

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 9th February 2025, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 1 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 135;

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

Here I am! Send me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 138 (137): 1-2a, 2bc, 3, 4-5, 7c-8 R. 1c

In the presence of the angels, I praise you O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

So we preach and so you believed.

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11

They left everything and followed him.

COLLECT: Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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.**

Here I am Lord, send me.

However unworthy we may feel or believe ourselves to be, God sees beyond this, inviting each of us to live a fulfilled life in his bountiful love. In the Temple, Isaiah experiences a vision of the wonder of God and is overcome with self-doubt and self-criticism. Despite this, he is given a blessing and told his sins are forgiven. His response is immediate: 'Here I am! Send me!' In a similar way, when Simon Peter first meets Jesus, he is overcome with a sense of worthlessness and sinfulness in the presence of the unsought bounty of God. Jesus's response is to tell Simon, and us, 'Do not be afraid, just follow'. Simon Peter does. St Paul, writing to the Corinthians is all too aware of his shortcomings to proclaim the Gospel, given his past life as a persecutor of Christians. But with God's grace, he gladly accepts he is called to follow Christ and preach the Good News. We can easily imagine Paul and the Apostles prayed Psalm 138 with joyful thanks as they experienced the unconditional love of God. We join them in praying it with gratitude too. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray for the grace to see beyond the limitations we set upon ourselves. We ask to glimpse the beauty and potential God sees within us and calls us to share, May we encourage and support each other to answer God's call to bring hope-filled justice and peace wherever it is needed.

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 **Bridget Ryan**. 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. The Funeral will be livestreamed on the parish YouTube channel. May Bridget rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep them and their loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time.

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.

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 week-end 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/>

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th February. For urgent queries, please speak to Fr Jimmy after Mass.

ST THOMAS MORE NURSERY

Our school's Nursery have places available from September 2025. We are hosting an open day on Thursday 6 February and Friday 28 February at 9.30am.

No day at our nursery is the same. We offer a breadth of arts and crafts, activities and games, outdoor play, reading and much more.

Our vibrant learning environment

Our nursery is designed to encourage exploration, curiosity and creativity. We offer hands-on learning opportunities that nurture intellectual, social and emotional development.

We have colourful, engaging rooms, with experienced teams supporting little ones.

An engaging curriculum to build foundations

With a focus on early literacy, numeracy and social skills, our curriculum is carefully chosen to help your child achieve small steps of progress every day.

A seamless transition to primary school

Whether you choose to send your child to St Thomas More Primary School or somewhere else; we help prepare your little one for primary school. Building the skills and confidence they need to explore the world and thrive. As part of the St Thomas More family, children benefit from a smooth transition to primary school, ensuring continuity in their academic growth. Phone: 01462 620670
Email: admin@STMLetchworth.co.uk

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.

Sung Jubilee Mass with opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence on 22nd February 10am to 12noon at Westminster cathedral.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST HUGH CATHEDRAL, LINCOLN

We are considering a trip to St Hugh's Cathedral in late Spring. Having an idea of the number of participants is essential to get an idea of coach size and activities at the cathedral. If you are interested, please email the office or drop a note through the presbytery letterbox.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8th to Sun 16th February 2025

Saturday 8th February

6pm: Cosimino Rizzo RIP

Sunday 9th February - 5th Ordinary Time

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Johannes, Florence and Agnes Dep RIP

Monday 10th February

9.30am: Roseanna Wickham RIP

Tuesday 11th February

10.30am: Funeral Mass Bridget Ryan RIP

Wednesday 12th February

9.30am: Frank Garvey RIP

Thursday 13th February

9.30am: Fr Adrian Fortescue RIP

Friday 14th February

9.30am: Malcolm Pierce RIP

Saturday 15th February

9.30am: Michael and Breege Kerrane RIP

6pm: Rosalba Rizzo RIP

Sunday 16th February—6th Ordinary Time

9.30am: Susan and David McQuillan INT

11.30am: People of the Parish

MASS BOOKINGS

Mass bookings are available from March. Please consider Gift-aiding. To Gift Aid Mass Intentions, please request a form from the Office.

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 February and March, entitled 'How does the Bible work?'. 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 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

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 January: £7,590.95 This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

8th February	Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick at Westminster Cathedral at 2pm. Presided by Cardinal Vincent.
16th February	Baptism Preparation Course, after 9.30am mass, St Hilda Room
5th March	Ash Wednesday. Mass at 9.30am and 7pm
14th March	CAFOD Fast Day

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjmi.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 and 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.