

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 8th June 2025, PENTECOST

Psalter Week 2 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 1 page 289;

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 104: 1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34 R. cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

COLLECT: O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was a work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ... **Amen.**

HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

With the Feast of Pentecost, we come to the end of Eastertide. We pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit, so together we can be the Church of God, living out Christ's message of love. The Acts of the Apostles gives us an account of the first Pentecost Day, when the Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, speak to people who have come from different countries to celebrate the Feast of Weeks. On this Jewish Feast, celebrated fifty days after Passover, they're understood in their own language. Our Psalm is a lyrical song of praise to the God who fills all creation with his life. Paul reminds us the Holy Spirit dwells in us, giving us life. We have received the Spirit of adoption and can call on Abba, Father! The Gospel, taken from Jesus's words to his disciples at the Last Supper, is his promise to ask the Father to send us another Helper. With the Father and the Son, the Spirit reminds us of all Jesus has said. As Pilgrims of Hope this Pentecost, may we ponder the gift of the Spirit, who fills all people and all creation, giving thanks for the beauty of the world. We remember those who cannot enjoy a decent livelihood because of the damage we have caused to our common home.

Prego & Fr. Jimmy

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS:

June 2025: That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Ewelina and Sean, who got married recently in our Church. Rico and Grace who got married by Jimmy in Puglia, Italy. May God bless you in your new lives as couples.

Congratulations also to Daisy and Florence who were baptised in our parish and to their parents and families. May God be always by you as you start your journey of Faith.

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please pop along to a coffee morning after Sunday Mass or to one of the groups we run during the week (details in the newsletter) so you meet some fellow parishioners. We are friendly bunch and are always glad to see new faces. New parishioners's forms are available at the back of church.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

ADVANCE NOTICE

No Mass on 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.

NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS

The new, rather brightly coloured cycle of Parish Mass books is here and will be in use from next week. As you know, this is quite an expense for parishes. You can sponsor a Parish Mass book with £5 and dedicate it to a loved one who has passed. An inscription "In loving memory of...", "Please pray for the repose of the soul of ..." or similar will be put in the book. Please contact the office if you wish to dedicate a book or would like more info.

SCONE SALE

JHN Student Maisie Grant will be selling delicious homemade scones between the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Pentecost. She is raising funds for the World Challenge. She will be travelling to Malaysia where she will be trekking and volunteering on a conservation project. Many of you were lucky enough to sample Maisie's delicious baked goods before Easter. She is ever so close to her target, so please support her so she can reach it.

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.

WESTMINSTER INTERFAITH 36TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE -

Saturday 21st June from 10am-2.30pm . Our Annual Pilgrimage for Peace began in 1986, with pilgrims walking from the London Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park to Southall. This year, we're starting at the Quaker's Meeting House in St Martin's Lane, walking via Westminster Cathedral and finishing where we began 39 years ago, at the Peace Pagoda. When we arrive at the Pagoda, walkers will be free to join the Pagoda's 40th anniversary celebrations. The walk is free to attend and lunch will be provided. For catering purposes, it is requested that you book onto the walk here: https://Pilgrim-age_for_Peace_2025.eventbrite.co.uk.

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.

WALSINGHAM, 20TH SEPTEMBER

Preparations for the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will commence soon. I am in the process of sourcing quotes for the coach. You will be delighted to know, Fr Stephen and probably Fr Denis will be accompanying pilgrims this year.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th to Sun 15th June 2025

Saturday 7th June

6pm: Khushil Dep RIP

Sunday 8th June—Pentecost

9.30am: People of the Parish

11.30am: Annie Clarke RIP

Monday 9th June

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 10th June

9.30am: Carol O'Brien INT

Wednesday 11th June

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 12th June

9.30am: Lucio Marabese RIP

Friday 13th June

9.30am: Pamela Wilson RIP

Saturday 14th June

6pm: Michale & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 15th June—Most Holy Trinity

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Fr Jimmy INT

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from August. Sunday Masses are available from September. Vigil Masses are available from October. This is due to the reduction in the number of services and the fact the Diocese mandates one Mass per weekend is said *Pro Populo*, ie for all the people of the parish. 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 11th June.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS URGENTLY WANTED

The word *catechist* comes from a Greek word meaning "*to echo*". Catechists come from all walks of life and all ages: women, men, confirmed teenagers, parents, grandparents, singles, and religious. Catechists are ordinary people, *just like you*, who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our youngest generation of Christians and to walk beside/bear witness to them. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith, spirituality and their relationship with God. Their gift of time and talents has tremendous value because through their words, actions, and expression of love for their students, the message of Jesus Christ continues to spread throughout the world.

"Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and are able to revive it in others."

Pope Francis

Fancy making a difference to our children who will be meeting God in the Eucharist next year? Please get in touch.

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. The Review available here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/>

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	Carol O'Brien

Collection Total May: 8,631.91. This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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:

Sponge Puddings, Biscuits, Coffee 100gm, Dried Milk, Dried Potato, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice, Pudding, Tinned Vegetables, Sugar 500gm, UHT Fruit Juice (Orange or Apple), UHT Milk (Whole or Semi-Skimmed), Jam, Tea Bags (40's), Bags for Life. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary:

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
6th July	Stevenage Deanery Gathering Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, Our Lady's Welwyn; from 3pm onwards
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.