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

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE.

The Season of Creation draws to a close today, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It's fitting throughout our readings, the vineyard is used as a way of illustrating our relationship with God. Isaiah in the first reading, uses a song of love to describe how God cares and protects us who are his precious vines. Although we remain rooted in that love, we may not always produce the fruit of God's love. Psalm 80 uses the same vineyard imagery. It's a song of repentance and longing to return to God's protection. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the vineyard to illustrate how God's radical message of love, professed by ancient prophets and by himself, has been ignored and rejected. Despite this, Jesus can confidently proclaim the truth; what people have ignored will become the foundation of a new covenant of love. Paul's letter to the Philippians in our second reading, assures us that through prayer and thanksgiving we need not be afraid, because our hearts and minds are guarded in Christ Jesus. We will bear good fruit when we set our hearts on what is true, honourable and just in the Lord. May Christ Jesus, who forever guards our hearts and sustains us in his love, give us the courage and strength to lead lives centred on truth, justice, peace and compassion for all people

Prego & Fr Jimmy

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

October: For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. 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.

RED MISSIO BOXES

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

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.

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."

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 e**veryone wishing to attend the Holy Hours and all night-vigil needs to register their attendance** at:
https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/

PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURES
2:00 - 5:00pm Saturday 24th October, Westminster Cathedral Hall. 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. No prior experience is needed; all are welcome. Please book in advance to secure your place. Praying with the Scriptures- Booking Form

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
This Family Fast Day, we are sharing a story of CAFOD's work from northern Zimbabwe, where drought has left communities facing severe food and water shortages. Twelve-year-old Tayla said she often arrived at school hungry and tired after fetching water for her family. Without enough to eat and drink, she struggled to concentrate and feared she would fall behind in her studies. But thanks to the generosity of parishes like ours, our local Caritas partners worked with Tayla's school and community to build a solar-powered water system. Now the school has safe water for drinking and for growing vegetables, meaning they can provide nutritious meals to the children all year round, helping them to stay in education and develop their God-given talents. Our parish's support this Family Fast Day will help more children like Tayla stay in school.
Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.



Smiles all round for our Walsingham Pilgrims! If you would like to support the Shrine, please consider joining the Walsingham Association. It costs as little as £20 for an individual or £35 for a family. For more info email:
enquiries@walsinghamassociation.org.uk.

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 3rd to Sun 11th October 2026

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

Sunday 4th October – 27th Sunday OT
9.30am: People of the parish
11.30am: Sr Susan Armond INT

Monday 5th October:
9.30am: Fr Peter Dwyer RIP

Tuesday 6th October:
9.30am**:** Anastasia Dep RIP

Wednesday 7th October:
9.30am: Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family RIP

Thursday 8th October:
9.30am: John Moylan INT

Friday 9th October:
9.30am: Keith Roberts RIP

Saturday 10th October:
6pm: Monica & Johannes Dep RIP

Sunday 11th October – 28th Sunday OT
9.30am: Kathleen & Eammon McGeeghans INT
11.30am: People of the parish

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

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 September: 12,430.80 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 3rd October	Marian Procession at 4pm. Starts at St Hugh of Lincoln
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October	Parish Collection for CAFOD Fast Day
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October	Friends of the Holy Land Appeal
Saturday 7th November	Marian Procession at 4pm. Starts at St Hugh of Lincoln

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.