

# 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 13th April 2025, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Psalter Week 2 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 184;**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 50: 4-7

I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 22: 8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R. 2a

My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 22: 14-23:56

The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**COLLECT:** Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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 EMPTIED HIMSELF, BY TAKING THE FORM OF A SERVANT, BEING BORN IN HUMAN LIKENESS***

As we begin Holy week, we try and put some time aside to enter into it as attentively as possible. Palm Sunday begins with a processional Gospel recounting Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The disciples are overjoyed and lead the cries of 'Hosanna'. The Mass itself gives us Luke's account of Jesus's Passion and death. Jesus is betrayed and handed over to be crucified. The prophet Isaiah presents a disciple, the Suffering Servant, often identified with Jesus, who suffers without offering resistance. Psalm 22 follows the same theme, echoing elements of the Gospel narrative. But the last verse becomes a hymn of praise to God, who brings victory out of defeat. In Philippians, Paul gives us an ancient liturgical hymn of praise. Here he shows Jesus as one who is divine but who humbles himself, in obedience to the Father. He empties himself, accepts death on the cross, so he is exalted as Lord by all those in heaven and on earth. Jesus 'taking the form of a servant', or of a slave, leads us to consider all those throughout our world who suffer modern forms of slavery. May our prayers and actions in this Jubilee year give them hope and lead to justice  
*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

## 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.

## OUR CONFIRMATION GROUP UPDATE

Our candidates continue their formation towards their Confirmation day. They recently went to FLAME as wonderful event that doesn't get half the attention it deserves. Charlotte writes: "Flame is the largest Catholic youth event. It was held at Wembley Arena and this year the theme was "Unstoppable - Fan the Flame of Hope." The event featured inspiring speakers, live music, prayer and adoration. The confirmation group were lucky to attend this year and it was a really great day. Bear Grylls was the main speaker and talked about his faith and how it helped him to complete his achievements. I particularly enjoyed the international dance group and made lots of great memories. Overall, it was

an extremely fun and inspiring experience which we would all recommend." Flame 2025 saw more than 10,000 young people from every part of England and Wales, as well as a group from Gibraltar and the Ukrainian national Chaplaincy, join chaplains, teachers, priests, bishops, and youth leaders, in selling out the OVO Arena Wembley in a huge explosion of faith and hope. Please continue to pray for our candidates.

## 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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

*Sat 12th to Sun 20th April 2025*

Saturday 12th April

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

**Sunday 13th April—Palm Sunday**

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.15am: Brenda Feeney RIP

Monday 14th April

9.30am: Paala & Bonut Silva RIP

Tuesday 15th April

9am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 16th April

9.30am: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Thursday 17th April

9.30am: No Mass

**SACRED TRIDUUM**

**Maundy Thursday**

7pm: People of the Parish

**Friday 18th April—Good Friday**

10am: Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm: Solemn Passion of the Lord

**Saturday 19th April—Holy Saturday**

No Morning Mass

**EASTER SERVICES**

8.30pm: People of the Parish

**Sunday 20th April—EASTER**

9.30am: Paolo Puosi RIP

11.30am: Hugh Doran 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 repository. 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.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

27/04/2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Preparation at Our Lady Immaculate, Hitchin. 2.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction and ongoing confessions 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Praises of Divine Mercy Homily on Divine Mercy Enthronement Prayers, blessing of the Divine Mercy Image and veneration of the Image 3.30pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass After Mass there will be a bring and share refreshments in the hall and dance to beautiful Christian music.

### **ONE JOURNEY MANY PATHS**

Friday 25th April 7.30-9pm at Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG. (Parking The Cloisters AL8 6DU.) Speakers will share their enthusiasm for interfaith dialogue: Valerie Skottowe; Pat Whitney; John Dal Din. All welcome! Tea/coffee 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	Battista
Maureen Breslin	Justine Downey
Cathy McKenna	Elena Trasatti
Mary O'Connor	Audrey Donnelly
Caden Kingston	

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

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	<b>Palm Sunday</b> —Holy Week begins
13th April	<b>Simple Lunch Parish event</b> , Fortescue Hall 1pm all welcome
18th April	Children’s Stations of the Cross, 10am
	<b>For all other Easter services, please refer to the Leaflet</b>
5th May	2.30pm (Banner Procession from 2pm): Mass for Migrants - Westminster Cathedral. Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald
24th-31st May	Laudato Si’ Week

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670 [www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjmi.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.