

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 1ST FEBRUARY 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven’

Today’s readings invite us to follow a lifestyle focused on humility, righteousness, integrity and mercy, challenging the worldly ways of success and happiness. They encourage us to trust in God’s protection and the promise of reward in heaven.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, revealing his own core attitudes and values. He expects his disciples to have these same qualities, which lay out the way to follow him. Zephaniah urges people to be humble and do what is right; to be people of integrity and humility. The Lord will protect those living honest and just lives.

The Psalmist celebrates the Lord’s faithfulness and concern for the poor and oppressed. God acts by giving food, freedom, sight, and hope, bringing justice and lifting up those bowed down.

The Second Reading reminds us that God’s ways are different from human ways. God often works through those who seem unimportant, for human strength and status do not matter to God. Real wisdom comes from following Christ. St Paul reminds us to ‘boast in the Lord’, not ourselves.

This week, I pray for a greater trust in the Lord, asking God to help me remember always that true happiness comes from following the ways of Jesus. I also continue to remember those impacted by conflict, poverty and hunger throughout the world.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

February 2026: For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. *Amen*

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

FORMER PARISHIONER

Sadly, we have only just heard that Raymond Smale passed away in June 2025. Raymond and Angela were a big part of our congregation before they moved from Letchworth. Many will remember them and may wish to reach out to Angela if they haven't already. We pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond and for comfort for his family and his beloved wife of sixty years. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. 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.

CRIB APPEAL

There is still time to donate towards our Crib appeal until Candlemas/Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February.

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.

BAPTISM SESSION

The next Baptism session will run on Sunday 8th February from 10.30am in the St Hilda room, adjacent to our church. The session lasts approximately 2 hours and it is mandatory before baptising your child. To book a date for your child's Baptism, please book an appointment with Fr Jimmy by emailing the office.

MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Saturday 7th of February 2026 we will be holding our Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2pm, celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you wish to book a place, please contact the parish office. Tickets are of three kinds:

- * Wheelchair users who require anointing

- * Walking sick who require anointing
- * Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

Email lectworth@rcdow.org.uk to book or drop a note through the presbytery letterbox. This Mass was originally scheduled on 14th February.

THE LETCHWORTH FOODBANK :

We are now in urgent need of the following items: Fruit Juice (UHT), Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Milk UHT (not plant milk), Jam, Pasta Sauce, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Tomatoes, Carrier Bags/Bags for Life. Please don't include expired items. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

WE DARE TO ASK is a resource for faith-sharing groups and individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. Each session uses scripture, prayers, a reflection and questions, to help us prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. If you wish to order a booklet, please let the office know.

'LIVING OUR FAITH' - NEW CATHOLICS Wed 11th February, 7.30pm-9pm

An event for those who have been recently received into the Faith. Join us and colleagues from Caritas Westminster as we reflect on how to put our faith into practice. Booking in advance is essential. To do so, email catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

SASH GROUP

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Next meeting on 5th February 2026 at 2pm in St Hilda Room.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you wish to switch from the envelopes to a standing order or regular donations online, please let the office know so we do not order extra sets of envelopes. Thank you in advance for your support.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES

Please help the parish be sustainable and to save some money by reusing your holy water bottles. The plastic is sturdy enough so they can be refilled many times. If you have spare ones sitting around, please bring them back to church so someone else may use them. Thank you.

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 31st January to Sun 8th February 2026

Saturday 31st January:

6pm: Rita Fletcher RIP

Sunday 1st February—Fourth Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Denis Marrinan RIP

Monday 2th February: Presentation of the Lord

9.30am: STM school INT

Tuesday 3th February

9.30am: Liam Pyne RIP

Wednesday 4th February

9.30am: Holy Souls

Thursday 5th February

9.30am: Rita Fletcher RIP

Friday 6th February

9.30am: Margaret Murphy RIP

Saturday 7th February

6pm: Rosalba Rizzo RIP

Sunday 8th February—Fifth Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Dale Scott RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Masses are available for booking from the end of February. Vigil Masses are available from May.

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:

The group is temporarily suspended due to unseen circumstances. We hope to resume as

soon as possible. The group normally runs every Thursday, term-time, 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

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 17th – 24th July 2026. Registration is now open at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/> or via the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173. If you would like to sponsor or fundraise for an Assisted Pilgrim, member of the medical team or volunteer then please also contact the Pilgrimage Office for further details.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JUSTICE & PEACE LECTURE 2026

The second annual Justice and Peace Lecture which will be given by Charles Wookey, formerly CEO of Blueprint for Business, and for the last three decades advisor on social and ethical issues to archbishops of Westminster and at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He will speak on the topic 'Living out Catholic Social Teaching in Today's Britain'. A response will be given by the young scholar Dr Charles Bury of the University of Manchester.

The lecture will take place at Farm Street Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on March 25th 2026 at 7pm. Access to the church is from Farm Street or Mount Street. After the lecture in the church all are invited to a buffet reception in the Arrupe Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to attend please reply to justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk by March 1st 2026.

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	Augusto Cirri
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
Maureen Breslin	Cathy McKenna
Mary O'Connor	Audrey Donnelly
Carol O'Brien	Gina Trasatti
Sienna	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 for January: £8,257.72
This is inclusive of standing orders and online donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 5th February	Thanksgiving Mass for Cardinal Vincent 5.30pm, Westminster Cathedral
Saturday 7th February	Mass for the Sick, Westminster Cathedral 2pm
Wednesday 18th February	Ash Wednesday, Masses at 9.30am and 7pm
Friday 27th February	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Thursday 19th March	Solemnity of St Joseph
Sunday 22nd March	Lenten Concert at Church, details tbc
Wednesday 25th March	Solemnity of the Annunciation

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.