

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 7th September 2025, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

Our readings are all about allowing God's love to guide every aspect of our lives. By turning to God for guidance, we will always be kept on the right path. The author of the Book of Wisdom shows the gulf between God's ways and the ways of the world. We're reminded of the importance of staying connected to God's will and wisdom, and encouraged this will be revealed to us through the Holy Spirit. Psalm 90 reminds us the natural order of the world holds both beauty and disorder, death and renewal. In the same spirit, no matter what our faults and failings, God is infinitely patient, forever inviting us to return to him. His mercy and love will endure. St Paul, writing to his close friend, Philemon, makes a heartfelt appeal on behalf of Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus. Paul reveals the new order of the Christian mission; all are equal in the eyes of God. Jesus highlights to his followers the path of the Lord is not without suffering or sacrifice. It requires patience, courage and an ability to put God's love above all things. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we're reminded God is full of mercy and compassion. May God's word this week inspire and encourage us to take responsibility for understanding, upholding and sharing our Christian mission. *St. Beuno's Prego & Fr. Jimmy*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

September 2025: For our relationship with all creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. *Amen*

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

STATEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD, Lead Bishop for the Environment

"This year marks the 10th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si*. Building on a long tradition of Catholic teaching, this encyclical served both as a call to conversion and a call to action.

“As we enter the Season of Creation, which runs from 1 September to 4 October, I call on all Catholics to honour Pope Francis’s legacy by taking heed of his teaching in this area. We only have to observe the many extreme weather events, conflicts over natural resources and destructive environmental practices that have been taking place in recent times to understand the importance and urgency of this task.

“In the first place, we are called to prayer. The world day of prayer for creation is on 1 September and the theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is: ‘Seeds of Peace and Hope’.

“Pope Leo has reminded us that the face of the earth is being ravaged, including increasingly by war, and therefore environmental justice ‘can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal’.

“However, as he also notes in his own message for the season of creation: ‘by working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord’s own self-sacrificing love.’

“I urge Catholics and people of goodwill in England and Wales to be challenged by *Laudato Si* to change our lifestyles, build healthy communities, and to educate ourselves and others on integral ecology.

“Prayer and education should be part of a wider process of conversion which I hope will lead all Catholics in England and Wales to take action to address the environmental crises which are linked to the other great crises of our time. If our seeds of hope are to bear fruit, we need action at every level in society – from the personal to the parish, in politics and in business.

“I invite you to join the events that we are organising to mark the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si*. The first of these is on Wednesday, 3 September: ‘The 10th Anniversary of *Laudato Si*, Sustaining the Impact’.

“I also hope that parishes will use the text of the Mass for the Care of Creation during this season of creation. Most importantly, I ask

you to follow Pope Leo by planting seeds of hope.”

Bishop John Arnold

Lead Bishop for the Environment

Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales

PRAYERS FOR GAZA

Cardinal Vincent would like to encourage parishioners to mark Monday 15 September, Our Lady of Sorrows, as a day on which there is particular prayer for peace in the Holy Land, and especially for all those who suffer in Gaza.

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of **Eddie Breslin, David Sartorius** and **Andria Collinwood**.

The Funeral Service for Eddie Breslin will take place at Harwood Crematorium on 10th September at 2pm.

The Funeral Mass for David Sartorius will be held at St Hugh (date to be confirmed at time of publishing) and presided by Fr Tom O’Brien.

The Funeral service for Andria Collinwood will take place at Harwood Crematorium on 29th September at 1pm.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our fellow parishioners and for their family to find comfort in the love of our Redeemer.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Ellmers, recently departed and whose Funeral was held on Wednesday, and for his family at this very sad time.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

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. There are only a handful of places left.

NO VIGIL MASS on the day of the pilgrimage.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who supported the Cream Tea for Kanyike and, of course, to those who organised it! A wonderful £715 for the Kanyike Project in Uganda. If you would like to know more about this mission, please head to [Kanyike Project](#)

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6th to Sun 14th September 2025

Saturday 6th September

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 7th September— 23rd Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Krisantha Pullenayegam RIP

Monday 8th September—Nativity of BVM

9.30am: STM Staff

Tuesday 9th September

9.30am: Patricia Handscombe INT

Wednesday 10th September

9.30am: Ignatius Paiva RIP

Thursday 11th September

9.30am: Johannes Dep RIP

Friday 12th September

9.30am: Mrs S Roberts RIP

Saturday 13th September

6pm: Saverio & Giuseppa Rizzo RIP

Sunday 14th September— 24th Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Krisantha Pullenayegam RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

With the exception of those already booked and those for All the People of the Parish (Pro Populo) all Masses in October will offered for the Holy Souls. Thank you for your understanding.

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. Next meeting on 18th September 2025 at 2pm in St Hilda Room.

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.

LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

Contact us on: WhatsApp Brendan 07425549408,
Facebook 'London Catholic Social Group' or londonswcatholicssocial@gmail.com

THE LETCHWORTH FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST FOR HARVEST

Biscuits Coffee 100gm Tinned Fish Tinned Fruit Jam Long Life Fruit Juice (Orange or Apple) Long Life Milk (UHT) Whole or Semi-Skimmed Tinned Meat Dried Milk Pasta Sauce Tinned Custard & Tinned Rice Pudding Cuppa Soup Sponge Puddings 500gm bags of Sugar Tea Bags (40's & 80's) Tinned Vegetables Tinned Tomatoes Please check expiry dates as out of date food cannot be accepted. Thank you for your support.

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	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.

Collection Total August: £8,336.75 . This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

Dates for your Diary:

14th September	Education Sunday
20th September	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Details in the newsletter
3rd October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
1st and 2nd November	All Saints
3rd November	All Souls. Mass at 9.30am and 7pm

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

Kate Hewitson: 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.