

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 8TH MARCH 2026

THIRD 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

GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS

From this Sunday onwards, our Lenten Gospels come from John and focus on very personal encounters with Jesus. Today, Jesus risks scandal by approaching a Samaritan woman at a well. Seeing her deepest need for healing, he invites her to draw from the well of living water. He is the Messiah she has been waiting for, and her response is a model of Christian discipleship. She believes, and with joy-filled faith, invites others from her community to encounter Jesus (Gospel).

The First Reading stands in stark contrast to this image of faith and surrender. Moses has led God's chosen people out of slavery from Egypt. Years of exile in the desert causes them to grumble and doubt. They are tired and thirsty. God hears their cry and provides a spring of water.

The Psalm reflects on this painful part of Israel's history and encourages us to be joyful and faithful; always listening to the voice of God and not hardening our hearts towards him.

The Second Reading is a beautiful letter of love, reminding us that God's love is forever poured into our hearts. Graced with so much love for us, we must never lose hope, no matter what trials we might face.

Filled with this love and sustained by living water, we, too, are called to go out beyond our comfortable boundaries to pour out God's love on others. This week, let us pray for the grace to respond generously to this love, and like the Samaritan woman, invite others to believe and be transformed by the healing love of God. *St Beuno Prego*

'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

FUNERAL NOTICE

With sadness, we announce the passing of **Thomas Reade, Irene McCusker, Brenda Davies and Mary Williamson.**

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

The Funeral Mass for Mary Williamson will be held on Tuesday 17th March at 10.30am..

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

The Funeral Mass for Brenda Davies will be held on Monday 23rd March at 10am.

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

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.

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. This weekend, our parishioner Ciaran McGill will be speaking about this at all Masses. We thank Ciaran for his support.

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.

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS - MEETING ON 25.04.26 @11AM

The Diocese requires all parish volunteers to

meet the Diocesan safeguarding standards and requirements, Fr Jimmy and Kate Hewitson (Parish Safeguarding Representative) invite all parish volunteers to meet in the St Hilda Room on Saturday 25th April 2026 at 11am to understand the implications for us as we strengthen our Safeguarding processes and we serve our Parish community.

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, 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?](https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off)

<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! Letchworth Pick-up at 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.

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE

will be held from 2.00-4.00pm on Sunday 12th April at Holy Family Church, 194 ,Knightsfield Welwyn Garden City AL8 7RQ. Rosary, Hour of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet Confessions, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image. All parishioners warmly invited.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP AT St HUGH

A weekly bible study group every Monday 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. This month's meetings: 5th and 19th March at 2pm in St Hilda Room.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th to Sun 15th March 2026

Saturday 7th March:

6pm: Jim & Margaret Fitzgerald RIP

Sunday 8th March —Third Sunday Lent

9.30am: Linda Oliver RIP

11.30am: People of the parish

Monday 9th March:

9.30am: Matthew Brotherton INT

Tuesday 10th March:

9am: Mary Defreitas RIP

Wednesday 11th March:

9.30am: Helena Dep INT

Thursday 12th March:

10.30am: Funeral Mass Tom Reade RIP

Friday 13th March:

9.30am: Harry & Maureen McCann RIP

Saturday 14th March:

9.30am: Holy Souls

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 15th March—Laetare Sunday

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Kevin Murphy RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

Masses are available for booking from the end of April. 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

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

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.

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:

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
Saturday 25th April	Safeguarding meeting for volunteers, 11am St Hilda room

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.