

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 14th September 2025, EXALTATION OF THE CROSS EDUCATION SUNDAY

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

Today we celebrate how Christ Jesus, the source of our life and salvation, transformed all human suffering, by willingly accepting death on the cross. In the first reading, the people of Israel bring suffering upon themselves by losing faith on their long journey to deliverance from slavery. Moses is commanded to lift up a fiery serpent on a stick. All who turn to this symbol of salvation will be healed. In John's Gospel, Jesus understands the suffering he is being called to embrace. He foretells how he will be lifted up, just like the serpent in the wilderness, so whoever turns towards him will have eternal life. He reminds us he was not sent to condemn the world, but to save it. Psalm 78 encourages us to never forget the deeds of the Lord, who is full of compassion and forgiveness, truly the source of our salvation. Paul's Letter to the Philippians provides a poetic teaching of our salvation story. God's love took human form in the person of Jesus. By Jesus accepting a shameful, humiliating death, God not only demonstrated solidarity with all who suffer cruelty and injustice at the hands of others, but overcame the finality of death, offering us all a path to eternal life. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we pray for all those who are persecuted or caught up in the injustice and horrors of war. May theirs and all suffering be transformed by the saving love of Christ.

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.

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.

FUNERAL NOTICE

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

The Funeral Mass for David Sartorius will be held at St Hugh on Wednesday 17th September at 11am 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.

May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (14 September, in 2025) just at the beginning of the new academic year and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established in 1848.

It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. This year's theme for Education Sunday is drawn from its Gospel reading of John 3:13-17: *The Son of Man must be lifted up*. We extend a special welcome to all pupils attending church in their uniforms to represent our Catholic schools.

St Thomas More and St John Henry Newman, pray for us.

WALSINGHAM, 20TH SEPTEMBER

LADT FEW PLACES AVAILABLE! The ticket options for this year are as follows: adult £35; child 6 to 12 year old £15; child 0 to 5 year 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 here but Mass will be celebrated at the

following churches: Evening Mass on Saturday 20th September will be celebrated at the following Churches;

Stevenage 5pm Transfiguration, Grove Road, Old Town, SG1 3PX;

Hitchin 6pm Our Lady's, Nightingale Road, SG5 1QS;

Stevenage 6.30pm St Hilda, Breakspear, SG2 9SQ

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

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.

KANYIKE PROJECT COLLECTION

"The first ever bucket collection for the Kanyike Project will be held at **Morrisons** in Letchworth GC on Sat 27 September, 10 - 4 pm. If you shop at Morrisons - or even if you don't! - why not drop in, have a chat and donate what you can. Mwebale!"

The Kanyike Project's aim is to empower villagers in Kanyike in Uganda to lead sustainable lives. Life in Uganda had to be rebuilt after the civil war ended in 1986. Our founder, Fr Kakuba returned to his native village to find it devastated. Poverty was widespread; and education and health care systems destroyed. Illiteracy, contaminated water and illness were the reality of everyday life. HIV/Aids then hit Africa. Many children were orphaned. For nearly 40 years we have worked to supply clean water, built a Health Centre as well as primary and nursery schools. The tangible improvements in the lives of the villagers are clear. Clean water and health care - mobile clinics visit outlying villages - mean life expectancy is increasing and those with AIDS are living longer. Training in soap production is lifting vulnerable women out of poverty and pig breeding should bring in vital income. Loan schemes enable small businesses (e.g. catering, farming or retail) to be set up which generate more income.

We are a local Hertfordshire based charity and every penny we raise goes to benefit

the villagers. Self-sufficiency and sustainability lie at the heart of all we do. Thank you for your generosity.

JHN OPEN EVENING

The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 25th September, from 5.30 – 8.00 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening.

The last tour will be at 7:00p.m. and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30p.m.

There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week

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 13th to Sun 21st September 2025

Saturday 13th September

6pm: Annie Clarke and deceased members of the Clarke Family RIP

Sunday 14th September— Education Sunday

9.30am: STM & SJHN Schools INT

11.30am: People of the parish

Monday 15th September

9.30am: No Mass

Tuesday 16th September

9.30am: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

Wednesday 17th September

9am: Bob & Connie Dull RIP

11am: Funeral Mass for David Sartorius RIP

Thursday 18th September

9.30am: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Friday 19th September

9.30am: Geraldine O'Mahony RIP RIP

Saturday 20th September

6pm: No Mass

Sunday 21st September— 25th Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Roy & Mary Rostron 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 of-

fered 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.

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.

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	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.

Dates for your Diary:

14th September	Education Sunday
20th September	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Details in the newsletter
3rd October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day—the collection will be taken the weekend of 25th-26th October
4th & 5th October	Red Box Appeal on behalf of Missio
11th & 12th October	Comboni Missionaries Appeal
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: chaplancy.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.