

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

Parish House: 84 Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TP

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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 8TH FEBRUARY 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA

‘Then shall your light break forth.’

Our readings encourage us to be bold in our actions. According to Isaiah, when we welcome those in need, protect what builds loving community and share our goods with others we bring God’s light into dark places, lifting the gloom of isolation. The Psalmist in Psalm 112 says those who imitate God’s light are remembered and honoured forever. For St Paul, knowledge of Christ crucified is everything. It’s the light for Paul’s way, revealing how the power of the Spirit works in the world. In the Gospel Jesus reminds us, in service of the Kingdom our good works mustn’t be hidden. By our acts of loving service, we live as salt; by our faithful trust in God’s love, we live as light, so God might be glorified. We pray our coming week might be full of good works, so God’s glory is revealed through them. *Prego & Fr Jimmy*

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

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop-elect Richard Moth will be Installed as the Twelfth Archbishop of Westminster at 12 noon on Saturday 14th February. While this Mass is a ticketed event and isn’t being shown live on television, it is being live-streamed from Westminster Cathedral, here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_U4eNyix29Q

If you would like to watch this with other parishioners, it is being shown in the St Hilda Room where tea and coffee will be available. The Mass will take about two hours. Kindly arrive by 11.55am.

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of Agnes Mayes, known as Nettie. Nettie's Funeral will take place at our church on Thursday 19th February at 1.30pm. Please pray for the repose of the soul of our sister and for her family to find comfort 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 friendly bunch and are always glad to see new faces. New parishioner's forms are available at the back of church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT MASS

Wednesday 11th February is Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick. Mass will be celebrated in Church and there will be an opportunity for those who are sick to be anointed. This will be a sung Mass.

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.

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.

RITE OF SENDING AT St HUGH

Next Sunday, 15th February, at the 11.30 Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for our Catechumens and Candidates. We accompany them in the Spirit as they go to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, the 21st, where the Archbishop will formally acknowledge their readiness and will call them to the Sacraments of Initiation. We pray for Katherine, David, Hannah, Jordan, Debbie, Louise, Caitlin, Helen, KC, and Mi-

chael as they prepare to be received at Easter for full communion with the Catholic Church.

STM PA QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 27th February, 7.30pm. Get ready for a great night out filled with laughs, friendly competition, and a chance to show off your knowledge. Whether you're coming with friends or on your own, everyone's welcome. Just grab a ticket and we'll happily place you in a team if needed. Tickets are just £8 and include complimentary nibbles. On the night, you'll also be able to purchase drinks, hot dogs, and waffles from our cashless bar. Email pa@stmletchworth.co.uk or copy and paste this link in your browser:

<https://st-thomas-more-pa.sumupstore.com/product/quiz-night-feb-2026>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

WE DARE TO ASK is a resource for faith-sharing groups and individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. 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

THANK YOU

Somewhat overdue but here is an update about the foreign currency collection we had in 2025. "Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful response to our foreign currency initiative. The value of your foreign coins/notes was £271.09 which will enable Mary's Meals to feed 14 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all." A great result, thank you to all who contributed.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed during Half Term, ie on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th February.

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.

ROSARY FOR PEACE:

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th to Sun 15th February 2026

Saturday 7th February:

6pm: Rosalba Rizzo RIP

Sunday 8th February—Fifth Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Dale Scott RIP

Monday 9th February:

9.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 10th February

9.30am: Fr Adrian Fortescue RIP

Wednesday 11th February: Our Lady of Lourdes

9.30am: Sick & Housebound of the parish INT

Thursday 12th February

9.30am: Frank Garvey RIP

Friday 13th February

9.30am: NO MASS

Saturday 14th February

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 15th February—Sixth Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Raymond Smale RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Masses are available for booking from mid-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 re-

flection 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.

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 will take place at Farm Street Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on March 25th 2026 at 7pm. 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 justice-andpeace@rcdow.org.uk by March 1st 2026.

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.

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.

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
Ray Kirk	

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:

Wednesday 11th February	Our Lady of Lourdes, Mass with Anointing of the sick at 9.30am in Church.
Sunday 15th February	Rite of Sending for Candidates and Catechumens, 11.30am
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	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.