

# ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office: Monday 9.00-2.30pm, Tuesday 9.00 -2pm and Thursday 9.00-2.30pm

Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 6pm) 9.30am and 11.30am; 1pm Mass in Polish. Holy Day

Mass 9.30am & 7pm. Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday 9.30am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday

9.10am. Adoration & Confession Thursday 10.00-10.45am; Benediction Thursday 10.45.

Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.



## SUNDAY 2nd February 2025, PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**Psalter Week 4 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 299;**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4

The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24 (23): 7.8.9.10. R. 10bc

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 14-18

He had to be made like his brothers in every respect.

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation.

COLLECT: Almighty, ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***Simeon took Jesus into his arms and blessed God***

Today we celebrate Candlemas, the Christian festival of light marking the end of Christmastide. We joyfully welcome into the 'temple' of our hearts Christ the Light of the World, the one who enlightens our lives. The prophecy of Malachi is fulfilled when Mary and Joseph present the child Jesus in the Temple, for Malachi speaks of a day when 'the Lord ... will suddenly come to his Temple'. The Gospel serves as a formal announcement of Jesus's arrival in the Temple, his presentation to Gentiles and Jews alike, as 'the salvation' of all humanity. The intimate scene also highlights the faithful piety of the young couple and the patient faith and hope of Anna and Simeon. The Letter to the Hebrews underlines the reality of Jesus's humanity. Like all of us Jesus has to grow in maturity and wisdom and in experiencing the suffering real temptation brings to every human being. Psalm 24 marvels that the Lord of the Universe has deigned to live amongst us in the Temple. He bids its gates and ancient doors to lift their heads so the mighty Lord may enter. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray, like the Holy Family, we might have a growing faith and hope in a loving God who cares for us all. We remember especially victims of modern slavery in our turbulent, uncertain world, asking for an openness of heart and spirit to appreciate God's many blessings, freely available to us every day. We pray, like the Holy Family, we have a growing faith and hope in a loving God who cares for all and for an openness of heart and spirit to the many Divine blessings freely available to us each day. *St Beuno's Prego & Fr Jimmy*

## **POPE'S INTENTIONS—February**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel the call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. Amen

## **FUNERAL NOTICE**

With sadness, we announce the passing of **Antonietta Pica** and **Bridget Ryan**.

Antonietta's Funeral will be held on Thursday 6th February at 10.30am.

Bridget's body will be received into church on Monday 10th February at 3.30pm. The Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday 11th February at 10.30am. Both Funerals will be livestreamed on the parish YouTube channel. May Antonietta and Bridget rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep them and their loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time.

## **CRIB OFFERINGS**

This weekend is the last opportunity to donate towards the parish Crib Fundraising. Every Christmas, throughout our Diocese, congregations come together to help the Catholic Children Society and support of the invaluable work they do. The Catholic Children's Society supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none; their sole aim is to help those in greatest need. Each year, the Catholic Children Society help hundreds of families facing a crisis in their lives. By providing immediate emergency support via our Crisis Funds, CCS ensure families can access the practical help they need when they have nowhere else to turn. This has only been possible thanks to the generosity of supporters like you. Thank you for your generosity.

For direct donations visit: Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

In St Hilda Room on Sunday 16th February straight after the 9.30am Mass.

## **ROSARY FOR PEACE**

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

## **ST HUGH OF LINCOLN'S LITTLE LIBRARY \*\*NEW FOR 2025\*\***

We have opened a 'Little Library' in the St Hugh's Chapel at the back of Church, especially for the children in our Parish. We kindly ask for your help in keeping this area tidy, to enable us to continue this lovely new initiative. We also kindly ask that books are chosen/returned BEFORE or AFTER Mass to avoid disruption during Mass itself. Thank you in advance. Donations of Christian/Catholic children's books are very welcome.

## **RCIA MEETINGS**

On Wednesday at 7pm in St Hilda Room. All welcome.

## **WELCOME OUR NEW WELCOMER**

You may have spotted her already, but if you haven't, you will be pleased to know another SJHN Student, the wonderful Bella, has taken up the role of welcome in our parish as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. In addition to welcoming our parishioners, Bella has already started helping out the First Holy Communion Catechists. Thank you, Bella, for choosing your parish to volunteer.

