

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 20th April 2025, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Psalter Week 1. Vigil Mass Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 223; Mass During the Day page 252.

FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. 24

This is the day the Lord has made; rejoice and be glad

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-6

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9

He must rise from the dead.

COLLECT: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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.**

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN. ALLELUIA!

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast of our liturgical year! May our readings fill us with hope and deep joy, whatever our circumstances. John's Gospel shows Mary Magdalene running to tell the disciples about the empty tomb. Peter and John, the beloved disciple, discover this for themselves, slowly coming to believe Jesus is risen. Psalm 117 (118), which we sing several times in the Easter season, is a joyful song of praise to the Lord who has triumphed over suffering and death. The Acts of the Apostles shows how Peter has grown in his faith as he proclaims the Good News. He gives personal witness to the Resurrection of Jesus to the Gentiles as well as the Jews. Paul's letter to the Colossians challenges us to live the reality and consequences of the Resurrection. We have been brought back to true life with Christ. As Pilgrims of Hope our Jubilee year encourages us to acknowledge we need to pause, to give time to rest and worship. May the Easter season lead us to put aside quiet time each day as we place our trust in God who rested on the seventh day. *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

CONGRATULATIONS

Chamika, Frankie, Doug, Andreea, Sofia, Pamela and Maria, all received into the Faith at the Easter Vigil.

“Lord God, you increase day by day the number of your Church’s children born in the waters of baptism. Grant that your people may hold fast in life to the mystery of new birth, which they received by faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.” (from The Office of Readings for Easter Monday)

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

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—Thank you!

“It was a real pleasure to welcome around 30 parishioners of all ages to simple shared lunch on Palm Sunday in Fortescue Hall. There were 6 choices of soup, homemade and bought bread on offer and everyone really enjoyed being together and sharing a meal. In a time when food is not always available to all, it was great to see food being seen as a gift that we should receive with humility and share generously with each other as a declaration of our love for one another and God. Food and worship are closely connected and common amongst all religions, so it was great to see our church taking part, especially in this Year of Hope.” Tom
The Simple Lunch raised £185.50 for the Myanmar CAFOD Appeal. Well done to all involved!

ARCHBISHOP-ELECT JOHN SHERINGTON

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John as the tenth Archbishop of Liverpool in succession to Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. Archbishop-elect John’s Installation will be at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool on 27 May 2025. We congratulate Bishop John on his appointment and we thank his for his episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Westminster since his ordination as a Bishop on 14 September 2011. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for his

episcopal ministry among us on Thursday 15 May at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend. Our prayers and affection for Archbishop-elect John are assured as he prepares for his Installation and for his ministry in Liverpool.



THE BIG HERTFORDSHIRE SUMMIT

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

YOUTH SUMMIT

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 – THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support for the Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal. This year’s funds will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal: Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life and Catholic Education Initiatives as well as projects run by parishes. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue this work throughout our Diocese.

CAFOD FAST DAY—Thank You!

Thank you to all the parishioners at St Hugh of Lincoln for your generous support

for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £984.70. Thank you for supporting families facing the toughest challenges—such as floods, conflict and drought. God bless, The CAFOD TEAM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19th to Sun 27th April 2025

Saturday 19th April

8.30pm: People of the parish

Sunday 20th April—EASTER

9.30am: Paolo Puosi RIP

11.30am: Hugh Doran RIP

Monday 21st April

10am: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Tuesday 22nd April

10am: Khushil Dep INT

Wednesday 23rd April

10am: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Thursday 24th April—STM School Mass

10am: STM School INT

Friday 25th April

10am: Jeffrey Niamke INT

Saturday 26th April

10am: Holy Souls

6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 27th April—Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Martha Meynert RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from May. Weekend masses are available from the end of June. 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. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend.

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. Please start the Novena from Good Friday.

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.

CELEBRATE Trust have designed short creative activities that families can choose from to enable them to draw close to Jesus, our hope, and share this love with others. To download the resource for free, go to <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrate-prayer-resources> and click on 'Jubilee for All.'

FLOWER ARRANGERS WANTED

A beautiful and creative way to serve the Lord. Please get in touch if you wish to join our dedicated team of flower arrangers.

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.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:

27th April	Divine Mercy Sunday
5th May	2.30pm (Banner Procession from 2pm): Mass for Migrants - Westminster Cathedral. Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald
10th May	Mass for New Catholics
17th May	Mass for Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral
24th-31st May	Laudato Si' Week

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjni.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.