

# 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.

## **SUNDAY 16th March 2025, 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Psalter Week 2 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 153;**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 27: 1-7. 8b. 8c-9c. 13-14 R. 1a

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 3: 17– 4:1

Christ will configure us to his glorious body.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 9: 28b-36

As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.

**COLLECT:** O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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.**

### ***THIS IS MY SON, MY CHOSEN ONE; LISTEN TO HIM!***

Today's readings are full of hope, encouraging us to reflect on faith and transformation and trust in God's promises. During Lent we try to spend extra time in prayer, giving ourselves more opportunity to recognise the presence and action of God in our lives. In Luke's Gospel of the Transfiguration, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. In the presence of Moses and Elijah, they see a glimpse of Jesus's true identity, his divinity is revealed. A voice from the cloud confirms Jesus as God's Son, and commands us to, 'Listen to him!' Faithful Abram also hears God's voice, promising offspring and land to him and his descendants. St Paul tells the Philippians to model themselves on those who already live as Christians. He encourages us to hold fast to Christ rather than focusing on worldly distractions. Those who are faithful will have their true home in heaven, where Jesus will transform our bodies to be like his. Psalm 27 is full of trust and hope. We are encouraged to seek God's face and receive his strength. He is the light in our darkness, and our salvation. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray, like Peter, James and John, we may have a deep trust and faith in Jesus, as we focus on listening to him. We remember especially those who are victims of natural disasters and the climate crisis. *St Beuno's 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

## CONGRATULATIONS

To baby Ines and baby Molly who have been Baptised in our church before Lent. May the Lord continue to bless them and their families.

To the First Holy Communion children who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday 8th March. They behaved beautifully and made their families and the catechists very proud. Our church was bathed in sunlight as the children reached this important milestone in their Faith Journey. Please keep them in your prayers through Lent as they continue to prepare to meet the Lord in the Eucharist.

## WELCOME

To the STM pupils who will be visiting church for morning Mass and Stations of the cross throughout Lent.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of **Greg Wright** who was a regular churchgoer here at St Hugh for many years before moving to Hitchin. Greg passed away on 2nd March and his Funeral will be held at Our Lady's on Friday 21st March at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Friday mornings after 9.30am Mass.

## OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Please note the office will be closed on 18th March and open on 19th March instead.

## St PATRICK'S AND St JOSEPH'S DAY

On the Feast of St Patrick (17th March) and the Solemnity of St Joseph (19th March) there will be sung Masses. Both Masses will be livestreamed for our housebound parishioners.

## ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

## RCIA MEETINGS

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

## CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2025

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Please 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.

## CHRISTIAN ART: WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL'S GREAT CROSS

A perfect reflection for Lent, Father Patrick van der Vorst visits Westminster Cathedral to explore one of London's hidden gems: the Great Rood Cross. Suspended 30 feet above the sanctuary, this monumental cross frames the centre of the Cathedral, the mother church of England and Wales and the seat of the Archbishop of Westminster.

Westminster Cathedral stands apart from England's medieval Gothic cathedrals with its striking neo-Byzantine design. Its architect, John Francis Bentley (1839–1902), was inspired by the great basilicas of the East, aiming to create a vast, awe-inspiring space where light, mosaics, and sacred art would elevate the worshipper's experience. Though he did not live to see its completion, Bentley's vision endures in the Cathedral's distinctive red-brick façade, soaring domes, and, most notably, the Great Rood Cross—a monumental symbol of faith at the heart of this architectural masterpiece.

With the doors closed for the evening and the Cathedral plunged into darkness except for a single spotlight on the cross, Fr Patrick explores its history and the hidden symbolism behind its many features.

[Westminster Cathedral's Great Cross: Two Sides, One Story - YouTube](#)

## REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 20th - 22nd June 2025 Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443,

email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **POPE'S VIDEO FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS**

Pope Francis invites us to pray for families in crisis, and to reflect on the importance of forgiveness: "Forgiveness means giving another chance. God does this with us all the time. For information go to: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/51860>

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

*Sat 15th to Sun 23rd March 2025*

Saturday 15th March

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 16th March—2nd Lent

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Caroline Randall RIP

Monday 17th March

9.30am: Deceased Members Garvey Family

Tuesday 18th March

9.30am: John Atkinson INT

Wednesday 19th March—St Joseph

9.30am: People of the Parish

Thursday 20th March

9.30am: Tom Reeve RIP

Friday 21st March

9.30am: Robert Price RIP

Saturday 22nd March

9.30am: Luigi Rizzo RIP

6pm: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 23rd March—3rd Lent

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Mary Deegan RIP

### **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 and St Patricks's medals/ribbons 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](mailto:rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com)

### **YOUNG ADULTS LENT RETREAT DAY**

With the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5th April 2025 10 am – 5.30 pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes: talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • mass and social time. Donations only. Email: [rebecca@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:rebecca@assumpta-eu.org)

### **WINTERSHALL PASSION OF JESUS**

Trafalgar Square 18th April at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. No tickets or booking are required, the 90-minute performances are completely free of charge. For those who cannot make it to the Square the performances will be livestreamed on our Facebook Page.

The production is open air with visibility maximised using a large screen. There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. British sign language interpretation is provided.

**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	Giuseppe Trasatti
Battista	Maureen Breslin
Justine Downey	Cathy McKenna
Mary O'Connor	Audrey Donnelly
Elena Trasatti	Caden Kingston

**Easy Giving:** Via the Contactless machine in the porch or via our parish website: [www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://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:**

Cereals (not Porridge); Tinned Fish Tinned ;  
Fruit Jam ; Sponge Puddings  
Tinned Rice Pudding; Tinned Custard;  
Tinned Tomatoes; Bags for Life  
Thank you for your continued support.

**Collection Total February: £7,210.33**  
This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Dates for your Diary:**

14th March	CAFOD Fast Day
17th March	Sung Mass 9.30am - St Patrick's Day
19th March	Sung Mass 9.30am - Solemnity of St Joseph
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](http://www.strejmi.herts.sch.uk)

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

Tel: 01438 314643    [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Officer**

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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.