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-EIGTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD LACK NO BLESSING.

Today we're shown a foretaste of salvation and how God desires the inclusion of everyone. The parable of the Wedding Banquet in the Gospel shows how eager God is to offer salvation to all and how easily all kinds of reasons get in the way of our response. The prophet Isaiah in our first reading affirms the enemies of humanity, death and despair, will be overcome. The Lord will provide an abundant banquet for people of every nation. It's a scene echoed in Psalm 23, which shows a shepherd overcoming death and preparing a banquet for his flock. St Paul in his letter to the Philippians knows Christ intimately as the Good Shepherd of the Psalm. Though he's writing from a Roman prison, Paul wants for nothing. His secret is, his consolation rests not with external circumstances but with Christ. Through Christ's strength and presence, Paul can live with much or little and endure any hardship or persecution. We pray we may feel more deeply the presence of Christ and, by doing all things through his strength, we might willingly share the troubles of others. *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—Thank you!
Thank you to all who supported the Cafod Harvest Fast Day. The funds received will go a long way to support the most vulnerable.

CAKES FOR THE HOSPICE
For the past few years, the kind ladies of St Hugh of Lincoln have provided cakes for our hospice. Throughout November, these cakes provide an welcome treat with afternoon tea for patients and families alike. Home made bakes or shop bought one are equally gratefully received. Home made cakes should be accompanied by a list of ingredients, please. Contact Trish on 07709029220. Cakes are needed by 5th November.

WALSINGHAM ASSOCIATION
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.

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

OCTOBER CANDLELIT PROCESSION
at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 7pm Sunday 18th October 2026. Join Archbishop Richard, Pilgrims, and the Community of Allen Hall Seminary, as we ask Our Lady's prayers for the gift of Priests for the Church, and for the Protection of London.
The Shrine is situated at 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Bakerloo Line & Overground (Mildmay Line) to Willesden Junction.

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekday Masses are available from the end of 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 10th to Sun 18th October 2026

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

Monday 12th October:
9.30am: Bernardette Wrynn RIP

Tuesday 13th October:
9.30am**:** Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Wednesday 14th October:
9.30am: Deceased Members of the Parnell Family RIP

Thursday 15th October:
9.30am: Terry & Sheila Pettigrew RIP

Friday 16th October:
9.30am: John Moylan INT

Saturday 17th October:
6pm: Agata Rizzo RIP

Sunday 18th October – 29th Sunday OT
9.30am: Alan Scouller RIP
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 22nd 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	Evan Hudson
Richard Parker	Dolores Connolly
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
George Marston	Philomena Johnson
Joe Fernandes	Margaret Haywood
Willie Hudson	Harper Draper
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

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 24th & Sunday 25th October	Friends of the Holy Land Appeal
Saturday 7th November	Marian Procession at 4pm. Starts at St Hugh of Lincoln
Sunday 8th November	Enrolment Mass FHC 9.30am
Sunday 15th November	St Hugh of Lincoln, one Mass at 10.30am followed by refreshments at Fortescue Hall
Sunday 29th November	Baptism session

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.