

# 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 Thursday 10.45. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.

## **SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST 2025, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Psalter Week 1 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 page 117;

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23

What has a man from all his toil?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 90

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 13-21

The things you have prepared, whose will they be?

COLLECT: Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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.

## **LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST IN THE ABUNDANCE OF ONE'S POSSESSIONS**

God's word today asks three things of us: to make prudent use of the gifts given us; to keep our focus on the true riches to come rather than on the transitory wealth of this earthly life; and to want and to choose whatever leads to God's life deepening in us. The Preacher of Ecclesiastes calls us to remember God in all we do by exploring the vanity of earthly endeavours, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man laying up treasure for himself in barns. He demonstrates the folly of accumulating wealth for wealth's sake. Psalm 90 (89) reminds us we are transitory and like grass come and gone in the blink of an eye. In the Lord, our refuge from generation to generation, we find our true meaning. St Paul encourages us to put away all that is not of Christ in favour of a Christ-centred life. Then Christ will be all in all. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we continue to pray we might be agents of the return of misappropriated wealth and riches, so all might benefit from the generous bounty of God. *Prego & Fr Jimmy*

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS**

### **August 2025: For mutual coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. 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.

## 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.

## 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.

NO VIGIL MASS on the day of the pilgrimage.

## POLISH MASS

Please be advised that on 3rd, 10th and 17th August Mass in Polish will be at 1.30pm and presided by a supply priest.

## CARITAS SEED HUB DONATIONS WANTED - LAST CHANCE TO DONATE SUNDAY 3rd August.

Fancy a clear out? We need clothes and accessories in good clean condition to pass on to Caritas and stock up the new Charity shop opening in September on Roman Road, London. The shop will boost funds for the many projects run by Caritas Westminster such as St Joseph and Bakhita House. Simply drop off your donation at church (flower room) or at the presbytery and leave the bags under the porch where the wood is.

### What can you donate?

Clean clothes, shoes, handbags, and Accessories, jewellery, belts, scarves, and hats

### Please do NOT donate:

Electrical items, Furniture or large bulky items, Children's toys, Books.

PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS ARE IN GOOD,

USABLE CONDITION.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

Sunday 28th September after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda room. You are welcome to bring your baby with you and it is expected to last a couple of hours. No need to book in advance.

## CREAM TEA FOR KANYIKE

Come and enjoy a Cream Tea in Fortescue Hall on Saturday 16th August from 3-5pm raising funds for the Kanyike Project in Uganda. Tickets price £10 available from Sue or Jacquie on 01462 675117 or after Mass.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR A SUDANESE FAMILY

Thanks to all our parishioners for their past generosity regarding refugees in the area. I am in touch with a Sudanese woman and her two daughters who have been granted asylum here after much trauma in Sudan. If anybody has a SMALL upright or chest freezer they no longer use, please get in touch. Also, two girls' bikes would be much appreciated. The children are 8 and 10. If you have either of the above, kindly call or text me on 07751582486 or via email [smartimjg@gmail.com](mailto:smartimjg@gmail.com)

## COIN COLLECTOR NEEDED

Two commemorative coins have now been found, one, dating back to August 1980, in the collection; the other, dated 1977, in the candles offerings. Could somebody please help estimate the value or advice what to do or where to take them? Thanks.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big, busy parish like ours needs lots of helping hands. Donating time is as valuable as donating money. We need:

Playgroup leaders; Catechists for FHC, children's liturgy and RCIA; welcomers; counters; social media moderators; flower arrangers; Fundraising/social events.

## PRO-LIFE MASSES

A parishioner has offered 9 Masses which will be said by Fr Stephen privately throughout August. You can join in by praying this month for the Pro-Life cause. May society recognise the sanctity of life from conception to death.

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Sat 2nd to 10th August 2025*

Saturday 2nd August

6pm: People of the parish

Sunday 3rd August OT

**10.30am:** Dominic Rato RIP

Monday 4th August

9.30am: Deceased members of the Pyne Family RIP

Tuesday 5th August

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 6th August

9.30am: Joe mcCauliffe RIP

Thursday 7th August

9.30am: Patrick Geoghan RIP

Friday 8th August

9.30am: Una Cardello RIP

Saturday 9th August

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 10th August—Eighteenth OT

**10.30am:** People of the parish

## MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass and Sunday Mass bookings are available from late September; Vigil Masses from end of November. 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 24th 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.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

On Tuesday 5-6pm, St Hilda room. Meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of re-

flection and discussion. All welcome.

**THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM** are looking for more volunteers to help lead our sessions from September. Full training will be provided and you will always be paired with an experienced catechist. LJ will be available after Mass to answer any questions, or you can email her on [ljross@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ljross@rcdow.org.uk) for further info.

**ADULT SELF DEFENCE CLASSES** are being held weekly in Fortescue Hall. Classes are suitable for over 15. The first class is free, everyone welcome. For more information please contact Mel on 07802 283 542.

## MARRIAGE HELP

**Retrouvaille** helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 0788 7296983

**Marriage Care** provides a relationship counselling service for couples when life gets tough and it is hard to find a positive solution. [www.marriagecare.org.uk/](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/) TEL: 0800 389 3801

## CONTINUING THE JOURNEY: EVENTS FOR NEW ADULT CATHOLICS

The Agency for Evangelisation has created an initiative called 'Continuing the Journey' to support new adult Catholics in their first year since being baptised or received into the Church. This is a series of events (some in-person, some online) to help them stay in contact with their parish, deepen their relationship with Jesus and the Church, grow in faith, discover useful resources and get to know other new Catholics. **The next event is on Saturday 13th September, 10am-1pm in Vaughan House, Westminster.** It will be on: 'Our story: God's story. How the Mass roots us in the Scriptures.' This session will be led by Fleur Dorrell (Biblical Apostolate and Faith & Formation Manager, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales). Refreshments will be provided, but please note that this does not include lunch. RCIA catechists are welcome to accompany the new Catholics too. Please email [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk) if you plan to attend (but you can just turn up on the day too).

**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
Gina Trasatti	Thomas Sinnott
Marissa Sadowska	

**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.

**Collection Total July: £8,317.94**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Dates for your Diary:**

15th August	Assumption of BVM, Mass at 9.30am and 7pm
16th August	Cream Tea for Kanyike, Fortescue Hall 3-5pm
14th September	Education Sunday
20th September	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
4th & 5th October	Missio Appeal

**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.