

# 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 29th June 2025, SOLEMNITY OF Sts PETER AND PAUL**

**Psalter Week 4 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 page 181, Vigil Mass page 178;**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 12:1-11

Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R. 5

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy: 4:6-8, 17-18

There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

**COLLECT:** O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that our Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***'I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.'***

Celebrating the Solemnity of the two chief Apostles, Peter and Paul, we remember both of them were faithful rocks on whom Jesus built his Church. Both were unshakeable in their belief Jesus was the Christ. Both were faithful to the last to the universal mission Jesus gave them. They encourage us too, as we become the Church of Christ today, following Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church prays continuously for Peter throughout his ordeal as he lies enchained in Herod's prison. An angel releases him as Peter realises the Lord really has saved him. The Psalmist in Psalm 34 (33) has also been released from his distress and invites us to glorify God with him. We, too, can trust the Lord will answer when we seek refuge in him and will free us from our terrors. Paul, like Peter, is also in prison when he writes his second letter to Timothy. He knows the end of his life is near and rejoices he has kept the faith. God has always been with him in his struggles and will bring him safely home. As Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Son of the Living God, Jesus establishes him as the rock on which he will build his Church, and entrusts him with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. We give thanks for the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul, we remember their successors, Pope Francis, who inaugurated our Jubilee Year of Hope, and Pope Leo, who now continues and completes it. Together we pray and work for peace in our world.

*St. Beuno's 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.

### **COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE**

This collection is being taken at all Masses this weekend. Our Bishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written;

"Peter's Pence is a concrete way to support the Holy Father, Pope Leo, in his mission of service to the Universal Church. It is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. To support this collection, the Secretariat for the Economy and the Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See have prepared a website, [ObolodiSanPietro.va](http://ObolodiSanPietro.va), containing information about Peter's Pence. Every offering, large or small, will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in charitable activities responding to emergencies and needs around the world." Please be as generous as you can to this special collection.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

We welcome Bishop Paul McAleenan, our Auxiliary Bishop in Hertfordshire, for the celebration of Confirmation at 9.30am Mass. We congratulate our Candidates and thank their parents, sponsors and catechists.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **EMMAUS FESTIVAL - CANCELLED**

### **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.

### **MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION**

There will be an evening of recollection for men on Monday 14th July 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.

### **THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE,**

London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

### **JOHN SHERRINGTON + ON END OF LIFE BILL**

Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference has issued a statement on the Third Reading of the

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. The statement is available on the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales website [Archbishop Sherrington statement on the Third Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Sat 28th June to Sun 6th July 2025*

Saturday 28th June

6pm: Pamela Wilson RIP

**Sunday 29th June—Corpus Christi**

9.30am: Confirmation Candidates & Families INT

11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 30th June

9.30am: Iris Pompey RIP

Tuesday 1st July

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 2nd July

9.30am: Paul Mountain RIP

Thursday 3rd July

9.30am: Melroy Mendis RIP

Friday 4th July

9.30am: Bernard Cordeiro RIP

Saturday 5th July

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

**Sunday 6th July—14th Ordinary Time**

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Annie-Kate O'Donnell RIP

### MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from August, Sunday Masses from September and Vigil Masses 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 meet-**

**ing 9th July.**

### 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.

**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 [Ceciliajmj@googlemail.com](mailto:Ceciliajmj@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.

**PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WAL-SINGHAM**, led by Rt. Rev. John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, is on Saturday, 2nd August, 2025. The coach departs from Harpenden at 7.30 am, St Bartholomew's, Vesta Avenue at 7.50 am and St Hugh's Church, Letchworth at 8.35 am. Adults £30, Child/Student £12 (which also includes Priory entrance).

### 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: [londonswatholic-social@gmail.com](mailto:londonswatholic-social@gmail.com) or Brendan Baker on WhatsApp 07425549408.

**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
Cathy McKenna	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.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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.

**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.