

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 13th July 2025, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 3 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 page 108;

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

The word is very near you so, that you can do it..

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 69

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1: 15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

Who is my neighbour?

COLLECT: O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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.**

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Our readings call us to love and serve others with compassion and to care especially for those most in need. Deuteronomy teaches us God's word is not beyond our reach, it's already in our hearts, it is there for us to proclaim and live out with all our heart and soul. Psalm 19 (18) celebrates the compassion and kindness of God, who hears and revives the hearts of those in need and acts to save them. In Matthew's Gospel a lawyer asks Jesus, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus uses the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan to answer both this and the lawyer's second question, 'Who is my neighbour?' Regardless of who the person is, we're called to put their needs before our own. Just as Jesus shows compassion and mercy to us through his saving love, so we try to do the same for others. St. Paul reminds us Christ is the One who reveals God to us. Through him everything is created and held together. Christ leads the Church, reconciling all things by his death on the cross. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray our relationships may be richer in compassion, reflected both in our attitudes and our loving action. We pray especially this week for those suffering through war and violence. Prego & Fr. Jimmy

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

July 2025: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. 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.

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.

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.

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 here in our church. 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.

CARITAS SEED HUB DONATIONS WANTED

Caritas is opening their very first Charity Shop in London this September! On Sunday 13th and 20th July we will be collecting clothes and accessories on behalf of Caritas.

We are taking part in a donation drive to collect good-quality, wearable and usable items that can be sold in the shop. All proceeds will go directly towards Caritas Westminster's vital work in our parishes and Caritas Westminster Services.

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.

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.

BISHOPS SHERRINGTON and O'TOOLE

On Sunday 29 June, Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool and Archbishop Mark O'Toole of Cardiff-Menevia received the pallium from Pope Leo XIV in St Peter's Basilica. The pallium, a white woollen band approximately three inches wide with strips hanging down the front and back is a sacred vestment symbolising the archbishop's unity with the Pope and his pastoral responsibility to serve God's people. Metropolitan archbishops wear the pallium when celebrating Mass within their ecclesiastical province, representing their participation in the Pope's supreme pastoral authority. The pallium has deep historical roots, with its use traceable to the fourth century when Pope Marcus conferred it upon the Bishop of Ostia in 336. Traditionally made from the wool of lambs blessed by the Pope on the feast of Saint Agnes, the

pallium connects each archbishop to centuries of Church tradition whilst emphasising his current pastoral responsibilities.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12th July to Sun 20th July 2025

Saturday 12th July

6pm: Julie Cranston RIP

Sunday 13th July—Fifteenth OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Paddy O'Donnell RIP

Monday 14th July

9.30am: Claire Dwyer RIP

Tuesday 15th July

9.30am: Claire Dwyer RIP

Wednesday 16th July

9am: Claire Dwyer RIP

Thursday 17th July

9.30am: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Friday 18th July

9.30am: Holy Souls

Saturday 19th July

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 20th July—Sixteenth OT

10.30am: People of the parish

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.

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 23rd 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 reflection and discussion. All welcome.

PLAYGROUP: We are now looking for volunteers to take over the running of St Hugh of Lincoln toddler group. 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

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. Come along to one of our sessions on the 6th or 13th July to see what we do! LJ will be available after Mass to answer any questions, or you can email her on ljross@rcdow.org.uk for further info.

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 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

LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

have a number of upcoming events for Catholic adults over 30. Saturday July 12th, Monthly Social at the One Tun pub, Goodge Street. Sunday 20th July, from 12, Mass, Italian Street Fête and Procession of Our Lady of Saint Carmel in Clerkenwell. Saturday 26th July, day trip to Waddesdon Manor. Sunday 3rd August, picnic in Regent's Park. Contact us on: WhatsApp Brendan 07425549408, Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group' or londonswatholicsocial@gmail.com Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

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
Angela Spreckley	Gina Trasatti

Collection Total June: £9,357.47 . This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. 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 (details to follow)
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.

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:

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.