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 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELVES.

Our readings invite us to reflect on where we put our energies and remind us we can only serve our own deep needs by responding to God's call to love and serve others. The prophet Ezekiel in our first reading tells us we will only experience the fullness of life if we reject wickedness and pursue what is right and just. Psalm 25 offers words of encouragement, reminding us of God's constant guidance and salvation for those humble enough to receive it. We're reassured of God's merciful compassion should we stray from his path. Paul, in our second reading, continues in the same vein, inviting us to reject selfish ambition and pride in favour of humility, sympathy and generosity towards others. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the familiar parable of the two sons to illustrate the difference between mere words and concrete action. He emphasises how status, power and religion mean nothing unless they are used in ways which serve others in love. May we be mindful of how we might respond to God's call to live a full and meaningful life through our service of others. *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.

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 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.



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.

FIRE WARDENS

A message from George, our parish Health and Safety representative. "The Church needs volunteers to act as Fire Wardens, should there be an incident during a Mass. We would need a minimum of two volunteers from each mass. There is no obligation that you need to attend every week. Familiarisation of fire escapes, guidance or any training will be provided. Please let Emma know if you are interested. Thank you."

FLOOR PLANS FOR CHURCH AND FORTESCUE HALL

A message from George, our parish Health and Safety representative. "Please does anyone have access to CAD or software to prepare Church drawings which need to be displayed at Church and Hall entrances to assist the Fire Brigade if there is an incident. Please let Emma know if you are able to assist. Thank you."

MARIAN PROCESSION

Please join our fellow Christians at *UK Prays* in this local outdoor Act of Witness, as we follow the banner of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, praying and singing hymns, processing from St Hugh's Churchyard and around Kennedy Gardens. For more information please contact Bernadette on 07939634696.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Please join the **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday **10th October at 3pm**. **The Procession will finish at 5pm with Solemn Benediction at Westminster Cathedral** presided by Bishop Jim Curry. This will be followed by **Mass at 6 pm celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley**. After the Mass, **the first of three Holy Hours will begin** led by the youth ministry teams. The Holy Hours will include reflections, prayer and music from One Hope Project. Teenagers and Confirmation groups are especially welcome. From **11pm** an all-night Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament begins, which will finish with Mass at 6am. Please note that **everyone wishing to attend the Holy Hours and all night-vigil needs to register their attendance** at: https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/

RED MISSIO BOXES

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

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 26th September to Sun 4th October 2026

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

Monday 28th September:
9.30am: Deceased Members of the Reilly Family RIP

Tuesday 29th September
9.30am**:** Anastasia Dep RIP

Wednesday 30th September:
9.30am: Bob & Connie Dull RIP

Thursday 1st October:
9.30am: Fr Dominic McKenna RIP

Friday 2nd October:
9.30am: Charles McCann RIP

Saturday 3rd October:
6pm: Anna Maria & Mariano Schipani RIP

Sunday 4th October – 28th Sunday OT
9.30am: People of the parish
11.30am: Sr Susan Armond INT

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.

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.

SASH

A group for elderly people to socialise, enjoy a nice brew and each other's company. Next meeting on 8th October 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.

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.

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.

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.

Over 50s Badminton Club:



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.

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

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 26th September	Caritas Deaf Service Mass, Westminster Cathedral 2pm presided by Bishop Paul
Friday 2nd October	CAFOD Fast Day
Saturday 3rd October	Marian Procession at 4pm. Starts at St Hugh of Lincoln
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.
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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.