

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 17th August 2025, 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY 24th August 2025, 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY 31st August 2025, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

From time to time, the Church recognises a great Christian theologian of the past whose teaching not only resonated for their own contemporaries, but whose wisdom and insight as an interpreter of the Gospel can still illuminate, instruct and inspire.

The Church gives them the title 'Doctor', from the Latin 'docere' meaning 'to teach', because she recognises that each of them has made an outstanding, or 'eminent' contribution to our knowledge of the faith – whether in its spiritual, intellectual or moral dimensions.

They are all men and women of great holiness as well as great learning. Very few people in the history of the Church have been given this title, beginning with some of the early Church Fathers like St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, up until St. Thérèse of Lisieux. They are now joined by *Saint John Henry Newman*, who becomes only the thirty-eighth Doctor of the Church.

Saint John Henry Newman was canonised by Pope Francis in 2019. Newman's teaching has been acclaimed by many Popes, from Leo XIII to Leo XIV, including Pope St. Pius X, Pope Pius XI, Pope Ven. Pius XII, Pope St. John XXIII, Pope St. Paul VI, Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

While many Doctors of the Church are notable for one particular aspect of their teaching, St. John Henry Newman is especially remarkable for the breadth of his teaching across many aspects of the faith, his influence upon various branches of doctrine and theology, and his engagement with problems of faith which remain burning issues in our own time.

Newman was a very prolific writer. He produced a daunting amount of material, whether in the form of book-length treatises, sermons, spiritual reflections, and a vast number of letters, as well as poetry, prayers, novels and essays. Pope St. Paul VI wrote of Newman:

He who was convinced of being faithful throughout his life, with all his heart devoted to the light of truth, today becomes an ever brighter beacon for all who are seeking an informed orientation and sure guidance amid the uncertainties of the modern world – a world which he himself prophetically foresaw.

Newman is only the second English Doctor of the Church after St Bede the Venerable.

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. No Mass on Monday 18th and Monday 25th August. Mass at 9am on Wednesday 20th and 27th August.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to our Caritas Clothes collection appeal. We managed to fill a minivan and this will, no doubt, go a long way to stock up the brand new Shop in the Eastend. A huge Thank You to the family of the late Jennifer Barwick, who, very kindly, donated her wardrobe to Caritas. Jenny was a beautifully put-together, classy lady, the customers of the Caritas shop are in for a treat.

The donation drive was a huge success: 11 parishes took part and 4.8tonnes of goods were donated. Well done to everyone involved!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-2026

Forms to enrol to the First Holy Communion Programme will be hand out in September. We are planning to enrol the children at Mass the first half of October.

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.

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.

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.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. 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/ TEL: 0800 389 3801

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 page/161357/petition/1

go to: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9th August to Sun 7th September 2025

Saturday 9th August

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 10th August—19th Sunday OT

10.30am: People of the parish

Monday 11th August

9.30am: Mary Geoghegan RIP

Tuesday 12th August

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 13th August

9.30am: Richard Smithers RIP

Thursday 14th August

9.30am: Victorino & Mercedes Domingo RIP

Friday 15th August

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

7pm: People of the Parish

Saturday 16th August

6pm: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Sunday 17th August— 20th Sunday OT

10.30am: People of the parish

Monday 18th August

9.30am: NO MASS

Tuesday 19th August

9am: Fr Jerome Gomez RIP

Wednesday 20th August

9am: Holy Souls

Thursday 21st August

9.30am: Emilija, Brone, Zenonas & Vasilij RIP

Friday 22nd August

9.30am: Pat Lee INT

Saturday 23rd August

6pm: Agata Rizzo RIP

Sunday 24th August— 21st Sunday OT

10.30am: People of the parish

Monday 25th August

9.30am: NO MASS

Tuesday 26th August

9.30am: Mike Dwyer RIP

Wednesday 27th August

9am: Fr Joseph Carter RIP

Thursday 28th August

9.30am: Monica Dep RIP

Friday 29th August

9.30am: Fr Jerome Gomez RIP

Saturday 30th August

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 31st August— 22nd Sunday OT

10.30am: People of the parish

Monday 1st September

9.30am: STM Staff

Tuesday 2nd September

9.30am: Patricia Handscombe INT

Wednesday 3rd September

9.30am: Ignatius Paiva RIP

Thursday 4th September

9.30am: Johannes Dep RIP

Friday 5th September

9.30am: Mrs S Roberts RIP

Saturday 6th September

6pm: Saverio & Giuseppa Rizzo RIP

Sunday 7th September— 23rd Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Krisantha Pullenayegam RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekdays Mass bookings are available from end of 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.

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.

LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

Contact us on: WhatsApp Brendan 07425549408,

Facebook 'London Catholic Social Group' or londonswatholicsocial@gmail.com

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
Sienna	

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.

Collection

Total July: £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.