

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 20th July 2025, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

O Lord, do not pass by your servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

SECOND READING: Colossians 1: 24-28

The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 38-42

Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion

COLLECT: Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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.**

JESUS OUR GUEST

Our readings highlight the qualities which help nourish our relationship with God and each other, openness, hospitality and joy. Abraham recognises God in the three men who appear at the door of his tent in our Genesis reading. He eagerly invites God to be a dinner guest with him and his wife Sarah as they set about preparing a fine feast. The passage reminds us to respond to God's constant invitation to welcome him into our lives through the various people we encounter, so we may receive the many blessings he has to offer. Psalm 15 (14) encourages us to reflect on the values we're called to live by in order to follow God's will, being truthful and authentic, not speaking badly of others or spreading harmful gossip, and acting with financial integrity. Paul takes great joy in sharing in Christ's suffering for the sake of the Church. He recognises he has been assigned by God to reveal the word to everyone, including the Gentiles. In the Gospel, Jesus visits his good friends, Martha and Mary. He gently encourages Martha to be more present to the moment, not allowing her endless 'to do' list to keep her from developing her relationship with God and with others. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray we will truly see and be open to receiving God in every living moment. We ask that our everyday decisions and behaviour are always guided by the desire to draw closer to him. *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.

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

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.

COIN COLLECTOR NEEDED

Our counters found a commemorative coin in the collection dating back to August 1980. Could somebody help estimate the value or advice what to do where to take it? Thanks.

NEWS FROM BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, has celebrated a historic Catholic Mass in Canterbury Cathedral to mark the Translation of St Thomas of Canterbury.

The saint, more commonly known as Thomas Becket, was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170. He was killed by followers of King Henry II having quarrelled with the monarch over the rights and privileges of the Church, and is venerated as a saint and martyr by both the Church of England and the Catholic Church. He was canonised by Pope Alexander III soon after his death.

In 1220, Thomas Becket's body was translated, or moved, from Canterbury Cathedral's crypt to the shrine behind the main altar, where it remained until 1538 when Henry VIII ordered the crypt be destroyed. Once a year, on 7 July, the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral allow the Catholic Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury to celebrate Mass in honour of St Thomas Becket.

Although many Catholic Masses have been held at the famous Anglican cathedral, this was a historic 'first' in that it was the first time a papal nuncio had celebrated Mass there. In his homily, Archbishop Buendía said: "This Mass of pilgrimage takes place within the context of the Jubilee Year. It highlights the Christian life as a spiritual journey, moving through life's trials and joys with hope anchored in Christ. Having travelled as pilgrims today, we do more than just honour a figure from history. The

stained glass windows all around us illustrate the many miracles attributed to St Thomas in the medieval period. This should be a living story, too. Our world, today as then, is in need of hope. We come in this Jubilee Year as 'Pilgrims of Hope' to be inspired by St Thomas' holiness and his courageous witness to Christ and His Church."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19th July to Sun 27th July 2025

Saturday 19th July

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 20th July—Sixteenth OT

10.30am: People of the parish

Monday 21st July

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 22nd July

9.30am: Maria Giancola INT

Wednesday 23rd July

9.30am: Maureen Quinn RIP

Thursday 24th July

9.30am: Patrick Geoghan RIP

Friday 25th July

9.30am: John Harrison RIP

Saturday 26th July

6pm: McKenna Family INT

Sunday 27th July—Seventeenth 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 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 reflection 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 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.

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 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 londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com

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;

flower arrangers;

Fundraising/social events.

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)
14th September	Education Sunday
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.