

# 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 22nd June 2025, CORPUS CHRISTI

**Psalter Week 3 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 page 83;**

**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 8: 22-31

Before the beginning of the earth, Wisdom was brought forth.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 8: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R. 2a

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 1: 1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

**GOSPEL:** John 16: 12-15

All that the Father has is mine, the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**COLLECT:** O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***'THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS FOR YOU'***

The feast of Corpus Christi honours Jesus Christ, who is truly made present to us through the bread and wine. We celebrate also the Church as the living Body of Christ in all its humanity and messiness.

Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a high priest, brings bread and wine and blesses Abram after Abram's victory in battle. This foretells Jesus's ultimate sacrifice of himself, and of how we are united with him through the Eucharist.

The Psalm continues with this theme, proclaiming the destiny of Jesus as saviour, overcoming sin, evil and death for all.

Paul is responding to reports of the Corinthians' inappropriate and abusive behaviour, particularly during the celebration of the Eucharist. His retelling of the Last Supper is a reminder of the sacredness and unity of the sacrament and the need to honour Jesus's great sacrifice.

The Gospel recounts the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The food multiplies as it is handed from person to person, reminding us God's love is to be shared with others and is abundant. *St Beuno Prego*

**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.

**WELCOME**

If you are new to our parish, please pop along to a coffee morning after Sunday Mass and meet some fellow parishioners. We are friendly bunch and are always glad to see new faces. New parishioner's forms are available at the back of church.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE**

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

**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.

**WALSINGHAM, 20TH SEPTEMBER**

The ticket options for this year are as follows: adult £35; child 6 to 12year old £15; child 0 to 5year old, free. The ticket is inclusive of travel on a executive coach and the pilgrim's levy. Please book your place to avoid disappointment. A notice has gone out to our neighbouring parishes and, being a Jubilee year, we expect demand for seats to go up.

**EMMAUS FESTIVAL**

Join Westminster Youth Ministry at the SPEC Retreat Centre this Jubilee summer for the launch of the unmissable Emmaus Festival, on 2-3 August 2025. Inspired by the journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose encounter with the Risen Christ transformed their despair into hope, this festival aims to ignite that same transformative experience in you. This festival is a chance not only to have a transformative encounter with Christ, but also for young people to meet others who may happen to be on the same :

journey. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year 2025/emmausfestival/>

**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 — CANCELLED**

Sadly, because of low registrations, the Diocese has decided to cancel the pilgrimage. I know several parishioners had planned to make their own way there and will be disappointed to hear.

**ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Please pray for the Diocese's two 'seminary' Deacons, Rev James Boyle – currently ministering in Brook Green, and Rev Sean Power – currently ministering in Potters Bar. They are both preparing for ordination to the priesthood in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday, 28th June at 10.30am, for service in the Diocese of Westminster.

**ORDINATIONS TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

Please also pray for four men who will become Permanent Deacons for this Diocese following their ordination by Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday, 5th July at 10.30am in the Cathedral. They are Herve Boisson (St Matthew's Parish, Northwood), Anthony Cecile (from Ss Sebastian and Pancras, Kingsbury Green), Paul Christian (Cathedral Parish) and Michael Larmer (St Alban and St Stephen Parish, St Albans).

**LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP**

is a group for Catholic adults over 35 to meet for regular social and networking events in friendly and relaxed settings with the aim of making new friends, enjoying new experiences or just to socialise. Regular events include walks, meals, karaoke evenings, outings, galleries and an annual Christmas meal. Contact us on Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group', Email: [londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com](mailto:londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com) or Brendan Baker on WhatsApp 07425549408.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21st to Sun 29th June 2025

Saturday 21st June

6pm: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

**Sunday 22nd June—Corpus Christi**

9.30am: FHC children and Families INT

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 23rd June

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

Tuesday 24th June

9.30am: Irangani & Malini Lenora RIP

Wednesday 25th June

9.30am: Felicia Phillips RIP

Thursday 26th June

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 27th June

9.30am: STM Year 3 INT

Saturday 28th June

6pm: Pamela Wilson RIP

**Sunday 29th June—Sts Peter & Paul**

9.30am: Confirmation Candidates & Families INT

11.30am: People of the parish

## MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from August. Sunday Masses are available from September. Vigil Masses are available from October. Please consider Gift-aiding by filling in a form from the Office or the porch.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

No Saturday morning Mass until Advent. From Sunday 20th July to Sunday 31st August inclusive, there will be one Sunday morning Mass at 10.30am.

## 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 26th 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 [Ceciliajnmj@googlemail.com](mailto:Ceciliajnmj@googlemail.com)

**ADULT SELF DEFENCE CLASSES** are being held weekly in Fortescue Hall. The first class is free, everyone welcome. For more information please contact Mel on 07802 283 542.

**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](http://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:**

We're aiming to get a better mix of food-stuffs to cater for people with special dietary requirements. Plain Noodles, Plain Rice, Cooking Oil 1 ltr bottle, Tinned Tomatoes, Tomato Puree, Vegetable Stock Cubes, Pulses, Toilet Rolls, Biscuits, 500gm bags of sugar . Thank you for your continued support.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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](http://www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk)

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

Tel: 01438 314643 [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Officer**

Rebecca Clarke (retiring), Kate Hewitson (in training) [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.