

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

request.

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name

This Sunday, our readings invite us to consider God's laws and true wisdom. Our attitude may depend on whether we respond to God's law of love, or see it only as a legal imposition.

In the First Reading, Ben Sirach underlines how God has given us loving guidelines, but it is entirely up to us as to how we respond. God has also given us the gift of free will.

The Psalmist praises God's law: we will experience happiness as we seek God and follow in his ways.

St Paul (Second Reading) points out that true wisdom comes from God. Only the Spirit of God can reach the depths of all things.

St Matthew, in the Gospel, describes the relationship between the Law of Moses and the more radical vision of Jesus. Jesus has not come to abolish the Law but to complete it.

During this week, as we strive, with God's grace, to follow his law, may we be inspired by the example of so many who surround us. *St Beuno Prego*

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, you can answer Christ's call to love your neighbour by supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day, helping families in countries like Bangladesh and South Sudan grow food in floating gardens to survive floods, and in places like Zimbabwe use solar-powered pumps to grow crops despite drought. By eating simply and giving generously this Fast Day, you'll help more families put food on the table. 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 Agnes Mayes, known as Nettie. Nettie's Funeral will take place at our church on Thursday 19th February at **11.30am** (please note the time has been changed). Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nettie 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.

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.

RITE OF SENDING AT St HUGH

This 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 Michael 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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

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

CARITAS WESTMINSTER UPDATE

On Sunday 22nd February, Richard Harris from Caritas Westminster will be addressing the congregation at all Masses. As Richard put it, "The aim is to:

- Talk about how Caritas Westminster works with parishes, why we do it, and the difference we can make.
- Inspire some parishioners to become volunteer Caritas Parish Representatives.
- Inspire others to make a financial gift at a second collection (perhaps the following week?)
- Come back after Summer to update parishioners on our progress in 2026."

There will be a coffee morning in St Hilda after the 9.30am Mass for parishioners to chat to Richard and ask questions. We aim to have volunteers from different projects run by Caritas. Fr Jimmy warmly invites parishioners who normally attend the 11.30am Mass to come a little early and join the coffee morning.

ROSARY FOR PEACE:

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

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.

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 14th to Sun 22nd February 2026

Saturday 14th February:

6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 15th February—Sixth Sunday OT

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Raymond Smale RIP

Monday 16th February:

9.30am: Battista Regnante RIP

Tuesday 17th February

9.30am: Rita Fletcher RIP

Wednesday 18th February: ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30am: People of the Parish

7pm: Rita Fletcher RIP

Thursday 19th February

11.30am: Funeral Mass Nettie Mayes RIP

Friday 20th February

9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP

Saturday 21st February

9.30am: Holy Souls

6pm: People of the Parish

Sunday 22nd February—First Sunday Lent

9.30am: Giorgio Camisa RIP

11.30am: David Wickham 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 justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk by March 1st 2026.

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.

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:

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.