

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 16th February 2025, 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 2 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 139;

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 1: 1-2, 3. 4, 6 R. Psalm 40 (39): 5a

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.

COLLECT: O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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.**

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place

Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' is often perceived to be more challenging than Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. His stronger Beatitudes and Woes show Jesus truly in touch with the plight of the downtrodden, the poor, the forgotten. Jesus is determined such people don't see society's judgment of them as saying something about the judgement of God. Despite the direst circumstances of their lives, they are not outside God's grace. Jesus knew, do we, not everyone who places their trust in God prospers in all they do. He saw the way of the wicked, far from leading to doom, was sometimes very profitable.

Jesus challenged the commonly held perception of Jeremiah, who preached the cursed are those who have turned from God, whilst those who trust in God are always blessed and fruitful. Paul says the scandalous image of Christ crucified, cursed and parched, never ceased to be the image of the fullness of God's grace. Christ was vindicated in his resurrection, by which the fruitfulness of redemption is made accessible for all. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we pray, like our Saviour, we might be bearers of hope for those who feel lost through poverty, grief, or rejection in its many forms.

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 **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.

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.

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...

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 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 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 and 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.

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 by 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

MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT AT ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

JUBILEE MASS—PLENARY INDULGENCE

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 15th to Sun 23rd February 2025

Saturday 15th February

6pm: Rosalba Rizzo RIP

Sunday 16th February—6th Ordinary Time

9.30am: Susan and David McQuillan INT

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 17th February

9.30am: Bridget Ryan RIP

Tuesday 18th February

9.30am: Yvonne Parker RIP

Wednesday 19th February

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Thursday 20th February

9.30am: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Friday 21st February

9.30am: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Saturday 22nd February

6pm: Julie Cranston RIP

Sunday 23rd February—7th Sunday Ordinary

Time

9.30am: Dave Wickham RIP

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 on 18th February and 13th March, entitled 'How does the Bible work?' 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 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

On the Feast of the Annunciation, Tuesday 25th March 2025; Holy Mass 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
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

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

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:

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.