

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 The Parish telephone is currently OUT OF ORDER email only please

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 & Con-

fession Wednesday 10.00-10.45am; Benediction Thursday 10.45. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm &

on request.



SUNDAY 28TH December 2025

HOLY FAMILY

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THURSDAY 1ST January 2026

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SUNDAY 4TH January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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TUESDAY 6TH January 2026

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

December 2025: For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Amen

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

January 2026: For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Amen

Visit: [Pray - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#) for the Pope's video

CARDINAL VINCENT REFLECTION ON CHRISTMAS

Visit www.rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/addresses/christmas-celebration-2025

OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

As a parish, we pray for the Right Reverend Richard Moth, newly appointed Archbishop of Westminster by Pope Leo. We also pray in thanksgiving for Cardinal Vincent's service to our Diocese and the Church. 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.

CRIB APPEAL

Each year many parishes very kindly donate their Crib Offering to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society. This enables us to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families. Thank you for helping disadvantaged children and families this Christmas. Donations can be made directly using this link: [Donate - Catholic Childrens Society](#) or you can use one of the envelopes available in our church.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

KEEP CHRIST INTO CHRISTMAS posters are available at the back of church. Please take one and display it in your window. It is HIS birthday!

You can download the poster here: [KSC-Christmas-Poster2020.pdf](#)

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.

VINNIE PACKS

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Dona-

tions can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the office is closed from Monday 22nd December and will reopen on Thursday 8th January due to annual leave.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2022 – AUGUST 2023

St Thomas More RC Primary School is currently accepting applications for Nursery places for the next academic year. The school welcomes applications from all families: Catholics, Christian, other faiths or no faith. The application process for Nursery places closes on Friday 6th March 2026. Applications should be made directly to the school. Nursery application packs can be downloaded from the school website at:

www.stmlethworth.co.uk Please ensure that all associated documents are contained within the completed submission. If you need any further help or have any queries about the above, please contact the School Office on 01462 620670 or email admin@stmlethworth.co.uk. Thank you.

SASH GROUP

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Next meeting on January 2026 at 2pm in St Hilda Room.

SJHN RAFFLE

The Saint John Henry Newman Association (SJHNA) is holding a New Year Raffle to raise funds for the school. The last raffle raised over £500 to help cover costs for resources which the school budget can't stretch to. Last year SJHNA made purchases totalling over £10,000 for music equipment, cameras & photographic equipment and 250 books and processing material for the library. The 1st prize is £200, 2nd prize £100 and 3rd prize £50 – plus a host of other prizes to be announced. To purchase your ticket, simply select the number of tickets you would like to purchase and click on 'Buy Now' following the link <https://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk/410/jhna-school-fund> The draw will take place on the 9th January 2026. Thank you for your support.

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.

ROSARY FOR PEACE:

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27th December to Sun 11th January 2026

Saturday 27th December

6pm: Mike Dwyer RIP

Sunday 28th December- Holy Family

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Dermot and Theresa Doyle INT

Monday 29th December

10am: James & Joan Cleary RIP

Tuesday 30th December

10am: Ratnavali Lenora Dep RIP

Wednesday 31st December

10am: Holy Souls

Thursday 1st January—Mary Mother of God

11am: People of the parish

Friday 2nd January

9.30am: Brian & Mary Doyle INT

Saturday 3rd January

9.30am: Oliver Pykerman RIP

6pm: Frances Cleary RIP

Sunday 4th January—Second Sunday of Christmas

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Maria Grant RIP

Monday 5th January

9.30am: Aileen White INT

Tuesday 6th January – Epiphany of the Lord

9.30am: Lizzie Dean RIP

7pm: People of the parish

Wednesday 7th January

9.30am: Marie Tobin RIP

Thursday 8th January

9.30am: Willie Henry RIP

Friday 9th January

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Saturday 10th January

6pm: Anna Kearny INT

Sunday 11th January—Baptism of the Lord

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Bueno Family INT

MASS BOOKINGS

Masses are available for booking from the

end of January.

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.

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.

TODDLER PLAYGROUP:

Every Thursday, term-time from 9.45am till 11am.

ECUMENICAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Christians of different denominations hoping for unity in Christ meet every two years for four days of spiritual ecumenism. We learn from one another's Liturgies. To mark the 1700th anniversary of the great Council of Nicaea, the Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust are holding a four day retreat in Walsingham, from 10-14 March 2026.

The full cost is £345 (incl. £60 accommodation deposit), or £60 for non-residents. A coach transfer from Kings Lynn and return is an additional £40. Further details of speakers, events and booking:

www.ecumenicalmarianpilgrimage.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES & ANNUAL LOURDES MASS

The dates for next year's Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are 17th – 24th July 2026.

Registration details will be published soon but to express an interest please go to

<https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

The Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick will take place on Saturday 14th February at 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. This will be preceded by a talk at 11.30am in Westminster Cathedral Hall by Dr Kieran Moriarty on the extraordinary story of the Lourdes miracle of Jack Traynor, the man from Liverpool whose miraculous healing was declared a miracle in 2024. Tickets for the talk are £7 per person, available from this link . Donations to the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 are always welcome and appreciated.

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
Harper Draper	Margaret Murphy
John Moylan	

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 November: £8,516.94
This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. Thanks to your Gift Aid, the parish was able to claim an additional £12721.15 Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE LETCHWORTH FOODBANK : Cereal (not Porridge), Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat 350g (not Pies), Dried Milk, Milk UHT, Long Life (not plant milk), Pasta Sauce, Tinned Potatoes, Tea Bags 40's and 80's, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Bags for life, carrier bags. No expired items please.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 5th January 2026	Confirmation Parents' Meeting, 7pm, St Hilda Room
Tuesday 6th January	Epiphany of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation Masses 9.30am and 7pm

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.