

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.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 23RD OCTOBER 2022

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FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:2-3, 17-19, 23 R v 7

The poor man called; the Lord heard him.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 9-14

The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

COLLECT: Almighty, ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

From The Presbytery Window

God be merciful to me, a sinner!

Honesty and humility seem to go hand in hand, and our readings this week show how essential these attitudes are to our prayer. Through Ecclesiasticus we learn that God listens with special care to the humble. In his justice, he is no respecter of 'personages': those of undue importance or elevated status. The Psalm picks up this theme. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted. He hears the cry of the poor. St Paul, in his letter to Timothy, faces the court alone. But he knows the Lord is at his side, and it is the Lord who gives him power to proclaim the message. Paul is full of thanksgiving for God's continuous care. Our Gospel is the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee is full of self-righteousness, but the humble tax collector, who acknowledges his sinfulness, goes home 'at rights with God'. This week, may we be confident – as we come to prayer in all *our* sinfulness – knowing that the Lord, in his mercy, will always hear us. We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

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 Veronica Hughes RIP will be held at Hitchin Cemetery Chapel on 24th October at 12 noon.

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

ST Hugh's TODDLERS' GROUP

With Fortescue Hall almost ready to welcome back our community, we feel it is time to start some of the wonderful parish activities we used to run before Covid. The Toddlers' Group has been, without a doubt, one of the best resources offered by our parish to the wider community. A safe, welcoming space for little children and their grown-ups. We are looking to start up again from the beginning of December. Volunteers are needed to support the Group Leader, Cecilia, as this is not a one-person role. We would also like to invite our retired parishioners to join the group for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe lend a hand getting the snacks ready for the little ones. If you are interested in taking part, email: Letchworth@rcdow.org.uk or pop in to see Emma.

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.

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 sthughschilchildrensliturgy@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 22nd to Sunday 30th October 2022

Saturday 22nd October

6.00pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 23rd October

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Catherine&Kenneth Lowthian RIP

Monday 24th October

9.30am: Fr Duncan Adamson RIP

Tuesday 25th October

11am Funeral Mass Ross Nittolo RIP

Wednesday 26th October

9.30am: Steve Weaver RIP

Thursday 27th October

9.30am: Rosaleen Garvey RIP

Friday 28th October

9.30am Canon Patrick Sammon RIP

Saturday 29th October

9.30: Fr Francis Leeder RIP

6.00pm: Private Intentions in Thanksgiving

Sunday 30th October

9.30am: Mary Rostron RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS are available for the second week of November.

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/CAFOD)

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](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

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 31st Oct. Age: 14 and over. Book here: [Flame 2023 Passes – Early Bird – CYMFed](https://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame-2023-passes-early-bird)

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 with your full names. **The fee is £60 per couple.**

YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL

Parish Pals, A young adults social (18-35) is on Monday 31st October at 7pm at Our Lady's Church Hitchin- inside church. Meet like-minded people and have a moment to connect with God in Adoration

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Open to all. Every Wednesday 2-3pm at Our Lady's Church Hitchin- inside church. Meet like-minded people and have a moment to connect with God contact Rob for more information: rob-erthitchcock@rcdow.org.uk or 07862 764 884

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
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:

Sun 23rd Oct	World Mission Day
Tue 1st Nov	Solemnity of All Saints: Masses at 9.30am and 7.30pm
Wed 2nd Nov	All Souls. Masses at 9.30am and 7.30pm (Commemorative Mass)
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

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.