

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 21st September 2025, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

PSALTER WEEK 1

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'YOU CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS'

Today's readings illustrate both the centrality of justice and faithfulness as well as the danger of materialism. They show that God's love, which is for all, particularly notices the victims of injustice (First Reading from the prophet Amos), and the poor, who are lifted up by God (Psalm).

The Second Reading (a letter attributed to St Paul and sent to Timothy, the first bishop of the Church at Ephesus) concerns prayer, and emphasises God's desire that all are to be saved. It encourages the young Timothy to continue in the way of truth through the one mediator, Jesus Christ.

The parable of the dishonest manager (who uses his master's resources for his own gain) allows Jesus to teach about faithfulness (Gospel). But his main point is about the impossibility of serving two masters.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that we might be people of justice, lifting those we know who are bowed down; that we might be people of faithfulness, by our prayers of intercession for world leaders; and that we might be people of hope, by our trust in God's love for all.

St Beuno Prego [Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, 21st September 2025 – St Beuno's Outreach](#)

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 **Andria Collinwood**.

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

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

WALSINGHAM, 20TH SEPTEMBER

NO VIGIL MASS on the day of the pilgrimage here but Mass 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

‘PLACES OF HOPE’ JUBILEE ICON TOUR

As part of its tour of England, Westminster Diocese will host the Jubilee Icon (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-icon/>) in December 2025. So that it may be seen by as many as possible, it is being arranged for it to be taken to a number of 'Places of Hope' in the diocese. While the itinerary of the Jubilee Icon Tour is still in development, the agreed plan so far is below. Nearer the time, more information will be available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/> Monday 8 December: Icon arrives in the Diocese from Middlesbrough Diocese. Tuesday 9 December: Vaughan House, Westminster. Wednesday 10 December: St Mary's University and St Margaret's parish, (Twickenham). Thursday 11 December: Our Lady of the Rosary parish, (Staines-upon-Thames). Friday 12 December: St Alban's Cathedral: The Icon will be displayed during the weekly Catholic Mass in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Saturday 13 December: St Elizabeth Centre, (Much Hadham, near Bishop's Stortford). Sunday 14 December: St Joseph's parish, (Bishop's Stortford).

Monday 15 December: St Joseph's Primary & St Mary's Secondary (Bishop's Stortford). Tuesday 16 December: Nazareth House, (East Finchley). Wednesday 17 December: Caritas St Joseph's (Hendon). Thursday 18 December: Bishop Challoner School. Friday 19 December: to be confirmed. Saturday 20 December: Notre Dame, Leicester Square. Sunday 21 December: Queensway parish and the Ethiopian Chaplaincy. Monday 22 December: Icon to be formally received at the Cathedral. Monday 22- Saturday 27 December: Westminster Cathedral.

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.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BOSCO MACDONALD, LEAD BISHOP FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

The Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations is a wonderful witness to the strength that comes when we work together in service of couples and families. Since its launch at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, the Alliance has brought together the gifts of Marriage Care, Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, Teams and Two-in-One Flesh. Between them they offer decades of experience, and together they form a rich and complementary resource for the Church.

The Alliance provides support for couples at every stage of their journey, whether in preparation for marriage, deepening their relationship, or seeking help in times of difficulty. Much of this is now available online as well as in person, making it an accessible and practical help for parish ministry. To know more head to www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk

PLAYGROUP UPDATE

Great news, the parish playgroup will resume after Half Term on Thursdays at 10am.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office and we will put you in touch with the new group leaders.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big, busy parish like ours needs lots of helping hands. Donating time is as valuable as donating money. We need: Catechists for FHC, children's liturgy and RCIA; welcomers; counters; flower arrangers; fundraising/social events.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20th to Sun 28th September 2025

Saturday 20th September

6pm: NO MASS

Sunday 21st September— 25th Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Roy & Mary Rostron RIP

Monday 22nd September

9.30am: NO MASS

Tuesday 23rd September

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 24th September

9am: Matthew Brotherton INT

Thursday 25th September

9.30am: Antony Pavey RIP

Friday 26th September

9.30am: Fred North RIP

Saturday 27th September

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 28th September— 25th Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Holy Souls

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 2nd

October 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.
No expired items please.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

The Rotary Club is running a quiz night in aid of the Garden House Hospice. And other Rotary charities

Where: St George's Church Hall, Common View, SG6 1DA

Tickets are £17.50 and include supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Maximum of 8 people per team. For info and tickets call 07534024310 or email kimm@letchworthrotary.org.uk

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:

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.