

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 number has changed: 01462654579**



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

request.

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS IN CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7PM AND FRIDAY MORNING AFTER MASS

'Rise, have no fear.'

Traditionally on this second Sunday of Lent, we listen to, read and pray Jesus' Transfiguration. Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us this event took place on a high mountain. This event gives us a glimpse of Jesus's humanity and his divinity as he heads for Jerusalem and his passion. He reassures his friends then and us now there is no need to be afraid as we reflect on extraordinary things in Jesus' life and in our own. The Lord speaks to Abram in Genesis, our first reading, telling him to leave behind everything he knows, later including even his name. He is called to journey into an unknown future who's meaning is only revealed slowly as Abram struggles to understand God's ways. Great blessings for many people follow Abram's faithfulness, the blessings God promises to him in his original call. We have inherited the blessing of Abram too, in Jesus and each other. Psalm 33 (32) reflects on the faithfulness of God's word which will be our help and shield if, like Abram, we place all our all hope in him. Both Abram's call and the disciples' witnessing the Transfiguration do not occur as a reward. They are God's 'own purpose and grace' Paul says in our second reading. Paul encourages Timothy to accept the hardships he encounters by relying on the power of God and strengthened by the grace of the appearing of Jesus Christ. Continuing our Lenten journey people who are afraid, might be the focus of our prayer, asking they too place their hope in the Lord and experience the comfort of his love. Prego & Fr Jimmy

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

March 2026: For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. *Amen Visit:* [Pray - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#) for the Pope's video

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 27th February 2026. Please take a CAFOD envelope as you leave or give online using the QR code or at cafod.org.uk

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of **Thomas Reade** and **Irene McCusker**.

The Funeral Mass for Thomas Reade will be held on Thursday 12th March at 10.30am.

The Funeral Mass for Irene McCusker will be held on 18th March at 10.30am.

Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers at this difficult time. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen

PARISH PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our Diocese recommends a Planned Giving Campaign every three years, it is now six years since we last completed one in our parish. The time has come for our latest campaign which will be happening over the next three weeks. Fr Jimmy will be speaking about this at all Masses this weekend, a parishioner will speak about our parish finances on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March and a second parishioner on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March.

MEET ARCHBISHOP RICHARD

Our Dean, Canon Norbert writes: "Archbishop Richard Moth wants to meet many people as soon as possible! He has chosen churches across the Diocese and will celebrate Mass in Our Lady's Church [Welwyn GC] on Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm. This Mass will be for our Deanery of Stevenage and for the Deanery of Lea Valley. It would be brilliant if as many of you would come to give him encouragement and to support him with prayer. Archbishop Richard wants to keep a simplicity in Lent, so there will not be a reception; however, he will greet people outside at the end of Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS SJHN!

We are thrilled to report that our Secondary school has graded **OUTSTANDING** following their recent Diocesan Inspection. The feedback received is phenomenal: "The school is a beacon of Catholic education, where faith, learning and life are united in joyful witness to the lived-out Gospel. [...] Teaching observed was inspirational. [...] Prayer and liturgy are at the heart of the school's ethos and mission. [...] Pupils show a mature and reflective understanding of Catholic social teaching, particularly in relation to solidarity and human dignity. They willingly undertake a wide range of leadership roles, including chaplaincy and pupil parliament, demonstrating how responsibility and service

are understood as expressions of faith in action." As a community, we are immensely proud of the hard work staff put in to ensure the school is such a resounding success. We are also extremely proud of all the pupils: they also work very hard to meet the high standards of the school and they really did their teachers and families proud! We will be forgiven a bit of shameless partisan rejoicing: extra congratulations to our parishioner, Catherine Ronayne, Head of the RE department. Her vision, commitment and professionalism were, in the words of the Head inspector, inspiring. Well done all and keep up the good work!

