

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

Parish House: 84 Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TP

Parish Priest: Fr Jimmy Garvey. Parish Administrator: Emma Dunsire: 01462 510015

Email: letchworth@rcdow.org.uk Website: <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth>

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 13th April 2025, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 1 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 176;

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Behold, I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my chosen people

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 126: 1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5.6. R. 3

What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we are glad

SECOND READING: Philippians 3: 8-14

For the sake of Christ I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like him in his death

GOSPEL: John 8: 1-11

Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.

COLLECT: By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in the same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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.**

CHRIST JESUS HAS MADE ME HIS OWN

The setting for our Gospel is Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles. Yom Kippur, the final opportunity to repent before the close of the year, has just ended. The Scribes and Pharisees standing before Jesus are missing the opportunity for repentance, but the lone woman, crouched there, receives repentance eagerly. Jesus offers this chosen woman a way out of her wilderness, as our first reading from Isaiah speaks of. He works marvels for her, as in Psalm 126. Jesus is doing something new by mixing what the righteousness of the law requires with forgiveness and mercy. Jesus saves her life and offers her the gift of new spiritual life. She leaves filled with gladness. St Paul too received the gift of new life. Like the woman in the Gospel, Paul has been possessed by Christ and desires only to continue upward toward the prize of Christ. He counts all else as rubbish. For Paul, knowing Christ as Lord is all that matters. We are Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year. We too continue to move upward into Holy Week as Christ's chosen, praying we might be agents of his forgiveness and mercy in every situation of our lives

St Beuno's Prego & Fr Jimmy

POPE'S INTENTIONS—April:

For the use of new technologies. Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times. Amen

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM CARDINAL VINCENT WILL BE READ AT MASS

CATECHUMENS

Please pray for our Catechumens preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and Candidates preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist, becoming full members of the Body of Christ, the Church, at the Easter Vigil. We are due to receive eight new people into the faith at our Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

RCIA MEETINGS

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next session will be on Sunday 8th June after 9.30am Mass. Location: St Hilda Room, adjacent to church.

St HUGH SIMPLE LUNCH

Come and celebrate Palm Sunday with your fellow parishioners with a lunch of soup & bread rolls, tea/coffee and squash for the little ones. Lunch starts at 1pm at Fortescue Hall and it is free entry. Donations are voluntary. Any money raised on the day will go to CAFOD in response to the recent EARTHQUAKE APPEAL following the tragic events in Myanmar. If you would like to go a step further and help out, please get in touch with the office.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

In November, MPs voted in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill at its second reading by 330–275. Now, amendments to the Bill at the Committee stage are set to make it even more dangerous than the version MPs voted on back in November. A key reason why many MPs voted for MP Kim Leadbeater's Bill at the Second Reading in November was that they were told a High Court judge would look at every case, making the Bill—so its sponsors claimed—'the safest in the world'. However, Ms Leadbeater has now asked the Committee to ditch this major 'safeguard' because of fears that it would overload the court system. The Bill can still be Defeated (at Third Reading...in

April or possibly May) The narrow 55-vote margin could be whittled away by the time the House of Commons next votes on the Bill. Following the scrapping of case-by-case High Court scrutiny, The Independent reported that a list of 142 MPs who voted in favour of the Leadbeater Bill in November could now change their vote because of Kim Leadbeater's U-turn. These include MPs from across the political spectrum. Postcards to be sent to your MP will be handed out at church for those who wish to make their voice heard. We also have hard copies of the Petition started by Care Not Killing available for those who cannot or do not wish to sign online. Cardinal Vincent has issued a Pastoral Letter to be read in the Diocese this weekend to call the faithful to oppose the Bill.

YOUTH SUMMIT



**THE BIG
HERTFORDSHIRE
SUMMIT**

- 📅 26 April 2025
- 🕒 12:00-17:30 (Mass at 6pm)
- 📍 St Joseph's Catholic Church
Bedwell Crescent
Stevenage
SG1 1NJ

We are THRILLED to invite you to our Big Hertfordshire Summit in Stevenage, celebrating our young people in parishes across the region. The Summit will be an afternoon of games, workshops, socialising, and ENCOUNTER with the Lord through prayer, confession and Adoration. The event is for young people aged 14-17, so bring along your youth group and invite your friends! For more information check out the website <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/big-hertfordshire-summit/>

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.

LENTEN RESOURCES

The Friends of the Holy Land have resources and meditations available to faithful during Lent. Please visit: [Lent 2025 | Friends of the Holy Land](#).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5th to Sun 12th April 2025

Saturday 5th April

6pm: Marius Walsh RIP

Sunday 6th April—Fifth Lent

9.30am: Lucia Camisa RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 7th April

9.30am: John and Cathy McKenna INT

Tuesday 8th April

9.30am: Michael Dep INT

Wednesday 9th April

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 10th April

9.30am: Victorino & Merceded Domingo RIP

Friday 11th April

9.30am: Paala & Bonut Silva RIP

Saturday 12th April

9.30am: Holy Souls

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 13th April—Palm Sunday

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Brenda Feeney RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from May. Weekend masses are available from the second half of May. Please consider Gift-aiding. To Gift Aid Mass Intentions, please request a form from the Office.

REPOSITORY

With First Holy Communions and Confirmations coming up, please consider supporting the church by buying cards from our reposi-

tory. Mass Cards, cards celebrating the sacraments, new babies and other occasions are 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 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.

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. The performances will be livestreamed on Wintershall's Facebook Page.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL by Canon CRONIN

Canon Danny from Knebworth parish has compiled a perfect companion and resource for this Jubilee year. *Hope Springs Eternal* comprises some 30 contributions from various authors on the theme of hope that Pope Francis has chosen for this Holy Year of 2025. They are quite short reflections that can easily be dipped into. Cardinal Vincent has written the Foreword and recommended the book for this special year. We have a few copies available, please get in touch if you would like one.

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

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:

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 March: £7,682.47 This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

13th April	Palm Sunday —Holy Week begins
13th April	Simple Lunch Parish event , Fortescue Hall 1pm all welcome
18th April	Children’s Stations of the Cross, 10am
	For all other Easter services, please refer to the Leaflet
5th May	2.30pm (Banner Procession from 2pm): Mass for Migrants - Westminster Cathedral. Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald

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.