

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 2nd November 2025,

ALL SAINTS

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WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN ST HILDA FROM 4TH NOVEMBER

Today we honour *all the saints*. We see them gathered round the throne of God, praising God in joy and thanksgiving. We hear that in their trials and suffering they clung faithfully to Christ, so closely that 'they washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.' They teach us so much.

We all have our favourite or patron saint. Perhaps we were given his or her name at baptism or at confirmation. They have so much to teach us about how to accompany each other through the dilemmas of life and of how to come to a mature understanding of the demands of the Gospel in our lives as the one true path of life. Today we also honour all those who may not be canonized but are surely saints. For so many of these, family life, with all its joy and challenges, was their path to heaven. Think how many saints there may be in your family, still helping you by their example and intercession!

May all the saints encourage and strengthen us today. May we draw from [them] great encouragement for our own family life and for the life of the family of the Church, as we each reach out for the great mercy of God, a mercy that will never fail us once we come, with penitent hearts, seeking its healing and peace.

Cardinal Vincent

Archbishop of Westminster

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

November 2025: For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. *Amen*

Holy Souls

November is the month when we pray for those who have gone to the Lord. Monday 3rd November is the Commemoration of the Holy Souls and the 7pm Mass is offered for parishioners who have died in the last year. All are welcome to attend and light a candle during the liturgy for deceased family and friends. If you'd like your loved ones remembered at all Masses during November, please take a sheet, write their names on it and return it to the Parish House. You may include an offering in the envelope provided, if you wish.

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of *Ann Hudson, Kay McKenna and Catherine Cullinane*. Kay's Funeral will be held in Baldock on 6th November at 1.30pm. Ann's Funeral will be held here at St Hugh on 10th November at 10am. Catherine's Funeral will be held here at St Hugh on 20th November at 11am. Please pray for the families at this difficult time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE

Many parishioners will have had cause to use the services offered by our local Garden House Hospice and many others will be aware, with them, of what a wonderful service they provide for our community. You will be aware too, Hospices nationwide receive little or no funding from central Government. Currently, Garden House Hospice, having made the savings it can reasonably achieve, has had to limit bed space as they face a £750,000 gap in their funding. As the Hospice has made clear, "There is absolutely no point in sugar coating the message as this is very worrying." Thank you to parishioners who have been engaged in supporting our Hospice voluntarily and financially over the years. The Hospice was provided by the Letchworth Garden City community in the past. It's our task now to see that, with our support, it continues into the future.

Please watch the Hospice's Fundraising Appeal on YouTube by following the link below. Thank you. <https://youtu.be/ALaQ75ONVmY?si=k2ZxkAfjNygug7vj&sfnsn=scwspwa>

CHILDREN's LITURGY

We look forward to welcoming the children back on 2nd November. A polite reminder that these sessions are for children aged 4-7 years, to discuss and listen to the weekly gospel. Younger children are welcome, if they are not a distraction from hearing God's Word. Parents are invited to remain in Mass, unless your child is under 4 or needs your additional support. If you are interested in signing up as a volunteer on our rota, please have a chat with any of our catechists or email LJ at ljross@rcdow.org.uk

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN FEAST DAY

On 16th November we will be celebrating St

Hugh of Lincoln. The Sunday services will combined into one Mass at 10.30am. Following Mass we will gather in Fortescue Hall for coffee-/tea cakes and pastries. If you can help, please get in touch.

GARDEN HOUSE CAKES

For the past few years, the kind ladies from St Hugh's have provided cakes for our hospice. We provide cakes for the whole month of November in order for patients and visitors to enjoy a treat with afternoon tea. Homemade or bought cakes are equally gratefully received. If homemade, please include a list of ingredients. I shall be taking the cakes to the hospice by 5th November. Many thanks, Trish (07709029220)

ROSARY FOR PEACE:

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

TODDLER PLAYGROUP: Every Thursday, term-time from 10am.

CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP NICK!

You will remember Bishop Nicholas Hudson who came to celebrate the St Hugh of Lincoln Feast Mass with us last year. Bishop Nick was appointed Bishop of Plymouth by Pope Leo . "I am deeply grateful to Pope Leo XIV for appointing me; and I do not take lightly the trust he has placed in me. I am aware how long the clergy, religious and laity of Plymouth Diocese have waited for a bishop. I come with a desire to listen and to learn. I hope we can apply all the strengths of synodality to discern together ways to deepen the diocese's outreach, mission and presence to the people of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. I look forward greatly to meeting all who belong to the diocese. I ask their prayers for me as I prepare to be their bishop – as I most surely pray for them." Godspeed, Bishop!

JUBILEE MASS – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Saturday 22 November at 2 pm in Westminster Cathedral. During the Jubilee year a goodly number of individuals and groups have engaged in various walking pilgrimages as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This is a celebration Mass for all who have completed the Westminster Way walking pilgrimage during the Holy Year, and any other form of pilgrimage, including to the Jubilee churches in the dio-

cese. All are welcome. Further details at jubilee2025@rcdow.org.uk.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

23rd November after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. You are welcome to bring your baby. The session lasts approx. 2h.

OFFICE CLOSURE The office reopens on Monday 3rd November.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1st to Sun 9th November 2025

Saturday 25th October

6pm: Kathleen Bourke RIP

Sunday 2nd November— ALL SAINTS

9.30am: Andrew Ellmers RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

Monday 3rd November - ALL SOULS

9.30am: Holy Souls

7pm: Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday 4th November

9.30am: Private Intention

Wednesday 5th November

9.30am: Kajetan Migdal RIP

Thursday 6th November

9.30am: David Sartorius RIP

Friday 7th November

9.30am: Johannes & Monica Dep RIP

Saturday 8th November

6pm: Luigi Rizzo

Sunday 9th November—Remembrance Sunday

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Patty Naxon INT

MASS BOOKINGS

With the exception of those already booked and those for . No more Vigil Masses available for booking this year. 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 13th November 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.

CALLING ALL 14-17 YEAR OLDS! Come & join us at the Hertfordshire Youth Summit at Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Welwyn Garden City, on 22nd November, for a celebration of young people in our parishes. The Summit will be an afternoon of games, talks, workshops, socialising, and encounter with the Lord. We will be taking inspiration from the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis, so this is a day you won't want to miss! If you're interested, please sign up by contacting LJ at ljross@rcdow.or.uk

THE LETCHWORTH FOODBANK

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.

MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

There will be an evening of recollection for men on Monday 10th November from 6:30pm till about 8:30pm. The preacher will be Fr Bernard Marsh, a priest of Opus Dei. It's like a mini-retreat, with time for directed and private prayer, concluding with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Tea/coffee will be available from 6:15pm. No need to book: just turn up.

TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE

FOR YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18-35) in Paris with the Assumption group from 28 Dec 2025 to 1 Jan 2026. The Taizé European Meeting is a "Pilgrimage of trust on Earth" gathering thousands of young people for prayer, reflection, and community. Cost: €110 + travel. Register by 15th November, for more information visit www.assumpta-eu.org/taize-pilgrimage.

We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:

Nora Ivers	Andrea Boncristiani
Richard Parker	Dolores Connolly
Angela Horne	Rita Fletcher
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
George Marston	Philomena Johnson
Joe Fernandes	Margaret Haywood
Willie Hudson	Lynne Parker
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 September: £8,625.73. This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. The total for October will be available next week. 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:

3rd November	All Souls. Mass at 9.30am and 7pm
16th November	Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln and enrolment of FHC children. Mass at 10.30am, refreshments in Fortescue Hall afterwards.

Our Catholic Schools

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjni.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.