

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 Wednesday 10.00-10.45am; Benediction Wednesday 10.45. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.

SUNDAY 4th May 2025, Third Sunday of Easter

Psalter Week 3 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 259;

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118: 2-4. 22-24. 25-27a R. 1

Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5: 11-14

Worthy is the Lamb who is slain, to receive power and wealth.

GOSPEL: John 21: 1-19

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish .

COLLECT: May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ [...] **Amen.**

As we mourn the loss of Pope Francis, we give thanks to God for the gift of his life and ministry and for the countless ways he has inspired us to deepen our faith and live out our call to love and serve one another. We pray for the happy and peaceful repose of his soul. May the Holy Spirit guide and sustain the cardinals in their choice of a successor for the good of all the Church throughout the world.

IT IS THE LORD!

Our joy-filled readings today during this fifty day season of Easter, speak of the meaning of discipleship in our personal relationship with Jesus and in our relationships with others. The apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and continue to proclaim the teaching of Jesus.

When confronted by religious leaders they insist on obeying God rather than any human authority. Their joy is based on faith in God who will change their 'mourning into dancing', as Psalm 30, a Psalm of praise and thanksgiving proclaims. Our merciful God will lift us from our troubles. St. John in the Book of Revelation presents a vision of heavenly worship with every creature in the universe praising Jesus as the risen Lamb who was slain, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!' In the Gospel John recounts Jesus' third post-Resurrection meeting with the disciples who have returned to their former fishing occupation. Jesus calls to them at dawn, guiding them to a miraculous catch of fish, followed by a shared breakfast. In a beautiful and stunningly poignant encounter with Peter, Jesus asks him three times if he loves him, putting right Peter's three-fold denial during Jesus' Passion. Jesus instructs Peter to care for his followers, 'feed my lambs', teaching Peter he will be led where he would rather not go. We ponder these texts as disciples of the Lord and Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year,

praying for a spirit of justice and generosity in all situations of conflict, injustice and poverty in our world.

St. Beuno's Prego & Fr. Jimmy

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - May

For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized. Amen

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMUNICANTS!

Luis, Ruby, Alex, Anthony, Isabella, Danielle, Arthur, Kan, Poppy, Beatrice, Aili, Thea, Apolline, Stanley, Santi, Liliana Trupia, Mason, Jessica, Leon, Witek, Bartosz, Verlene.

We congratulate the children on reaching such a momentous milestone on their Faith Journey and we welcome their families and friends, many of whom have travelled far to be here.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code on the posters in the porch to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

MARY'S MEALS FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child.

Mary's Meals feeds in over 17 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

A MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

The College of Cardinals has requested that all Catholics pray for them, so that they may listen to the Holy Spirit as they discern whom to choose as the next Pope. The Holy See released a declaration on Wednesday, 30 April, in which the Cardinals preparing for the upcoming conclave ask the faithful to pray for them.

“The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God,” read the statement.

The Cardinals said they feel “the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful,” since they are aware of their responsibility in choosing the next Successor of Peter.

Prayer, they added, “is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ.”

“Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time,” said the Cardinals, “it is first of all necessary to

make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit.”

The Cardinals noted that the Holy Spirit is “the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what He is saying to the Church.”

“May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession,” concluded the Cardinals’ declaration.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3rd to Sun 11th May 2025

Saturday 3rd May

6pm: People of the parish

Sunday 4th May—Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am: First Holy Communion Children INT

11.30am: Chan Siew Yew RIP

Monday 5th May

10am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 6th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 7th May

9.30am: Caroline Lopez INT

Thursday 8th May

9.30am: Anthony Gunesekara RIP

Friday 9th May

9.30am: Pat Crummy RIP

Saturday 10th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

6pm: People of the parish

Sunday 11th May—Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: First Holy Communion Children INT

11.30am: Silvio Sequi Manoni RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from mid-May. Weekend masses are available from July. 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.

FLOWER ARRANGERS URGENTLY WANTED

We all enjoy our church looking beautiful. The Flower displays are done, maintained and curated with much love and dedication. It is a rewarding and creative way to serve the Lord and it needn’t be too tasking if shared among a group. Two valued members of the Flower arranging team are at present unable to help. If you fancy having a go, even if just to cover for the temporary vacancies, please get in touch or speak to Jacquie Maddison.

ST HILDA ROOM BOILER

Please refrain from switching off the boiler or tampering with it in any way. If there is a problem, kindly let the office or Joe know and we will sort it out. Switching off the boiler causes problem for the whole system and requires an engineer to come out and re-set it. It is time consuming and, most importantly, EXPENSIVE. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

LEARN TO PRAY DAY

10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday 10th May 2025 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, White City. All are welcome to join us for a one-day course on how to develop a personal prayer life that helps you grow deeper in your relationship with God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The day is free; all we ask is that let us know you are coming. For info, email evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk with the name(s) of people coming along.

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) Biscuits Tinned Rice Pudding Tinned Custard Tinned Tomatoes Jam UHT Fruit Juice (Orange or Apple) Sponge Puddings Bags for Life

Thank you for your continued support.

Collection Total April: £8,296.17 This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

4th May	9.30am First Holy Communion Mass
5th May	2.30pm (Banner Procession from 2pm): Mass for Migrants - Westminster Cathedral. Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald
10th May	Mass for New Catholics
11th May	9.30am First Holy Communion Mass
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

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