

# 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 11TH JANUARY 2026

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA**

**We welcome Mgr Harry Turner, presiding all Masses this weekend, and Catherine Spreckley, KISS UK Trustee, who will be speaking to the congregation and giving an update on the charity's work in Uganda.**

### *'I have called you....'*

Today's feast day invites us to respond to the calling of our baptism. God delights in us. We are one with the risen Christ and his Spirit is upon us.

In union with Christ we are called to act with compassion, justice and integrity in order to reveal God's kingdom to the 'nations'. (First Reading)

Fittingly, the Psalm for today's feast overflows with the imagery of water. Water is a symbol of cleansing and new life. The Holy Spirit breathed her wisdom across the primordial waters in the creation story.

Then in the Gospel, the Spirit descends upon Jesus when John baptises him in the River Jordan. This is another new beginning blessed by the Spirit. Jesus is anointed by God and begins his ministry to live out the good news that was proclaimed by Isaiah.

In the Second Reading, Peter proclaims Jesus Christ (the 'Anointed One') as Lord of all. For we who call ourselves Christian, we are united with Christ through our baptism, we share in his priesthood and are tasked with transforming the world through living out his Gospel values of love, compassion and justice. Let us pray that throughout the whole Church, there will be a spirit of renewal, enlivened and enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.  
*St Beuno Prego* <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego>

### POPE'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

## FUNERAL NOTICE

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Rita Fletcher. She was known to many in our parish and remembered very fondly by all. Rita's body will be received into Church on Monday 19th January at 4.30pm and her Funeral will take place on Tuesday 20th January at 11am. Please pray for Rita and for her family at this difficult time. May she 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

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.

## 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.stmletchworth.co.uk](http://www.stmletchworth.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@stmletchworth.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmletchworth.co.uk). Thank you.

## 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

## KISS—KIDDIES SUPPORT SCHEME



Our aim is simple, we want to support children and families in Uganda with access to education and empower them to transform their communities. **KiSS** is a small but powerful charity, with your support, we can do even more.

### **SASH GROUP**

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Next meeting on 22nd January 2026 at 2pm in St Hilda Room.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

*Sat 10th to Sun 18th January 2026*

6pm: Anna Kearny INT

#### **Sunday 11th January—Baptism of the Lord**

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Bueno Family INT

#### **Monday 12th January**

NO MASS

#### **Tuesday 13th January**

9.30am: Mgr Mark Langham RIP

#### **Wednesday 14th January**

9am: John Littlewood RIP

#### **Thursday 15th January**

9.30am: Canon James Hathaway RIP

#### **Friday 16th January**

9.30am: John Long RIP

#### **Saturday 17th January**

6pm: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

#### **Sunday 18th January—Second Sunday OT**

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Francesca Storrar RIP

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place between 18th and 25th January.

### **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, 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](http://www.ecumenicalmarianpilgrimage.org.uk)

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES & ANNUAL LOURDES MASS**

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 17th – 24th July 2026. 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.

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT IN ROME** (Women only, ages 18–30) 27 February – 1 March 2026. A discernment retreat with the Religious of the Assumption, offering time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual accompaniment in the heart of the Church. Cost: £100 plus travel. For more information or to register, email [vocations@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:vocations@assumpta-eu.org)

**YOUNG ADULTS DISCERNMENT RETREAT IN AYLESFORD** Priory, Kent (Men & Women, ages 18–30) 6–8 February 2026. Held at Aylesford Priory, the ancient home of the Carmelites, this weekend offers space to step away from daily busyness for prayer, reflection, and community, in partnership with the Religious of the Assumption and the Carmelite Friars. Cost: £200. For more information or to register, email [vocations@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:vocations@assumpta-eu.org)

**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](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. The Total for December will be available next week.** 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:**

Wednesday 18th February	Ash Wednesday, Masses at 9.30am and 7pm
Thursday 19th March	Solemnity of St Joseph
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](http://www.strcjmi.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**

Kate Hewitson: [letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](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.