

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 26th October 2025, 30TH SUNDAY ORDINATY TIME

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

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER!

God's word reminds us God's way is one of humility, equality and perseverance in the pursuit of love. Our first reading contains the wisdom found in the Book of Sirach, emphasising the Lord's focus on the poor and marginalised. God calls us to be persistent in our prayer, uncompromising in our quest for justice. This is continued in Psalm 34; the Lord always hears our prayers of pain and distress and responds to petitions seeking to do good in the world. Paul's letter to Timothy reflects on the writer's own ministry as a lesson to other followers of Christ. He encourages us to stand strong in the face of suffering, criticism and rejection, to remain fixed on what is right and loving in the eyes of the Lord. Jesus offers a sobering illustration of the difference between what society upholds as noble, righteous and honourable, and the values of the Lord. God always sees through status and superficial expressions of faith, reminding us we are all loved sinners. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we renew our commitment to sharing God's compassion and care for all. We strive for peace and justice in our world by reflecting on our own behaviour. We're reminded we cannot do this on our own, but must constantly seek the Lord's loving guidance and strength. *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*

Garden Hospice Coffee Morning

Many thanks for all the kind donations and the help running the recent coffee morning in aid of our local hospice. A phenomenal £857.40 was raised for this very worthy cause. Thank you to Trish, Judith, Simone and all involved.

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.

CAFOD

At the beginning of October we postponed the Cafod Harvest Fast Day collection to accommodate two missionary appeals. Please take a Cafod envelope and return it in the second collection at all Masses next weekend when Tania Dalton will speak about Cafod's work. By making an offering to Cafod, you are enabling God's abundant gifts to be shared with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers signs of hope in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 or scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.



DILEXIT TE

Pope Leo XIV took up the text started by Francis for his first major Magisterial document. *Dilexite* 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 Dilexite of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Love for the Poor \(4 October 2025\)](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday 26th October due to the half term, 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.

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 will be closed for half-term from Monday 27th October. It will reopen on Monday 3rd November.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25th October to Sun 2nd November 2025

Saturday 25th October

6pm: Giorgio Forte RIP

Sunday 26th October— 29th Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Holy Souls

Monday 27th October

9.30am: Rosaleen Garvey RIP

Tuesday 28th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 29th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 30th October

9.30am: Holy Souls

Friday 31st October

9.30am: Joseph Walsh RIP

Saturday 1st November

6pm: Kathleen Bourke RIP

Sunday 2nd November— ALL SAINTS

9.30am: Andrew Ellmers RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

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 29th 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.

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. Email rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

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. 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:

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.