

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 18th May 2025, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalter Week 1 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 265;

FIRST READING: Acts 14: 21b-27

They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145: 8-9, 10-11. 12-13b R. cf 1

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21: 1-5a

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

GOSPEL: John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.

COLLECT: Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism, may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Amen.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

As we draw nearer to Pentecost in this joy-filled season of Easter, we're guided to remain focused on Jesus's central commandment to his followers, 'love one another'. We're loved, forgiven and transformed sinners; called, commanded and commissioned to love others; graced and grounded in the love which has been poured out for us on the Cross. Jesus' love inspired the Early Church to spread the Good News of his life, death and resurrection throughout Asia Minor, present-day Turkey and Syria. Paul and Barnabas supported and appointed leaders to keep the flame of God's love alive in these early church communities. Beautiful prophetic visions attributed to St John, writing from the same area, describe how lovingly God is wedded to us. He has chosen to dwell amongst us and is making all things new in God's love. Our Gospel proclaims a simple, joyful and central message. Jesus gives his followers, and us, a 'new commandment', 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' Psalm 145 (144) joyfully celebrates life graced by our God of compassion and love. God's compassion is for all creatures, his everlasting kingdom is rooted in love. This overflowing banquet of love is the source and sustenance of the hope we carry in our prayer. As Pilgrims of Hope, we will be inspired to care for each other and for all creation with the compassion of the Lord. *Prego & Fr. Jimmy*

POPE LEO XIV

Celebrating the Pope's Election and his Inauguration Mass this Sunday, we pray to the Lord for him in the following prayer said at all Masses this weekend. Prayer overleaf

Lord God, bless Pope Leo XIV whom you have given to us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon him with all the grace he needs to be a courageous and gentle shepherd. Fill him with faith, hope and love. May Pope Leo govern with wisdom and fidelity to Christ and the Gospel, the Church entrusted to his care. May he be an inspiring missionary of peace, healing and reconciliation in our world. Give him health and strength to do all you ask of him. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all Year 6 pupils across our parish for completing their SATs tests! You have worked hard, enjoy some well deserved rest this weekend. May God bless you and guide you as you prepare to take on Secondary school.

We also congratulate the couples who took part in the Mass for Matrimony on Saturday 17th May at Westminster Cathedral. Make sure to check the Diocesan website, they always post lots of beautiful photos of the event.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND—THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. So far, we have raised just shy of £975. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

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. 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 for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

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

STEVENAGE DEANERY GATHERING FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE YEAR

Sunday 6th July Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. 3pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); 4pm Cardinal's Catechesis; 5pm Mass; 6pm light refreshments. Please note the date.

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. **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.

KISS CHARITY ISLE OF WIGHT COASTAL PATH CHALLENGE

A group of optimistic and hardy parishioners are planning to walk the Isle of Wight coastal path, a total of 72 miles, over three days (29th to 31st May inclusive). Walking 24 miles each day will make it very tough for us all, but it is a necessary challenge to raise much needed funds for KISS, a charity which provides crucial funding for the education and health support of AIDS orphans and their families in Uganda. Can you please support us by sponsoring us?

The simplest way to do so is by going to our Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/page/kissiwchallenge However, team members will be outside each Mass over the next two weeks to take your sponsorship details if you prefer. *Frank Nuttall*

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the parish office will be closed from Tuesday 27th to Monday 2nd June. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

ADVANCE NOTICE

No Mass on Monday 2nd and Saturday 7th June. No Saturday morning Mass after Pentecost until Advent. From Sunday 20th July to Sunday 31st August inclusive, there will be one Sunday morning Mass at 10.30am.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17th to Sun 25th May 2025

Saturday 17th May

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 18th May—Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: Antony Barry RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 19th May

9.30am: Fr Aidan Sharratt RIP

Tuesday 20th May

9.30am: Fr Francis Press RIP

Wednesday 21st May

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 22nd May

9.30am: Fr Bernard Scholes RIP

Friday 23rd May

9.30am: Pamela Wilson RIP

Saturday 24th May

9.30am: Holy Souls

6pm: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Sunday 25th May—Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: Noelene Gregory RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from mid-June Weekend masses are available from August. 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. If you fancy having a go, 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:

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
20th September	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

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.