

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 12th October 2025,
28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

PSALTER WEEK 4

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

All Nations give thanks to the Lord!

Our readings focus on healing, gratitude and giving thanks to the Lord for his goodness to all people. Following the instructions of the prophet Elisha, Namaan, a Syrian General, is cured of his leprosy. In gratitude, Namaan takes home with him some of the soil of Israel as a tangible reminder he will from now on worship the one true God. Psalm 98 is a hymn to the universal kingship of God. The Lord has made known his salvation not only to Israel, but to all nations and peoples. Paul encourages Timothy and us to remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Although Paul is in prison and chains, he is sure the Lord's good news cannot be bound. Even if we are faithless, God will remain faithful. Returning to the theme of healing, the Gospel passage recounts the story of the ten lepers who are cleansed of their leprosy. Only one of them, a Samaritan, goes back to Jesus to thank him. God's healing reaches beyond the people of Israel. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we remember all those in need of healing, whether they openly acknowledge Christ or not. We pray too for all who are ostracised and marginalised by society.

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*

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 with the running of this event, please get in touch with the Office.

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.

COMBONI MISSION APPEAL

This weekend, we welcome the Comboni missionaries. The Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic religious and missionary Order founded by Bishop Daniel Comboni in Verona (Italy) in 1867, specifically to serve the missionary endeavour of the Catholic Church. For more info visit: www.comboni.org.uk

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of *Isabel Gallard and Tessa Burns*. Isabel's Funeral will be held on Wednesday 22nd October at 11am in our church. Tessa's Funeral will be held in Hitchin (date tbc). Please pray for the families at this difficult time. May Isabel and Tessa rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

ROSARY FOR PEACE: Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

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

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 subjects 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](#)

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.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

We have been informed by Herts County Council that food vouchers will NOT be provided for the October and February half-term periods. The next voucher families will receive is the Christmas Voucher, which will be coordinated with schools in the usual way. We recognise that this change may have an impact on families, especially as the scheme has been in place for the past three years. For families requiring additional support, please visit the Hertfordshire County Council website at '[support with cost-of-living pages](#)'. If you or someone you know will be impacted by this change in provision, you can contact the parish office. All inquiries/referrals will be treated with the utmost discretion.

PLACES OF HOPE' JUBILEE ICON TOUR

Monday 8 December: Icon arrives in the Diocese from Middlesbrough Diocese. Tuesday

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 11th to Sun 19th October 2025

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

Monday 13th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 14th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 15th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 16th October

9.30am: Alan Scouller RIP

Friday 17th October

9.30am: Lynne Parker INT

Saturday 18th October

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 19th October— 29th 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

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.

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
Dolores Connolly	

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. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Holy Souls Lists will be available from mid-October.

Dates for your Diary:

11th & 12th October	Comboni Missionaries Appeal
1st and 2nd November	All Saints—CAFOD collection
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.