

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 19th January 2025, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 2 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 127;

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62: 1-5

The bridegroom rejoices over the bride.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96 (95): 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac R 3

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

GOSPEL: John 2: 1-11

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.

COLLECT: Almighty, ever-living god, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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.**

'THEY HAVE NO WINE'

After his Baptism, Jesus now starts his public ministry by giving us a first 'sign' of his transformative love. At the wedding feast of Cana, he changes water into wine at the suggestion of his mother. Here we see Mary already interceding for others.

The First Reading also uses the image of a wedding to show that the Lord rejoices in his people 'as the bridegroom rejoices over his bride'.

St Paul teaches the people of Corinth about the various gifts given to each one of them – and to each one of us – which can be used for the good of all in a variety of ways. These gifts all witness to the same Spirit, the same God.

The Psalm is a joyful song of praise that reflects the spirit of the other readings. It invites us to 'Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples'. God will judge the people with fairness.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, the joyful image of wedding festivities might inspire us to think of all who suffer from food poverty. We pray that each one of us might use our different gifts generously to help those in need, so that all have sustenance. In this way, may we appreciate the transforming love that God has for every one.

POPE'S INTENTIONS—January

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Amen

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of Bridget Ryan. Bridget's body will be received into church on Ondon 10th February at 3.30pm. The Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday 11th February at 10.30am. May Bridget rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Our parish is donating all Crib offerings to the Catholic Children Society, in support of the life-saving work they do. Please be as generous as you can. For direct donations visit: Crib Offering - Catholic Childrens Society. The Crib will be displayed until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Sunday 2nd February 2025.

PARISH MASS BOOKS

As for the Lectionaries, the parish Mass books need to be replaced with the updated translation. Each cycle of books will cost the parish over £1000, the first new cycle, Year C volume 1, starting with Advent. With a donation of £5, you can sponsor a book in memory of a loved one. An inscription will be put in the book "Please pray for the repose of the soul of..." Your help and support is very gratefully received and appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Do you have any children's Nativity costumes lying around looking for a new home? Our Children's Liturgy group will happily take them off your hands! (Nativity costumes aren't just for Christmas- we love to use them all year round to re-enact the stories from the gospels!)

We will also accept any old duvet covers or bedding sets that we could use to turn into biblical costumes (plain/striped are ideal!) Any donations will be gratefully received, thank you.

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.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

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

RCIA MEETINGS

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

RCIA CATECHISTS MEETING

Sunday 19th January after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. If you have been involved in the RCIA process, either as a catechist or as a catechumen, please come and have a hot brew with us to chat about taking the programme further. We are quite excited to have received a number of enquiries from prospective catechumens and your point of view is much appreciated. No need to register, just show up on the day. All welcome.

A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH CAFOD

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

THANK YOU, JONATHAN AND GOOD LUCK!

SJHN student Jonathan's spell as Welcomer at St Hugh has come to an end. I know the 9.30am congregation really appreciated his efforts and being greeted before Mass. We thank Jonathan for his support and help and

wish him all the best as he carries on towards his DoE award. If you are looking to apply for a DoE Award, our parish has several roles available to you. Get in touch with the office.

AN UNTORN NET - BECOMING A SYNODAL CHURCH

A multi-parish day of Conversation-in-the-Spirit, discernment, and action to propose practical implementation of the 2024 Synod's Final Document in parishes and dioceses.

SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY 2025, 10.00

for 10.30 - 16.00, London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH

Tea / Coffee etc available ... Bring-&-Share Lunch. REGISTRATION - PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME, PARISH, DIOCESE, COMMUNITY, OR ORGANISATION - before

23 January 2025 Email: FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk or call: 020 8986 0807

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18th January to Sun 26th January 2025

Saturday 18th January

6pm: Shan Vadivel RIP

Sunday 19th January—2nd Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Roy and Margaret Devey RIP

Monday 20th January

9.30am: Aileen white INT

Tuesday 21st January

9.30am: Nellie Delaney RIP

Wednesday 22nd January

9am: Giorgio Forte RIP

Thursday 23rd January

9.30am: Dunsire Family INT

Friday 24th January

9.30am: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Saturday 25th January

9.30am: Anna Kearny INT

6pm: Ines and Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 26th January - 3rd Ordinary Time

9.30am: Gerry Fryer RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS

Mass bookings are available from February.

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

To help with our reception of the new translation of the Lectionary 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 catadmin@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.

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

Easy Giving: Via the Contactless machine in the porch or via our parish website: 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.

Collection Total December: £7,291.22.

This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

WEEKDAY MASS IN ST HILDA ROOM

Weekend, Feast and school masses will be held in Church as normal.

Dates for your Diary:

19th January	RCIA Catechists meeting after 9.30am Mass, St Hilda Room
1st February	Presentation of the Lord
8th February	Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick at Westminster Cathedral 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

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

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Officer - Rebecca Clarke (retiring), Kate Hewitson (in training) 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.