## **THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH: EDITH STEIN**

14 – 16 March 2025 at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe BB7 9PZ  
Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

## **PARISH HOUSEKEEPER JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The Diocese are recruiting a Housekeeper for Hitchin parish who will support the Parish Priest and his team by shopping for, and providing, a balanced lunchtime meal with a main course and pudding for the three priests, or occasionally more if they are guests, ensuring that dietary requirements are met. You will also be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the Presbytery, the Parish Offices, the Sacristies, the Sacristy corridor, the Christopher House lobby, stairs and

landing and, as required, the Emmanuel Centre and the Doris Harris Room. To apply email: [humanresources@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:humanresources@rcdow.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Sat 1st to Sun 8th February 2025*

Saturday 25th January

6pm: Roy Rostron RIP

Sunday 2nd February— Presentation of the Lord

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Cayden Kirby RIP

Monday 3rd February

9.30am: Paddy O'Donnell RIP

Tuesday 4th February

9.30am: Liam Pyne RIP

Wednesday 5th February

9.30am: Fr Jimmy INT

Thursday 6th February

10.30am: Funeral Mass for Antonietta Pica RIP

Friday 7th February

9.30am: Wimala Seneviratne RIP

Saturday 8th February

6pm: Cosimino Rizzo RIP

Sunday 9th February - Presentation of the Lord

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Johannes, Florence and Agnes Dep RIP

## MASS BOOKINGS

Mass bookings are available from March. Please consider Gift-aiding.

## REPOSITORY

Cards for various occasions- located in the St Hilda Room. Prices vary, please check the dividers and leave money in the honesty box.

## SASH GROUP

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Please come and join us every other Thursday at 2pm in St Hilda Room. Refreshments available.

## MOTHER'S PRAYERS

This lovely prayer group for mothers of all ages is held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. It isn't a playgroup, but a chance to socialise and pray together for mothers and grandmothers. Tea and coffee available.

## CATHOLIC MEDITATION GROUP

On Tuesday 5-6pm, St Hilda room. Meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of reflection and discussion. All welcome.

## NEW LECTIONARIES RESOURCES

The Agency for Evangelisation is organizing a short series of talks at Vaughan House in January, February and March, entitled 'How does the Bible work?'. Encountering the Word of God, Thursday 30th January by Fr Nick King SJ; Writing the Encounters with God, Tuesday 18th February by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz; Making Available What Was Written, Thursday 13th March by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz. 6:30pm- 8:00pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN BOOKING ESSENTIAL [catad-min@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catad-min@rcdow.org.uk) or tel. 0207 798 9152

A new Scripture Formation Resource created by staff at the Bishops Conference of England and Wales to accompany the new Lectionary has also been published and will be a useful aid to formation and of readers and catechesis. A copy is available to download at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lectionary/>

## MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

At Westminster Cathedral on 5th April at 2pm. Presided by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

## MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend.

## PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

to pray for the conversion of England  
Come and celebrate the joyful Feast of the Annunciation at England's Nazareth  
Tuesday 25th March 2025

Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of Walsingham, 12 noon

Followed by: visit to the Slipper Chapel Holy Mile walk from the Shrine to the village (coach for those unable to walk)

Cost: £25 adults (free for children)

Departure time: 7.45am

For coach from St Albans and surrounding areas, please ring or text:

Rosemary Roscoe — 07723 546642 email: [rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com)

**WEEKDAY MASS IN ST HILDA ROOM,**  
Weekend, Feast and school masses will be held in Church.

**We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:**

Nora Ivers	Andrea Boncristiani
Richard Parker	Anne Hudson
Stephen Prohaszka	Angela Horne
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
George Marston	Philomena Johnson
Joe Fernandes	Margaret Haywood
Willie Hudson	Kay McKenna
Mary Wallace	Rosie Child
Harper Draper	Hannah Draper
Charles McCann	Phil Garvey-McGovern
Bob Pitman	Eric Bunson
Kristina Ullrich	James & Josie McElroy
Pauline Doran	Anne Moran
Elena Trasatti	Battista
Maureen Breslin	

**Collection Total December:** £7,291.22.

This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity. The total for January will be available next week.

**Easy Giving:** Via the Contactless machine in the porch or via our parish website: [www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth). If you are in a position to Gift Aid your donations, please email the office to complete a declaration. Gift Aid allows us to claim some money back at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your generosity.

**Standing Order:** Making your offering to the Church by Standing Order is simple and enables the Finance Committee with Fr Jimmy to plan parish finances accurately. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like information about giving by Standing Order.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS LIST:**

Coffee 100gm UHT Milk 1ltr UHT Fruit Juice 1ltr (Orange or Apple) Tinned Meat (not pies) Dried Milk Pasta Sauce Tinned Potatoes 300gm Tinned Rice Pudding Tinned Soup Sugar 500gm & 1kg Tea Bags 40's and 80's Tinned Vegetables Bags for life Thank you for your continued support.

**DESIGNATED JUBILEE CHURCHES**

Westminster Cathedral; St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip; St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar; Corpus Christi, Covent Garden; The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden; Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City.

**Dates for your Diary:**

1st-2nd February	Presentation of the Lord
8th February	Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick <b>at Westminster Cathedral</b> at 2pm. Presided by Cardinal Vincent.

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670 [www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strejmi.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 (retiring), Kate Hewitson (in training) [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.