

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 9th March 2025, 1st SUNDAY IN LENT

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

The confession of faith of the chosen people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 91: 1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15. R. cf 15b

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

SECOND READING: Romans 10: 8-13

The confession of faith of the believers of Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil.

COLLECT: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.**

MY REFUGE, MY STRONGHOLD, MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST!

All of our readings encourage us to keep our gaze fixed on God. The author of Deuteronomy reminds us, wherever we may find ourselves, the Lord will always hear our cry of distress. He will lead us to a land of peace, just as he did for the Jewish people when they were enslaved in Egypt. Psalm 91 encourages us, us no harm shall befall if we trust in and follow the Lord. He will rescue and protect us. Paul teaches us, if we believe in our heart Jesus is Lord and tell others he was raised from the dead by God, then we will be saved. On the First Sunday of Lent each year, we always hear an account of the temptations of Jesus. As the devil tempted Jesus, we too will be tempted. We sometimes rely on ourselves rather than on God, or even find ourselves longing for power. But like Jesus, we will be able to overcome these temptations if we are open to the Spirit and place all our trust in God. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray especially for those who find it difficult to resist temptation, including those who exploit others for their own profit. We remember particularly this week those who are victims of modern slavery. *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

FUNERAL NOTICE

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

DALE SCOTT RIP

Some in our congregation may remember Dale, who used to be an altar server here at St Hugh and who's family were stalwarts of the parish.

Dale was 76 when he died suddenly in Worthing hospital on January 30 2025. He had lived in Brighton for many years, working as a publican. He retired eight years ago. Dale was the son of Sylvia and Pearse Scott of Lawrence Avenue, Letchworth. He attended St Michael's College, Hitchin in the 50s and 60s. He joined the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards after school and served in Germany and Northern Ireland. His battalion was one of first to be sent to Northern Ireland when the Troubles began in the late 1960s. His battalion was also chosen to guard the Queen, and one of his proudest moments was to be involved in the Trooping the Colours ceremony.

Dale's mother, Sylvia Scott, was on the committee which raised funds to help build the present church of St Hugh of Lincoln. She ran the annual fete, regular tombola sessions and concerts to help raise money. Dale served as an altar boy at both the old and new churches of St Hugh. He was a great character, popular and sharp witted, with a particular love of folk and blues music and keeping up with current affairs. He leaves a daughter Sophie who lives in Oxford.

A Mass for the Repose of Dale's soul will be said on Thursday 13th March.

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

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 8th to Sun 16th March 2025

Saturday 8th March

6pm: Michael & Breedge Kerrane RIP

Sunday 9th March—1st Lent

9.30am: Ayda Okane RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 10th March

9.30am: Justine Downey INT

Tuesday 11th March

9.30am: John Atkinson INT

Wednesday 12th March

10.30am: Funeral Mass Stephen Prohaszka RIP (Livestreamed)

Thursday 13th March

9.30am: Dale Scott RIP

Friday 14th March

9.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Saturday 13th March

9.30am: Cosimino Rizzo RIP

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 16th March—2nd Lent

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Caroline Randall 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- located in the St Hilda Room. Prices vary, please check the dividers and leave money in the honesty box. St Patrick's Day ribbons/pins also available.

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) Mass at 12noon 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
Mary O'Connor	Audrey Donnelly

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 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 - 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.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.