

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 25th May 2025, Sixth Sunday of Easter Psalter Week 2 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 268;

FIRST READING: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-23

It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. 4

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

He showed me the Holy City coming down out of heaven.

GOSPEL: John 14: 23-29

The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

COLLECT: Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with the heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ... **Amen.**

GOD WILL MAKE HIS HOME WITH EACH OF US

Today we see Jesus's earthly ministry come to a gradual conclusion. Jesus is about to return to the Father, but his final words contain a promise. Through his Spirit of power, courage and knowledge he will always remain with his disciples. He ensures his ministry will continue. In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus' disciples don't make any decisions without consulting the Holy Spirit. It's the Holy Spirit who keeps them, and us, faithful to Christ's word. John speaks of being carried away in the Spirit in the Book of Revelation. The Spirit of consolation, strength and wisdom is essential in order for everything to develop. When we know and experience the life-giving presence of Christ's Spirit in our hearts, we can repeat the words of the Psalmist who praises God in all and for all. Through the grace of this same Spirit, we are Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year. May we rest in that grace this week, as the Spirit makes his home in us and through whom we receive light, blessing and wisdom to be of service to others.

Prego & Fr. Jimmy

POPE FRANCIS' 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 humanised. Amen.

29TH MAY: ASCENSION—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, Mass 9.30am and 7pm

PRIEST TRAINING FUND—THANK YOU

The collection total is now £1033 and we know many donated directly online or using the QR code. Thank you all for supporting our seminarians.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

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

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

PENTECOST MASS 9.30am

The First Holy Communion Children will join us for this Mass. The bidding prayers will be read in different languages to reflect the beauty and diversity of our parish. Like in the readings from the Acts of the Apostles, we may speak different languages but the Holy Spirit unites us in this great family of ours.

FORTESCUE'S BLUETITS

A little family of Blue Tits has chosen Fortescue Hall as their home to raise their young. They have made a nest behind one of the vents. Like all God's creatures, we must treat them with respect. Blue Tits, in particular, are an endangered species so we ask users of the Hall to make sure our present guests are left undisturbed, please. *"Animals are God's creatures. By their mere existence they bless Him and give Him glory. Thus people owe them kindness."* Catechism of the Catholic Church 2416.

MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

There will be an evening of recollection for men on Monday 2nd June from 6:30pm till about 8:30pm. The preacher will be Fr Bernard Marsh, a priest of Opus Dei. It's like a mini-retreat, with time for directed and private prayer, concluding with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Tea/coffee will be available from 6:15pm. No need to book: just turn up.

STEVENAGE DEANERY GATHERING 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*

WALSINGHAM, 20TH SEPTEMBER

Preparations for the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will commence in June. You will be delighted to know, Fr Stephen will be accompanying pilgrims this year.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note, in addition to Bank Holiday (Monday 26th May), 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24th May to Sun 1st June 2025

Saturday 24th May

6pm: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Sunday 25th May—Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: Noelene Gregory RIP

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 26th May

10am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 27th May

9.30am: Violet & Bernard Albon RIP

Wednesday 28th May

12.30am: Wedding Mass Ewelina & Sean

Thursday 29th May—ASCENSION

9.30am: Kajetan Migdal RIP

7pm: People of the Parish

Friday 30th May

9.30am: Fr Kevin Greene RIP

Saturday 31st May

6pm: Margaret Walmsley RIP

Sunday 1st June—Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Violet & Bernard Albon RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from end of July. Weekend masses are available from August. Please consider Gift-aiding by filling in a form from the Office or the porch.

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.

Next meeting 29th MAY.

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.

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 Ceciliajnj@googlemail.com

CARITAS WESTMINSTER RELEASES ANNUAL REVIEW

Caritas Westminster is pleased to have published its Annual Review for 2024, containing highlights from the year and information about their areas of service. Review available here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/annual-review-2024/>

THE MIRACULOUS IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

will be in the Polish Church, 48 Pitts Road, Slough SL1 3XH from Sunday 25 May at 6 pm Opening Parish Mass to Sunday 1st June departure after the Parish Mass at 12 noon All Welcome to celebrate with us "25 Years of Ministry". Please call Millie on 07957594646 for daily celebrations.

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
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
29th May	Ascension. Mass at 9.30am and 7pm - Holy Day of Obligation
8th June	Pentecost
22nd June	Corpus Christi. 9.30am Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion. Refreshments in Fortescue Hall afterwards.
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.