

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

Parish House: 84 Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TP

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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.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 30TH OCTOBER 2022

Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 Page 157 Psalter Week 3

FIRST READING: Wisdom 11: 22-12, 2

You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14 R cf v 1

I will bless your name forever, O God, my King.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2

The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

GOSPEL: Luke 19: 1-10

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

COLLECT: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.

From The Presbytery Window

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Our readings celebrate God's boundless love for us. No matter how far we go astray, God continues to seek us out and welcome us back. The Book of Wisdom reminds us God has created everything in love. Nothing exists or survives without God's imperishable spirit. It is because of the depth of God's love for us our faults and failings can be forgiven and we can rely on God to guide us away from evil. Psalm 144 is a wonderful hymn of praise to the God we acknowledge as King of our hearts. The verses echo Wisdom in reminding us how completely God loves us. God will raise us up to life when we fall. Paul urges the Thessalonians, and us, to continue to focus on doing the good work the Lord asks of us. It is through our lives God's name will be glorified. The story of Zacchaeus in Luke's Gospel reiterates salvation awaits anyone who repents of their weakness. Just as Jesus urges Zacchaeus down from the tree, so too, he calls us to follow him. All we need do is seek his presence, acknowledge our faults and failings and welcome him into every aspect of our lives. As we continue to pray for an end to hostilities throughout the world, we ask the Lord will to help us hear and respond to his invitation and welcome him joyfully into our lives. *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*.

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for Steve Weaver will be held on Monday 7th November at 10.30am. The Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Torelli will be held on Monday 14th November at 10.30am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. No 9.30am Mass on those days.

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.

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

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

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 29th October to Sunday 6th November 2022

Saturday 29th October

6.00pm: Private Intentions in Thanksgiving

Sunday 30th October

9.30am: Mary Rostron RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 31st October

9.30am: Fr John Fowler RIP

Tuesday 1st November—All Saints

9.30am Quirico Giancola

7.30am People of the Parish

Wednesday 2nd November—All Souls

9.30am: Holy Souls

7.30pm Deceased Parishioners

Thursday 3rd November

9.30am: Mabel&Jack Mills RIP

Friday 4th November

9.30am Julie Cranston RIP

Saturday 5th November

9.30: Nora Comiskey RIP

6.00pm: Kajetan Migdal RIP

Sunday 6th November

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Leonardo Antonaci RIP

MASS BOOKINGS are available from mid-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://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 Re-*

sponse, : <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>

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](#)

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: roberthitchcock@rcdow.org.uk or 07862 764 884

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

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	Sarah Moore

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.recow.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:

Tue 1st Nov	Solemnity of All Saints: Masses at 9.30am (STM present) 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.strcjni.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.