

# 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 19th October 2025,  
29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME  
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WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN ST HILDA FROM 4TH NOVEMBER**

## ***PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART!***

Our readings speak about prayer, faith and trusting in God's help. They urge us to stay in close relationship with God, who always listens to us. Even when life is hard God does not abandon us. In the Book of Exodus, the Amalekites are defeated through Moses's prayer for his people. His raised hands, supported by others in his community, symbolise dependence on God; faith and perseverance are rewarded. This is echoed in Jesus's parable of the widow who persists in seeking justice from the unrighteous judge. Aware of how easy it can be for us to lose heart, Jesus encourages us to be like the widow and persevere in our own prayer, trusting deeply in the God who hears us, confident every prayer is heard, even if the response is not immediate. We have a God who is faithful, on whom we can depend. Psalm 121 prays for trust and hope reflecting the Lord's constant care. God guards us always, protecting and watching over our every journey. Paul tells us to stay rooted in the wisdom and guidance of the Scriptures, which are inspired by God. He urges us to share them with 'complete patience and teaching'. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we continue to pray for peace and justice in the world. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide our prayer, helping us to persist and not lose heart. *Prego & Fr Jimmy*

## **Red Box Appeal**

Fr Philip Adede MHM has written to thank parishioners for the welcome he received when he made the recent Red Box Mission Appeal. The enthusiasm of our community for Mission and support for young Churches really impressed him. Over 35 people took a Red Box and some people agreed to sign up for a direct debit. If you have taken a form to complete at home, please kindly post it in the envelope which provided. He is very grateful for all your support.

## **Comboni Appeal**

Thank you for your generous support! The parish raised just shy of £740 for the wonderful work of our missionary fathers.

## **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*

## 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 *Isabel Gallard, Tessa Burns, Anne Hudson, Kay McKenna and Catherine Cullinane*. Isabel's Funeral will be held on Wednesday 22nd October at 11am in our church. Tessa's Funeral will be held in Hitchin. Kay's Funeral will be held in Baldock on 6th November at 1.30pm. Details of the other Funerals will be disclosed as we get them. Please pray for the families at this difficult time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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

## DILEXIT TE

Like Francis, who completed the work of Benedict XVI on the encyclical *Lumen Fidei*, Pope Leo XIV took up the text of his immediate predecessor for his first major Magisterial document. *Dilexi te* builds on the teaching of Francis' final encyclical – *Dilexit nos*, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus – highlighting the “close connection” between the love of God and love for the poor. “In the poor”, writes Pope Leo, God “continues to speak to us” (5).

The Holy Father likewise recalls the theme of the Church's “preferential option... for the poor”, an expression that arose in the context of Latin America (16). Pope Leo explains that this “‘preference’ never indicates exclusivity or discrimination towards other groups” but instead emphasizes “God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity” (16). Full text here: [Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Love for the Poor \(4 October 2025\)](#)

## 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 par-

ishes. 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](mailto: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](#)

## 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.

## 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)

## PLACES OF HOPE' JUBILEE ICON TOUR

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 open on Wednesday 22nd October but closed on Thursday 23rd.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

*Sat 18th to Sun 26th October 2025*

Saturday 18th October

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

Sunday 19th October— 29th Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Lynne Parker INT

Monday 20th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 21st October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 22nd October

11am: Funeral Mass Isabel Gallard RIP

Thursday 23rd October

9.30am: Caroline Randall RIP

Friday 24th October

9.30am: Gerry Friers RIP

Saturday 25th October

6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 26th October— 30th 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)

### **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	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](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.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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

1st and 2nd November	<b>All Saints—CAFOD collection</b>
3rd November	<b>All Souls.</b> 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.strcjmj.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjmj.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**

Kate Hewitson: [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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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.