

# 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 5th October 2025, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

**PSALTER WEEK 3**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN ST HILDA FROM  
3RD NOVEMBER**

### *Fan into flame the gift of God.*

God's word urges us to consider the gift of faith, to ponder our trust in a faithful God and to ask for the strength to offer humble service. The prophet Habakkuk complains loudly to God; why wouldn't he? God doesn't seem to help in the face of tyranny and oppression. The Lord's reply is to wait faithfully, patiently, even silently, for justice will come, in God's time, not the prophet's or ours; "If it seems slow, wait for it." Psalm 95 is a song of praise and worship, but it also encourages us to listen to the Lord, to be open to God today and every day. If we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear, God will enable us to find him in all of our experience, even amidst war and violence in our world. Paul warns Timothy in his Second Letter to him, never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord. Timothy has been given the gift of the Spirit which must be continually enlivened by relying on God's power in times of trial. The disciples in the Gospel ask the Lord to, 'Increase our faith'. Jesus responds with the parable of the mustard seed, following on with another about self-forgetfulness and service of others. How curious the divine savior, the Son of God, should respond to a serious request from his disciples with a riddle, a conundrum. The life of faith within us liberates us to follow the voice of the Spirit. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray for the end of all forms of slavery and trafficking in our world. May governments collaborate in their efforts to fight against it and victims find freedom and rehabilitation in compassionate communities. *Prego & Fr Jimmy*

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**October 2025: For collaboration between different religious traditions.**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity. *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 a friendly bunch and are always glad to see new faces. New parishioner's forms are available at the back of church.

## MISSION WITNESS: 'RED BOX' APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please do consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at [missio.org.uk/redbox](http://missio.org.uk/redbox)

## FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the death of *Isabel Gallard*. Her Funeral will be held on Wednesday 22nd October at 11am in our church. Please pray for the repose of Isabel's soul and for her family and loved ones at this difficult time. May Isabel rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

## ROSARY FOR PEACE: E

every Friday at 10am, after Mass

## BAPTISM SESSION:

Sunday 5th October, after 9.30am Mass in the St Hilda Room.

## CATHOLIC TEACHING INTERNSHIP

Westminster Diocese Education Department is now entering the second year of its three-year Catholic Leadership Programme. This programme is aimed at increasing the number of Catholic teachers—and future leaders—in our schools.

A key part of this initiative is promoting teaching as a vocation among young Catholics. We are offering paid internships for Catholic university students to spend three weeks working in one of our schools, gaining first-hand experience of life as a teacher. While there is a particular focus on Religious Education, the programme also welcomes students interested in other secondary sub-

jects and the Primary sector. Where needed, we offer bursaries to support those who choose to pursue QTS in RE. For more info: [Diocese of Westminster Education Service](http://Diocese of Westminster Education Service)

## OCTOBER CANDLELIT PROCESSION

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 7pm Sunday 12th October 2025. Join the Pilgrims, the Community of Allen Hall Seminary, and the Westminster Vocations Team, and Bishop James Curry at this JUBILEE OF HOPE VOCATIONS EVENT to ask Our Lady's intercession for the gift of Priests for the Church. The Shrine is situated at 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Bakerloo Line & Overground (Mildmay Line) to Willesden Junction.

Buses 18,187,206,220,226,228,260,266 & 487 all pass close by.

## GARDEN HOUSE COFFEE MORNING

We are having a coffee morning in St Hilda for our local hospice on Thursday 16th October at 10.30am. Coffee, tea, cakes and raffle. All donations go to the hospice. Please call Judith 07757279094 or Trish 0770929220 for info.

## ST HUGH OF LINCOLN FEAST DAY

On 16th November we will be celebrating St Hugh of Lincoln. The Sunday services will be 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 with the running of this event, please get in touch with the Office.

## SJHN SCHOOL BUS

In the Summer, the parish started making enquiries into a possible dedicated school bus service to and from The Saint John Henry Newman School in Stevenage. If you are interested in the school bus, please get in touch with the Office. Please bear in mind:

- the cost is almost double that of the public bus but it is, of course a private service.
- This is not a pay as you go service. Much like other forms of transport and any other club/sports team, refunds are not given in case of missed trips due to illness.
- The more passengers, the cheaper the cost

## **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 While the itinerary of the Jubilee Icon Tour is still in development. 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

## **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Office will be closed on Tuesday 14th October due to a Diocesan meeting.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

*Sat 4th to Sun 12th October 2025*

Saturday 4th October

6pm: Newton, Edwin, Emervyn Samera-Wickrem RIP

Sunday 5th October— 27th Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Holy Souls

Monday 6th October

9.30am: Elizabeth Geoghegan INT

Tuesday 7th October

9.30am: Private Intention

Wednesday 8th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 9th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 10th October

9.30am: Arnold Pinto RIP

Saturday 11th October

6pm: Anna Maria & Mariano Schipani RIP

Sunday 12th October— 28th 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. 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.

## **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.

## **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 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 on 1st November. 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@lethworthrotary.org.uk](mailto:kimm@lethworthrotary.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
Lynne Parker	Rita Fletcher

**Easy Giving:** Via the Contactless machine in the porch or via our parish website: [www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth](http://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. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Holy Souls Lists** will be available from mid-October.

**Dates for your Diary:**

4th & 5th October	<b>Red Box Appeal</b> on behalf of Missio
11th & 12th October	<b>Comboni Missionaries Appeal</b>
1st and 2nd November	<b>All Saints</b>
3rd November	<b>All Souls.</b> Mass at 9.30am and 7pm
16th November	Feast of St Hugh of Lincoln. 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.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk)

**The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School,** Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643    [www.jhn.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Officer**

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Via text message: 07884 187463 Email: [chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net](mailto: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.