STABAT MATER CONCERT

On Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm in Westminster Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on MacMillan's Stabat Mater, and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. As a way of encouraging parishes across the diocese to benefit from this spiritual preparation to the Holy Week, the Cathedral offers an opportunity to buy tickets at a discount of 50%. Discounted tickets are available in Sections A, B and N at the following link: <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off> Password: WCSBDO. The performance will begin with Sir James MacMillan in conversation with Fr Patrick van der Vorst, our Precentor and Founder of Christian Art website.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Come and celebrate the joyful Feast of the Annunciation in Walsingham on Wednesday 25th March! Join us on a coach leaving from St Bartholomew's, St Albans, at 7.45am for a beautiful pilgrimage experience. Pick up in Letchworth 8.15am. Holy Mass will be celebrated in Walsingham at 12 noon in the Basilica, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. We will walk or ride (if preferred) the Holy Mile and visit the site of the original Holy House and pray the Prayer for England. The cost is £27 for adults and it is free for children. Please contact Rosemary Roscoe 07723 46642 Rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com for further details.

ROMERO ANNIVERSARY WEEK EVENT

Romero Anniversary Evensong Sunday 1st March St Albans 4pm, speaker Fr Luis Orlando Perez, a South American Theologian. The event is coordinated by The Romero Trust and the Dean & Cathedral staff.

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP AT St HUGH

A weekly bible study group will be starting Monday 2nd March at 7.45pm in the St Hilda Room. We will be reading John's Gospel. In this Gospel John provides clear evidence that Jesus is the Son of God and by believing in him we may have eternal life. All are welcome.

ROSARY FOR PEACE:

During Lent, Every Friday after Stations of the Cross.

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.

SASH GROUP

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Next meeting on 19th February 2026 at 2pm in St Hilda Room.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28th February to Sun 8th March 2026

Saturday 28th February:

6pm: Julie Cranston RIP

Sunday 1st March — Second Sunday Lent

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Maria Weisl RIP

Monday 2nd March:

9.30am: Philip Sharp RIP

Tuesday 3rd March:

9am: Rita Fletcher RIP

Wednesday 4th March:

9.30am: John Moylan INT

Thursday 5th March:

9.30am: Patricia Hansdcombe INT

Friday 6th March:

9.30am: Roseanne & Pat Wrynn RIP

Saturday 7th March:

9.30am: Joshua Joseph INT

6pm: Jim & Margaret Fitzgerald RIP

Sunday 8th March — Third Sunday Lent

9.30am: Linda Oliver RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

MASS BOOKINGS

Masses are available for booking from the end of March. 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.

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.

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.

DISCOVERY FAITH SERIES – ONLINE

This Lent, Teresa Carvalho will be leading an online faith study exploring the Kerygma on Monday evenings. It's a welcoming, interactive series for committed parishioners with leadership potential. Cost: participant booklet (approx. £7). Please consider inviting someone who might benefit and book via Discovery Faith Series Bookings Westminster.

A DAY WITH MARY – 40th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 21st March at Our Lady & St Michael, Garston, Watford. Programme for the day: 10am procession, Mass and Joyful Mysteries; 12.15pm lunch (bring a packed lunch); 1.15pm Exposition, sermon and prayers; 3.30pm Tea break; 4.15pm Sermon, rosary, consecration and benediction; 5.30pm finish.

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
Rae Kirk	Bridie Naughton
George Vassallo	Joshua Joseph

Collection Total for February: £ 8,646.57

This is inclusive of standing orders and online donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 27th February	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Thursday 19th March	Solemnity of St Joseph
Sunday 22nd March	Haydn's Passion, St Hugh of Lincoln Church 4pm
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.

Easy Giving: Via the Contactless machine in the porch or via our parish website: www.parish.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

THE LETCHWORTH FOODBANK :

We are now in urgent need of the following items: Jam, Long Life Milk UHT (not plant milk), Tinned Soup , Tinned Vegetables, Toothpaste, Washing Liquid, Carrier Bags/ Bags for Life. Please don't include expired items. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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.