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

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LORD, HOW OFTEN WILL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME AND I FORGIVE HIM?

Our readings focus on forgiveness, reminding us there's no limit to God's mercy and unconditional love. We can't repay God's forgiveness, but we can imitate God's free, unearned mercy by forgiving others with patience and compassion. The author of the Book of Sirach in our first reading, warns against anger, telling us not to keep a record of grudges. Letting go of anger restores peace within us, reminding us we're called to live by the commandments, overlook errors and forgive our neighbor. Psalm 103 praises the depth of the Lord's compassion and mercy, proclaiming God's care for us. There's no end to God's forgiveness and love. St Paul in our second reading explains we belong to the Lord both in life and in death. Christ died and rose from the dead because of his great love for us. We're called to live not for ourselves but for others, showing love and mercy to all. Jesus teaches about forgiveness through the parable of the Unforgiving Servant, who's forgiven a large debt by a merciful king. The servant then refuses to forgive a much smaller debt. Jesus warns people shouldn't expect mercy from God if they don't show mercy to others. We're called to forgive others wholeheartedly. We pray for each other, asking for the grace to forgive, welcoming the healing and reconciliation forgiveness brings. We remember those unable to forgive and all who are affected by war, violence and unrest throughout the world. *Prego & Fr Jimmy*

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

September: For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.. Visit: https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday after morning Mass.

LETCHWORTH FOODBANK

Long Life Fruit Juice, Baked Beans, Biscuits, Pasta Sauce, Pasta/Rice, Packet Soup, Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fish, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Bags for Life. We are unable to use food that has passed its best before date.

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.

RCIA 2026-2027
If you are considering becoming a Catholic or preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, please fill in a "Journey in Faith" form. They are available at the back of church.

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE
If you wish to join the pilgrimage on **19th September 2026**, please contact the parish office at letchworth@rcdow.org.uk to book your place. This is the first pilgrimage with Archbishop Richard as our guide. The coach will leave St Hugh at 8am and head to Walsingham making one stop only at Royston's Catholic Church. Return is at 4.30pm. Tickets are £30 per adult, £12 per child (5 to 12 year old) and free for babies and toddlers. Please book your place soon to avoid disappointment.

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 19th and 26th September from 10am to 10.45am. Application forms for Altar Servers are available from the back of church, Adult and Under 18. Please return the forms to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Children who would like to take up serving must have received their First Holy Communion.

WORKS TO OUR CHURCH AND PARISH
As part of our commitment to maintaining the parish for generations to come and to make it more accessible to and enjoyable for our current congregation, we are embarking on a series of works to our buildings. We have recently updated the sound system of our church at a cost of £16,530. We have recently purchased a new boiler for Fortescue Hall for £3,545.64. We are currently mending the roof of the church as there was a patch forming in a corner of the Sanctuary. We are also about to re-paint the windows of Fortescue Hall. Thank you for your support, your generosity is making a difference.

SASH
A group for elderly people to socialise, enjoy a nice brew and each other's company. Next meeting on 24th September at 2pm in St Hilda room.

APOLOGY
If you had planned to attend the Toddler Group Welcome Back Party, you are most probably disappointed by the last minute cancellation. We wish to express in no uncertain terms that this was dependant on unforeseen circumstances caused by an occasional tenant outside our parish. We thank Hannah and the team of volunteers for showing great resilience and supporting the parish. Please be assured, the group will be up and running this coming Thursday.

TODDLER GROUP
Every Thursday, term-time, at Fortescue Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. A donation of £1 per child capped at £3 helps with the running costs so we can keep this important community resource going.

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.

BAPTISM
If you would like to have your baby baptised these are the steps: book an appointment to see Fr Jimmy to set the date and discuss the service; attend the preparation session; Fr Jimmy will visit you at home the week of the Baptism. Next Baptism Preparation session TBC.

SJHN OPEN EVENING
The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 24th September, from 5.30 – 8.00 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening. The last tour will be at 7:00p.m. and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30p.m. There will be opportunities for parents to view the school the following week.

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekday Masses are available from October. Sunday morning Masses are available for booking from mid-October. Vigil Masses are no longer available for booking for the remainder of 2026.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12th to Sun 20th September 2026

Saturday 12th September:
6pm: Maureen Breslin INT

Sunday 13th September – EDUCATION SUNDAY
9.30am: Kathleen & Eamon McGeheen INT
11.30am: People of the parish

Monday 14th September:
9.30am: Pope Leo's INT

Tuesday 15th September
9.30am**:** Fr Alan McLean RIP

Wednesday 16th September:
9.30am: Bob & Connie Dull RIP

Thursday 17th September:
NO MASS

Friday 18th September:
NO MASS

Saturday 19th September:
6pm: Roy & Mary Rostron RIP

Sunday 20th September – 25th Sunday OT
9.30am: People of the parish
11.30am: Maureen Maccioni RIP

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.

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 for mothers and grandmothers to socialise and pray together for their children and loved ones. Tea and coffee available.

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.

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

Saturday 19 September, 10:00am -1:00pm, Vaughan House, Westminster. Have you recently been baptised or received into the Church? Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus, meet new Catholics, and learn more about the Church? If so, our next event is a morning to discuss our Catholic experience so far. For more details and to book, email catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

FORMATION FOR LAY READERS

12th September, 10am -1pm, Niland Conference Centre, Bushey, and 31st October, 10.00am-1.00pm, Vaughan House, Westminster, led by Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP.

PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURES

2:00 - 5:00pm Saturday 24th October, Westminster Cathedral Hall Led by Archbishop Richard Moth. Join us for an inspiring and prayerful workshop on the holy reading of Scripture, as Archbishop Moth leads us deeper into the practice of Lectio Divina. Together, we will listen to God's Word, reflect, pray, and learn how to carry this prayer into daily life. This is an ideal opportunity to invite friends.

No prior experience is needed; all are welcome. Please book in advance to secure your place. Praying with the Scriptures- Booking Form

NEW INITIATIVE AT FORTESCUE HALL



We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:

Nora Ivers	Liz McCaul
Richard Parker	Dolores Connolly
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
George Marston	Philomena Johnson
Joe Fernandes	Margaret Haywood
Willie Hudson	Noel Casalini
Mary Wallace	Phil Garvey-McGovern
Bob Pitman	Eric Bunson
Kristina Ullrich	Pauline Doran
Anne Moran	Vicky Mariadas
Maureen Breslin	Cathy McKenna
Mary O'Connor	Audrey Donnelly
Carol O'Brien	Gina Trasatti
Sienna	John Moylan
Rae Kirk	Bridie Naughton
George Vassallo	Fr Philip Law
Elizabeth Geoghegan	Mary Aldis
Des Worsley	Peter Sutton
Evan Hudson	Harper Draper

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 information about giving by Standing Order.

Collection Total for July: £12,451.51
Collection Total for August: £12,065.21

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

MARIAN PROCESSION & PRAYERS

Next gathering: 5th September to celebrate the month dedicated to Our Lady.

RED MISSIO BOXES

Available in the porch for those who wish to support this worthy charity.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 13th September	Education Sunday
Saturday 19th September	Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Saturday 26th September	Caritas Deaf Service Mass, Westminster Cathedral 2pm presided by Bishop Paul
Friday 2nd October	CAFOD Fast Day

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.