

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 27th July 2025, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 1 Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2 page 114;

FIRST READING: Genesis 18: 20-32

Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 138

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2: 12-14

God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.

GOSPEL: Luke 11: 1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

COLLECT: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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.**

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Prayer re-connects us to our true purpose in life, which is intimate communion with our loving Creator. The ministry of Jesus himself was rooted in prayer. It began after a prolonged period of prayerful solitude in the desert. It ended with a final loving prayer imploring forgiveness, not only for those who sought to end Jesus's life, but for all of us when we fail to acknowledge the graces we have been given. Abraham demonstrates an almost cheeky, confident relationship with God, as he calls on God's infinite mercy for his people. Psalm 138 (1370 is a song of gratitude for God's loving mercy and forgiveness. Despite still facing trials, the psalmist feels full of life. Paul reminds the Colossian community Christ has forgiven all of their trespasses. Through his forgiveness, we are made alive with him. The disciples ask Jesus for guidance on prayer. Jesus teaches them God is not some distant, absent father-figure, but rather a loving Father, Abba. When we ask for our daily bread, we are not praying to a grumpy, sleepy friend, but to one who is always ready to respond by pouring out the Holy Spirit for us, upon us, and in us. This abundant answer to our prayer is all we will ever need. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray for a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation within ourselves, our families, our communities, and wherever there is conflict in the world.

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.

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of **Giuseppe Iosue**. The funeral will be held in our church on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 10.30am. The Mass will be livestreamed on the parish YouTube Channel. Please keep Giuseppe and the family in your prayers at this difficult time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The office will be closed from 11th to 25th August.

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—EXTENDED

Caritas is opening their very first Charity Shop in London this September! We are accepting donations of clothes and accessories on behalf of Caritas until **3rd August**.

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

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.

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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big, busy parish like ours needs lots of

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26th July to Sun 3rd August 2025

Saturday 26th July

6pm: McKenna Family INT

Sunday 27th July—Sixteenth OT

10.30am: People of the parish

Monday 28th July

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 29th July

9.30am: Betty Wheelan RIP

Wednesday 30th July

10.30am: **Funeral Mass Giuseppe Iosue RIP**

Thursday 31st July

9.30am: Jerry Keane RIP

Friday 1st August

9.30am: Caroline, Violet and Christle Samera-Wickrema RIP

Saturday 2nd August

6pm: People of the parish

Sunday 3rd August—Eighteenth OT

10.30am: Dominic Rato RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from mid-September, Sunday Masses from end of September and 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.

Meetings will resume in September.

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. Meet-

ings 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.

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 londonswecatholicsocial@gmail.com

MISSIO IMPACT REPORT

Fr Anthony Chantry, the National Director for Missio, extends his gratitude for the generosity of your parishioners in supporting their work, particularly through Red Box contributions. In 2024, across the Diocese £441,882 was raised, with £150,624 of this coming from Red Box donations.

CAFOD SUMMER CAMPAIGN— CANCEL UNFAIR DEBT

This summer, CAFOD is inviting parishes to support its campaign calling for debt justice for the world's poorest countries affected by climate disasters, so they can invest in healthcare, education, and tackling poverty. The number of low and middle-income countries in debt crisis has more than doubled since 2015: 54 countries are now in debt crisis compared with 22 countries in 2015. Often, countries have repaid their original debt several times over, but the debt will never be cleared because the interest on it keeps growing. To know more and to support the campaign go to: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/161357/petition/1>

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

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. Coffee 100gm Tinned Fruit Long Life Milk (UHT) Whole or Semi-Skimmed Dried Potato Tinned Potatoes Cuppa Soup 500gm bags of Sugar . Thank you for your continued support.