St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

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

Parish Priest: Fr Jimmy Garvey. Parish Administrator: Emma Dunsire

Email: letchworth@rcdow.org.uk Website: http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth

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 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 1; PARISH MASS BOOK YEAR A VOL 2, PAGE 131

MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS.

Our focus in listening to God's Word is on God's generosity, even if it's sometimes difficult for us to accept God's ways are not our ways. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah encourages the people of Israel to seek the Lord and turn to him, so they can experience God's forgiveness and compassion. Psalm 145 promises kindness and mercy to all who call on the Lord. St Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, recounts one of his dilemmas; he wants to be with Christ, but realises he's needed on earth to continue to preach the Gospel on his various missionary journeys. Of these two good things, he chooses the better one, to remain alive for the sake of the people he has brought to Christ. Jesus in his parable, further illustrates God's ways are not our ways and how God's generosity is without bounds. He tells the parable of the vine workers who receive the same amount of money regardless of the number of hours they have spent in the field. Jesus enables us to understand, in God's eyes, those who turn to him later in life are worth just as much as those who have always followed him. Our task is to spend our life in faithful and loving service of the Lord, who we find in our brothers and sisters. In our prayer we can reflect on God's unconditional love and generosity for us all, reminding ourselves, God's ways are not our ways. *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.

MARIAN PROCESSION & PRAYERS

Next gathering: 3rd October.

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.

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.

STM SCHOOL FETE

The July heatwave prevented the traditional Summer Spectacular from going ahead but we have a chance to celebrate our fantastic Primary school at the end of September.



Please come along and enjoy the atmosphere, activities and goodies on offer. All welcome.

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.

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 29th November.

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.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

Our local MP's, Chris Hinchliff, response to the vote, explaining the reason for his abstention, is available on our website.

MASS BOOKINGS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19th to Sun 27th September 2026

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
Monday 21st September:
9.30am: Jim Sur RIP
Tuesday 22nd September
9.30am**:** Anastasia Dep RIP
Wednesday 23rd September:
9.30am: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP
Thursday 24th September:
9.30am: Kathleen & Eammon McGeheen INT
Friday 25th September:
NO MASS
Saturday 26th September:
6pm: Monica & Johannes Dep RIP
Sunday 27th September – 26th Sunday OT
9.30am: People of the parish
11.30am: Fred North 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

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

FORMATION FOR LAY READERS

31st October, 10.00am-1.00pm, Vaughan House, Westminster, led by Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP.

NEW INITIATIVES AT FORTESCUE HALL

Everyone Active Strength and Mobility Class led by a friendly instructor to strengthen your muscle, improve your balance and feel confident in everyday movement. Every Tuesday 12.30 to 1.30 from 22nd September. First session free, £5 per session afterwards.



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 August: £12,065.21
This is inclusive of standing orders and online donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Dates for your Diary:

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
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October	Friends of the Holy Land Appeal

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.