

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 11th May 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter Psalter Week 4 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 263;

FIRST READING: Acts 13: 14, 43b-52

Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

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 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

GOSPEL: John 10: 27-30

I give eternal life to my sheep.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE AND I KNOW THEM.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday, as we pray for our new Holy Father, Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who brings life, love and protection to his flock. Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, describes a turning point in Paul and Barnabas' ministry. Rather than discouraging them, their rejection by the Jews fills them with fresh confidence to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. Even though they leave Antioch in Pisidia, north of Jerusalem, as a result of persecution and under a cloud, filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 100 (99) is full of joy and gratitude too. Along with other Psalms of thanksgiving, it's a powerful reminder we're God's people, the sheep of his flock and God will never abandon us. St. John in the Book of Revelation reflects God's diverse and inclusive plan for the salvation of all God's people. This heavenly scene depicts people from all corners of the earth, every nation, tribe and language, 'coming out of the great tribulation'. The Lamb in their midst shepherds them, wiping away their every tear. We're united in faith with them, rejoicing in God's unconditional love. In John's Gospel Jesus is the Good Shepherd, reassuring us we can't earn God's love as it's freely given to us. All we need do is listen to his voice calling us to follow him. We are Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, praying we will be liberated from everything oppressing us, rejoicing in the knowledge we already belong to God, whose love for all people is abundant. How might we bring the Lord's Good News of unity and acceptance to the many different people we meet this week and during the Easter Season? *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!

Isabella, Nate, Delia, Max, Amora, Harper, Jonathan, Ellie, Laila, Isabel, Nicole, Alex, Bartosz, and Lenny.

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

Today 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 today. 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. Next weekend 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

PILGRIMAGE TO ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE, WARE

Taking place on Saturday 12th July, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be leading a Jubilee Year pilgrimage to St Edmund's College, Ware.

St Edmund's College, the oldest Catholic College in England, is a continuation on English soil of the famous college that was founded Cardinal William Allen at Douay in Flanders in 1568. It is important to us because it was probably the strongest single agency by which Catholicism was kept from perishing in England. Originally intended as a seminary to prepare priests to work in England to keep the faith alive, it soon also became a Catholic boys' school, debarred as they were by the laws of the land from having such institutions at home. Many of its students, both priests and laymen, returned to England to be put to death under the anti-Catholic laws of the time, and the College has among its alumni 20 canonised and 133 beatified martyrs. The seminary part of the College moved to Allen Hall in Chelsea in 1975, but the school, now co-educational, continues to this day. Buried in its grounds are the bodies of some of the Vicars Apostolic who looked after the Church in the south of this country before the restoration of the Hierarchy in 1850.

Outline Programme

11am - Pilgrims are invited to arrive and gather. Confessions will be available. There is ample parking

12noon - Solemn Mass for the Jubilee Year celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Nichols in the

school grounds – please bring suitable clothing etc in the event of rain.

1.30pm - Picnic lunch (bring your own); tours of the College. Adoration and Confessions in the Chapel during this break.

2.45pm - Procession of the Blessed Sacrament; 4pm - Departures.

Please get in touch if you wish to attend.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10th to Sun 18th May 2025

Saturday 10th May

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

Monday 12th May

9.30am: Dr Luke RIP

Tuesday 13th May

9.30am: Joan Bartlette RIP

Wednesday 14th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 15th May

9.30am: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Friday 16th May

9.30am: Brone Lapajeva RIP

Saturday 17th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 18th May—Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: Anthony Barry RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

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.

PLAYGROUP

We are now looking for volunteers to take over the running of St Hugh of Lincoln toddler group. This involves setting up of toys, providing coffee for the adults and snacks for children, as well as clearing away at the end. If we do not get any volunteers the group will sadly have to close which will be a big loss to over 30 children every week. If you think you can help please get in touch with us at Ceciliajnmj@googlemail.com

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:

11th May	9.30am First Holy Communion Mass
17th May	Mass for Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral
24th-31st May	Laudato Si' Week
8th June	Pentecost
22nd June	Corpus Christi. 9.30am Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion
29th June	9.30am Confirmation Mass presided by Bishop Paul

Our Catholic Schools

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

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The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

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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.