

# 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 18TH JANUARY 2026**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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**WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA**

***‘John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove’.***

The main events of Christmastide are now behind us, and until Lent, we follow the Sundays of ‘Ordinary Time’. This Second Sunday in Ordinary Time returns to the event of Jesus’s baptism.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist recognises in Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John bears witness that Jesus truly is the Son of God.

In the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah speaks of the Servant, whom Christians have long identified with Jesus. He will be a light for the nations, so that salvation can reach the end of the earth.

The Psalmist gives thanks for the help he has received. He delights in doing God’s will, offering his skills of listening and speaking to those around him.

Paul, in the Second Reading, greets the young Church in Corinth with grace and peace from God.

This week, we might reflect on the witness that we ourselves give as Christians, and determine to listen to those around us with an ‘open ear’. We also pray for salvation and peace to reach everyone throughout the world.

*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**

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.

## **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**

Thank you to Catherine Spreckley who gave our parish an update on the life-changing work carried out by KiSS in Uganda. Thank you to all parishioners who supported the cake sale and Tombola after the 9.30am Mass and to our SJHN Parish Ambassador for supporting the KiSS Team run the event. If you would like to know more about KiSS

or are considering making a donation, please visit/google: [Supporting Children in Uganda - Kiddies Support Scheme](#)

## **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](mailto:lectworth@rcdow.org.uk) to book or drop a note through the presbytery letterbox. This Mass was originally scheduled on 14th February.

## **MASS FOR INSTALLATION OF ARCH-BISHOP RICHARD**

The Mass for the Installation of our new Archbishop of Westminster will be celebrated on Saturday 14th February, time tbc.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk) by March 1st 2026.

### **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 17th to Sun 25h January 2026*

6pm: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP

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

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Francesca Storrar RIP

#### **Monday 19th January**

9.30am: Marian Reade RIP

#### **Tuesday 20th January**

11am: Funeral Rita Fletcher RIP

#### **Wednesday 21st January**

9.30am: Holy Souls

#### **Thursday 22nd January**

9.30am: Patricia Hunt RIP

#### **Friday 23rd January**

9.30am: Pauline Doran INT

#### **Saturday 24th January**

6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP

#### **Sunday 25th January—Third Sunday OT**

9.30am: Margaret Fitzgerald RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

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

### **MASS BOOKINGS**

Masses are available for booking from mid-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:**

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/>

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	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
Battista	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](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 for December: £8,635.24**  
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
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.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**

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.