

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 26th January 2025, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday of the Word of God

Psalter Week 3 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 129;

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18: 8-10, 15 Response John 6:63

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Today this scripture has been fulfilled.

COLLECT: Almighty, ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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.**

Sunday of the Word of God

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.’

This Sunday of the Word of God celebrates the gift of Scripture in the Church, encouraging us to listen to and live by God’s word. In two of the readings, the word of God is proclaimed publicly to the people. The Jewish people, recently returned from captivity, listen attentively as the high priest Ezra reads the law from the Book of Nehemiah. Ezra helps them understand what they hear and, moved to tears, bids them rejoice, ‘for the joy of the Lord is your strength’. Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah when he reaches the synagogue at Nazareth, his hometown. He sets before the people a new way of life, announcing he is God’s anointed one. His mission is to bring good news to the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives and freeing the downtrodden. Paul uses the image of the body to explain how we are joined together through the Spirit at our own baptism to form the body of Christ. Just as each part has a unique function, each person’s gifts and responsibilities are needed and respected. Psalm 19 highlights the beauty of God’s law, providing guidance, refreshing the soul and bringing joy to the heart. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray for all who long for joy and refreshment, especially the oppressed and those caught up in modern-day slavery. We give thanks for the generosity and courage of all who work to support and liberate those held captive. *St Beuno’s Prego & Fr Jimmy*

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

CARDINAL VINCENT'S REFLECTION ON THE JUBILEE

With great joy at the Solemn Mass in the Cathedral on 29th December I formally declared the start of the Jubilee Year in our diocese, with its theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

To be Pilgrims of Hope, means to live by the promise of heaven as that is what is meant by the virtue of hope. The Catechism defines it for us: 'The theological virtue of hope is the power by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the grace of the Holy Spirit.' This is the hope we are to seek during the Holy Year. In speaking of this Jubilee, Pope Francis uses the image of the door. He invites us all to enter that door and receive again the gift of true hope. He says: 'The door of hope has opened wide to the world. God speaks to each of us and says: there is hope also for you! There is hope for each of us. And do not forget, sisters and brothers, that God forgives everything, God always forgives. Do not forget this, which is a way of understanding hope in the Lord.'

The invitation of this Holy Year 2025 is, then, clear and compelling. We are called to deepen the key virtue of hope in our lives: the enduring hope of heaven. This we do by a renewed pattern of prayer, quietly in the presence of our Saviour, knowing that the source of this hope lies in his loving heart, for he wants so much to dwell with us, to bring us home with him into our rightful place in heaven. And he overflows with forgiveness for all our waywardness. Entering this door of hope, we will see with greater clarity not only the gifts Jesus gives us but also the opportunities for us to serve him in others, deepening our bond with him day by day. Working for the good of those around us is to serve the Lord with gladness. We can offer this vision of hope and compassion to those whose lives are broken, for whom promises have been betrayed or dreams shattered, who

are weary and have little strength to carry on. This is our calling and our privilege. As Pope Francis said recently: 'I hope that during this Jubilee we can practice kindness as a form of love, to connect with others. May this year bring us peace, fellowship and gratitude.'

May this be our prayer too. + *Vincent Nichols*

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

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 Children's Society. The Crib will be displayed until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Sunday 2nd February 2025.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

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

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

RCIA MEETINGS

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

SUMMIT



Church of St Hugh of Lincoln
84 Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City, Herts
SG6 3TP

Monday, 27 January

7-9pm

Youth aged 13-17yrs

Social • Food • Adoration

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25th January to Sun 2nd February 2025

Saturday 25th January

6pm: Ines and Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 26th January— 3rd Ordinary Time

9.30am: Gerry Fryer RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 27th January

9.30am: Margaret Fitzgerald & Family INT

Tuesday 28th January

9.30am: Kevin Reilly RIP

Wednesday 29th January

9.30am: Richard O'Donnell RIP

Thursday 30th January

9.30am: Fr Patrick Howard RIP

Friday 31st January

9.30am: Jim Fitzgerald RIP

Saturday 1st February

6pm: Roy Rostron RIP

Sunday 2nd February - Presentation of the Lord

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Cayden Kirby 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** 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
Maureen Breslin	

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.

Dates for your Diary:

27th January	Westminster Youth Summit at St Hugh of Lincoln, 7-9pm
1st-2nd 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.

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.

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.