage, sometimes called the 'Parable of the Persistent Widow', or of the 'Unjust Judge', reflects on the need to pray continually. We are to persist in our petitions, even if at first the Lord appears deaf to our pleading.

So this week, as we continue to pray for justice and peace in the world, particularly in open conflicts, let's try to persist in our entreaties, perhaps with the help of friends, trusting that the Lord will guard us from evil. *Fr Jimmy*

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

#### ***For a Church open to everyone:***

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of *synodality*. The synodal process that we are following is entering its second stage. In this stage, the goal is the same: "to synod." That is to say, "to walk together." "It's not about gathering opinions, nor holding a parliament," but rather "listening to each other in our diversity and opening doors to those who are outside the Church." And by listening to "the protagonist, the Holy Spirit," which requires prayer, the Synod can become an "opportunity to be a Church of closeness, which is God's style."

## **FUNERALS**

The Funeral Service for Mary Hughes RIP will be held at Hitchin Cemetery Chapel on 24th October at 12 noon.

The Funeral Mass for Roseto Nittolo will be celebrated on Tue 25th October at 11am.

## **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.

## **MOTHER'S PRAYERS**

Mother's Prayers group is held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda's Room. Tea and coffee is served beforehand. All mothers and grandmothers are welcome.

## **HOLY ROSARY**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is offered up every Friday morning followed by the Divine mercy Chaplet after 9.30am Mass. Coffee and tea is served after prayers in St Hilda's Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. It's an opportunity for parishioners to get together and participate in a community spirit.

***THE JOURNEY WE SHARE*** faith-sharing resource is now available from the office.

## **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 [sthugh-schildrensliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sthugh-schildrensliturgy@gmail.com)

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Please join us on Tue 15th November at 8pm 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!

## **CAKES FOR THE GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE**

It is tradition that during the month of November cakes are provided so that the patients and visitors have a piece with their afternoon tea. If anyone would like to provide a cake, homemade or bought, we would be most grateful. Cakes must be suitable for freezing and homemade bakes must include a list of ingredients. I hope to be delivering to the hospice on Thursday 3rd November, therefore if you could get your cake to me before that it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Trish on 07709029220. Many thanks

**BAPTISM COURSE:** Sun 20th November after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda's Room.

## **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 15th to Sunday 23rd October 2022*

Saturday 15th October

6.00pm: People of the Parish

**Sunday 16th October**

9.30am: Alan Scouller RIP

11.30am: Fred North RIP

Monday 17th October

9.30am: Angelo Casiraghi RIP

Tuesday 18th October

9.30am: Audrey Donnelly INT

Wednesday 19th October

**9am:** Maureen Bukle INT

Thursday 20th October

9.30am: Elizabeth Charlotte Fonseca RIP

Friday 21st October

9.30am Roseto Nittolo RIP

Saturday 22nd October

9.30: For the people of Cresslough

6.00pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 23rd October**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Catherine&Kenneth Lowthian RIP

**MASS BOOKINGS** are available for the last week of October. Intentions for November Masses are filling fast.

### **CAFOD PAKISTAN APPEAL**

Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan have affected thirty million people. To donate to the Pakistan Floods Appeal: [Catholic international development charity | CAFOD](https://www.catholicinternationaldevelopmentcharity.org.uk/)

### **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>

**SASH MEETING** The next meeting will be on October 27 when we will be playing The Big Word Game. We play this in teams so everyone may join in. Look forward to seeing you at 2.30 in the Parish Hall.

### **STM QUIZ NIGHT**

Fri 11th November join the STM PA for an evening of fun in support of our primary School. Make up a team of 6-10 players and see who gets First Prize or the infamous Wooden Spoon for last place. £10 a ticket buys entry and a grazing board. Doors open at 7.30pm and the quiz starts at 8pm. Email [pa@stmlethworth.co.uk](mailto:pa@stmlethworth.co.uk)

### **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](https://www.flame2023.org.uk/)

### **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.**

### **UNIVERSITY 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/>

**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.parity.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://www.parity.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:**

Mon 17th -Tue 18th Oct	Relics of St Bernadette at St Joseph's, Stevenage
Wed 19th Oct	Office open
Thu 20th Oct	Office closed
Sun 23rd Oct	World Mission Day
Tue 15th Nov	Parish Council Meeting 8pm
Sun 20th Nov	Baptism Course after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda's Room
Sun 27th Nov	STM Christmas Market at Fortescue Hall 10am - 3pm

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

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

**Safeguarding Officer** - Rebecca Clarke 01462 646636 [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.