

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office Opening Hours: 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.

Weekday Mass is said in St Hilda Room, adjacent to Church.

SUNDAY 2nd March 2025, 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 4 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 144;

FIRST READING: Sirach 27: 4-7

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92: 2-3. 13-14. 15-16 R. cf 2a

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 39-45

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

COLLECT: Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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.**

THERE IS NO SOUND TREE THAT PRODUCES ROTTEN FRUIT

Our readings today, the final Sunday before Lent, remind us how words and actions illustrate what lies in the heart of each person. The first reading speaks of the true test of a person being what they say and the importance of listening carefully to others. We need to be conscious of our own choice of words. Psalm 92 celebrates the joy of offering thanks to the Lord for the goodness he brings to those who follow his ways. In similar vein, Paul encourages the early Christian community in Corinth to persevere in serving the Lord. Paul reminds them and us following the example of Jesus will never be in vain. Jesus uses striking visual images in the Gospel to illustrate his teaching. He warns us of the dangers of following others blindly and then speaks of the danger of judging others without acknowledging our own failings. Three of our four readings this week speak of the care and conditions trees need in order to produce sound fruit. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray we may be ever mindful of the impact our way of living has on the natural environment. We pray we will make good choices to protect God's creation. *Prego & Fr Jimmy*

POPE'S INTENTIONS—March

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences. **Amen**

A MESSAGE FROM VINCENT TO HIS HOLINESS

[I] assure you of the prayers of so many here in England and Wales. The prayers of the Catholic community are fervent and heartfelt. Many others, I am sure, are joining in this prayer for your recovery and continued health Catholics in England and Wales have a particular devotion to the person of the Holy Father, arising out of the historic loyalty of the We pray that through the intercession of our Blessed Lady, especially under her title of Our Lady of Walsingham, you may be given strength and perseverance in these days and continue to bring to the world the joy and compassion which has been so steadfastly at the heart of your ministry faithful in these countries to him. *Cardinal Vincent*

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of **Stephen Prohaszka**. The Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday 12th March at 10.30am. Please keep Stephen and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

RCIA MEETINGS

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

RESOURCES FOR THE JUBILEE

I am writing to you with some resources for the Holy Year.

1. A book about Hope, which has been recommended and may prove useful. <https://canterburypress.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9781786226099/doorways-to-hope>
2. A new booklet entitled 'Words of Hope - a Pilgrim's Guide through the 2025 Jubilee Year' written by Fr Ivano Milico (priest of this diocese) and published by CTS: <https://www.ctsbooks.org/> Fr Ivano takes a distinctive and engaging look at the virtue of Hope and links it to the Jubilee Year very well.
3. The Diocese bought 10,000 copies of the Jubilee Companion Booklet published by Alive Publishing. There is still a good number available for collection from Westminster Cathedral Clergy House and from Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane.
4. The six Jubilee churches in the Diocese are

all devising their programmes for the year. Please consult their websites, and the Diocesan one, for further information. Remember that the Jubilee Indulgence is available in these churches throughout the Holy Year.

5. Walking Pilgrimages: in the Diocese we have devised the Westminster Way, a gentle (ish) walk of about 5 miles from Tower Hill to the Cathedral, passing through Moorfields, Charterhouse, Ely Place, Maiden Lane and Westminster. I do recommend it to you. There are good resources to use, including the Leaders guide and Passport, all available on the Diocesan Website.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

6. Alongside this gentle local walking pilgrimage is an altogether grander and more ambitious National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope. This national pilgrimage takes four routes to Nottingham, which all arrive there at St Barnabas Cathedral on 13 September:

<https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-pilgrims-of-hope-walking-pilgrimage>

It will be possible to join the pilgrimage for a day of walking if you are not able to devote more time. The southern route (St John) will pass through this diocese.

7. The Cardinal will lead a Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College, Ware on Saturday 12 July and we are encouraged and invited to attend. The day will commence with Mass in the grounds at 12 noon.

Fr Daniel Humpries

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 –

Friday 7th March, 2pm at St George's Church, Common View, SG6 1DA
Kia Orana! "I made you wonderful"

The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'. World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world — through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

A worldwide wave of prayer...

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2025

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Donation envelopes are available today, and you can also contribute online using the QR code. Thank you for your kindness and support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1st to Sun 9th March 2025

Saturday 1st March

6pm: Rosalba Kenneth Shepherd RIP

Sunday 2nd March—8th Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: James Deegan RIP

Monday 3rd March

9.30am: Fr Kevin Fox INT

Tuesday 4th March

9.30am: John Surgrue RIP

Wednesday 5th March—Ash Wednesday

9.30am: Franco Filippi INT

7pm: People of the Parish

Thursday 6th March

9.30am: Mary Sutton RIP

Friday 7th March

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Saturday 8th March

9.30am: Ann McAuliffe RIP

6pm: Michael & Breedge Kerrane RIP

Sunday 9th March—1st Lent

9.30am: Ayda Okane RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from March. Weekend masses are available from mid-May. Please consider Gift-aiding. To Gift Aid Mass Intentions, please request a form from the Office. Previous declarations only cover for planned giving.

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.

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

On the Feast of the Annunciation, Tuesday 25th March 2025. 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

MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT AT STM

Would you or someone you know like to join the STM team and support our wonderful children at lunchtimes? The role would involve supervising the children in the dining room and during lunchtime play outside.

Hours will be 12 – 1.15 pm Monday to Friday, term time only, and we would like the successful candidate to start after Easter.

Please contact Mrs Lee, the School Business Manager, to learn more about the mid-day supervisory role. 01462 620670

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

Nora Ivers	Andrea Boncristiani
Richard Parker	Anne Hudson
Angela Horne	Fr Kevin Fox SJ
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
George Marston	Philomena Johnson
Joe Fernandes	Margaret Haywood
Willie Hudson	Kay McKenna
Mary Wallace	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
Justine Downey	Cathy McKenna
Irene Nova	

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:

Tinned Fish; Tinned Fruit; Cereals; Jam; Sponge Puddings; Tinned Rice Pudding; Tinned Custard; Tinned Tomatoes; Washing Up Liquid; Shaving Foam; Disposable Razors; Bags for Life.

Thank you for your continued support.

Collection Total January: £7,590.95

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

Dates for your Diary:

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.

5th March	Ash Wednesday. Mass at 9.30am and 7pm
14th March	CAFOD Fast Day
5th April	Mass for bereaved parents, 2pm Westminster Cathedral

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.