

# 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 9th November 2025,  
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WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA**

## **GOD'S HOLY TEMPLE**

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Today's feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth." The Basilica of St. John Lateran was the first to be built after the Edict of Emperor Constantine in 313, and is the ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome. As a result it's called, 'the Mother and Head of all the churches of the city and the world'. Our readings for today's feast recall an essential truth, the temple of stones is but a symbol of the living Christian community which, as Ezekiel foreshadows, is baptised in life-giving waters and gives joy to God's city, as we sing in Psalm 46. In the era of the new Passover Covenant, as St Paul writes, there is no temple building other than the Christian community, the living stones, in whom the Spirit of Christ lives. John the Evangelist says, Jesus is both the temple and the foundation, from whom we have our food and healing. He is our refuge and strength, our grace and our holiness. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray, through his Spirit living in us, we might imitate Christ by our steadfastness, courage and joy in the face of deceit, greed and despair. *Prego & Fr. Jimmy*

## **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. 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.

## **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 *Ann Hudson and Catherine Cullinane*. 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/ALaqT5ONVmY?si=k2ZxkAfjNygug7vj&sfns=scwspwa>

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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](mailto: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 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, please get in touch.

## ROSARY FOR PEACE:

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

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

## "REAWAKENING BLESSED HOPE" JUBILEE DAYS FOR CATECHISTS 2025

The Agency for Evangelisation invites the catechists of the diocese to a Jubilee Catechists' day in each pastoral area of the Diocese on the theme of "Reawakening Blessed Hope". A day for catechists from parishes in Hertfordshire *with Bishop Paul McAleenan* in the Trinity Hall next to Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 3TP.

To book your place for Saturday

15th November, please give your name and email address to your parish administrator by Sunday 9th November 2025. There is no charge to attend the Day; Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch with you on the day; There is parking outside the church but we encourage you to use public transport where possible. (The Hall is just over a mile from the railway station in Welwyn Garden City, and bus number 402 from the bus station (just north of the railway station) runs right past the church.) Key timings for the Day are as follows: The Day will begin at 10am with refreshments in the Church Hall; We will eat lunch together and so please bring a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee will be provided.

The Day will end at 4pm.

## SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1,270,000. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is steadily increasing. The priests in our Diocese, although retired, continue to serve long into their late seventies and eighties. They continue to work in our parishes and schools, visit our sick or elderly in hospices, and hospitals, and make themselves available, at our time of crisis and need.

We continue to depend on them, in times of grief and sorrow, but also at times of joy, such as baptisms and weddings. They, however, are also dependent on us, and our generosity, for their care, and for essentials like housing, rent or any health needs.

If you can, please take a donation envelope, and return it next weekend. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on the envelopes church and give online. Finally, if you feel you would like to give to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund on a more regular basis, please do consider completing section 4 of the envelope form. Thank you so much and please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill.

### **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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

*Sat 8th to Sun 16th November 2025*

Saturday 8th November

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

**Sunday 9th November— ALL SAINTS**

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Patty Naxton INT

Monday 10th November

10am: **Funeral Mass Ann Hudson RIP**

Tuesday 11th November

9.30am: Caroline, Violet, Christie Samera-Wickrema RIP

Wednesday 12th November

9.30am: Delia McGrath RIP

Thursday 13th November

9.30am: Agata & Antonio De Luca RIP

Friday 14th November

9.30am: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

Saturday 15th November

6pm: Ines & Leonardo Antonaci RIP

**Sunday 16th November—Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln**

10.30am: People of the parish

### **MASS BOOKINGS**

All remaining Masses for 2025 have now been booked. 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](mailto:ljross@rcdow.or.uk)

### **THE LETCHWORTH FOODBANK**

Small and Large tins Ham; Small & Large tins Salmon; Tinned Custard; Christmas Biscuits; Small & Medium Christmas Puddings; Selection Boxes; Boxes of Chocolates; Small & Medium Christmas Cakes; Crackers for Cheese; Cranberry Sauce; Pickles; Bags for Life. 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.

**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 October: £8,819.65** This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. The total for October will be available next week. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Dates for your Diary:**

16th November	Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln and enrolment of FHC children. Mass at 10.30am, refreshments in Fortescue Hall afterwards.
4th December	Letchworth Arcadians Carols Concert, St Hugh of Lincoln Church with refreshments in St Hilda (paid event) 7.30pm
5th December	Letchworth Arcadians Carols Concert, St Hugh of Lincoln Church with refreshments in St Hilda (paid event) 7.30pm
14th December	STM Christmas Market 10am to 3pm Fortescue Hall

**Our Catholic Schools**

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

Tel: 01462 620670    [www.strcjni.herts.sch.uk](http://www.strcjni.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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**Lister Hospital RC Team**

Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333

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.