

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 23rd November 2025,
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

This Sunday brings us to the close of the liturgical year, a day on which we celebrate the Kingship of Jesus. We are invited to be part of his kingdom of love, mercy, peace and hope. In the Second Book of Samuel, an earthly King, David, unites Israel under his own rule. David is chosen by God from being a shepherd of sheep to becoming shepherd of God's people. David is part of God's plan and the elders of the people anoint him king. Psalm 122 celebrates Jerusalem the Holy City where God's people come together. We're reminded of God's presence at the centre of our faith and our community. St Paul speaks of the authority and power of Jesus. Through Christ's sacrifice on the cross we gain our freedom and the forgiveness of our sins. In the Gospel, we return to the foot of the cross of Jesus our crucified King. Here, the promise of salvation to the penitent criminal reminds us of the depth of Jesus's love and mercy for all. This Sunday is also the Jubilee celebration of World Youth Sunday. As Pilgrims of Hope we pray with Pope Leo, young people will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within and around them.

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*

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.

THANK YOU!

To Tracey and her team of STM and SJHN parents who run the refreshments for St Hugh of Lincoln Day. A great time was had by all.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Please speak to Fr Jimmy after Mass.

CONDOLENCES

With sadness, we inform parishioners that Fr Cezary's mother has gone back to the house of the Father. We extend our most heartfelt condolences to Fr Cezary, his family and loved ones at this very difficult time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

FORTESCUE HALL CARPARK

Today and for the next 2 weekends, Fortescue Hall is rented out to Little Ruggers. The hall's carpark will therefore be taken up by parents and staff running the session. Please allow additional time to park when coming to church.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed on Thursday 27th November and Monday 1st December for Annual Leave.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED

Please help the parish by joining Jon in the running our Confirmation programme. Sessions are due to start in January. Contact the office to know more about the role.

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

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. May God bless you for your kindness.

LIGHTS OF LIFE SERVICE

Come and visit the illuminated Garden

House Hospice gardens, attends the Lights of Life Service on 30th November, 5pm and dedicate a light in memory of your loved one. For more information, to book your place and dedicate a light, please visit ghospicecare.org.uk/lights

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.

A MESSAGE FROM Fr FELIPE

Dear Fr Jimmy, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for the cheque of £753.14 as a result of the Mission Appeal I preached in your parish. Me and all the Comboni Missionaries [are grateful] for your kindest and friendly hospitality. Please pass on to your parishioners our heartfelt gratitude for their generosity towards our missionary work in the fields of first evangelisation in Africa and many other countries around the world. I wish you all the best. May the Lord bless all of you, keep you and guide you. Fr Felipe A. Castrejana

THE SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL

Our students would like to invite seniors & older adults to our

Community
Christmas
Morning

Friday 5th December

10am - 11.30am

Morning refreshments and festive cakes. Seasonal music and entertainment

RSVP
Tel: 01438 314 643
or email events@jhn.herts.sch.uk

Please let us know of any dietary requirements and mobility issues

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

On Tuesday 25th November, Bishop Paul McAleenan and the priests of Stevenage Deanery will celebrate Mass at 11am in Our Lady's. There will not be 9.30am Mass that day. Afterwards there will be tea and coffee in the Trinity Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22nd to Sun 30th November 2025

Saturday 22nd November

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 23rd November— Christ the King

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Iris Pompey RIP

Monday 24th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 25th November

9.30am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 26th November

9.30am: Teresa Whyte RIP

Thursday 27th November

9.30am: NO MASS

Friday 28th November

9.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Saturday 29th November

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 30th November—Advent 1

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Mary Gamble, Diana & Patrick Diskin RIP

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.

ROSARY FOR PEACE:

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

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

SASH GROUP

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Next meeting on 27th 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR KANYIKE

Come and get a bit of festive cheer while raising much needed funds for the Kanyike Project. The concert starts at 2pm at church, Refreshments in St Hilda. Tickets are £10 each. Please contact Sue and Jacquie for info.

EMIL DALE SPARE CHAIR EVENT

Emil Dale Academy are hosting their annual "Spare Chair Christmas" project on Friday 5th December for the elderly in the local area who live alone and want to join students and staff, in their studios, for a roast dinner and of course a song or two! Lunch is at 1pm. This is a FREE event sponsored entirely by the amazing Emil Dale Academy. All you need to do to get involved is email info@emildale.co.uk with CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025 in the subject and give them NAME / PHONE NUMBER / ADDRESS / ACCESS REQUIREMENTS or call 01462 677 808 if you or they don't have access to email.

THANK YOU FROM GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE

Claire Lunnon, Community and Individual Relationship Manager at GHHC, has written a letter to thank Judith, Trish, Simone and the parish for the recent fundraising events they run to help our local hospice. "We need to raise £10564 every day in charitable income and greatly rely on the support of people like you, we cannot thank you enough." Our coffee morning raised £857.40.

Thank you also to all who supported the cake appeal. These sweet treats are sure to bring a smile to patients, visitors and staff at our hospice. Thank you to Trish for organising this lovely fundraising activity year after year.

We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:

Nora Ivers	Liz McCaul
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 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.

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.

Dates for your Diary:

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
13th December	Concert For Kanyike 2pm at church
14th December	STM Christmas Market 10am to 3pm Fortescue Hall
15th December	Opus Dei Retreat for Men, St Hilda Room from 6.30pm

Our Catholic Schools

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

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjmi.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.