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

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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: 01462 654 579

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 18TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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RENDER TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S

Our readings leave us in no doubt, as the Creator of all, there is only one God who rules over everything on earth. In our first reading, we hear Isaiah's prophecy concerning the pagan king, Cyrus, who, with God's help, will conquer nations, return the Jewish people to their homeland and restore the greatness of Jerusalem. Through his actions, people all over the world will know God is Lord of all nations. Psalm 96 invites us to sing of the power and glory of God. As in the first reading, we're encouraged to tell others the Lord is king, praising him above all else. St Paul writes to the developing Christian community in Thessalonica reminding them, and us, we're chosen and loved by God. We know God not just through words but through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus neatly avoides the trap set for him by those who seek to discredit him. Pointing out Caesar's image on a coin, he tells them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' We pray for all those in positions of leadership in the world, asking God to guide them to seek justice and fairness 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, UHT Milk (Whole or Semi-Skimmed), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Meat, Coffee, Dried Milk, Biscuits, Pasta Sauce, Packet Soup, Tinned Fish, Bags for Life

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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND
On 24/25 October Edmund Adamus and Brendan Metcalfe of Friends of the Holy Land , will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Palestine, Israel, and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and they will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday 20th October: Open 9am—10.30am only, due to Deanery meeting;
Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th October, annual leave.

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."

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.

QUIZ NIGHT
The STM Quiz Night is back on 20th November at 7.30pm. Enjoy refreshments from our PA bar, accompanied by a selection of nibbles. Teams of minum 6 and maximum 10 players. If you don't have a team, you will be allocated to one. Please email-pa@stmletchworth.co.uk to book your place. Tickets are £8 each. Doors open at 7.30pm and the quiz will start promptly at 8pm.

THANK YOU!
Our sincerest thanks to Nick McConnell who offered to draw our church and halls fire plans. This took many hours of dedication for which we are extremely grateful. Our thanks to George Rizzo as well, for coordinating and for taking on the role of Health & Safety Rep for the parish. We have seen many improvements already and no doubt we will see more. It takes many, many hands and heads to run such a big parish. Every bit of help counts. God bless you both!

MASS BOOKINGS
Weekday Masses are available from November. Sunday morning Masses and Vigil Masses are no longer available for booking for the remainder of 2026.

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 17th to Sun 18th October 2026
Saturday 17th October:
6pm: Agata Rizzo RIP
Sunday 18th October – 29th Sunday OT
9.30am: Alan Scouller RIP
11.30am: People of the parish
Monday 19th October:
9.30am: NO MASS
Tuesday 20th October:
9.30am**:** Bishop Steven Wang INT
Wednesday 21st October:
9.30am: Sr Susan Armond INT
Thursday 22nd October:
9.30am: Eddie McDonough RIP
Friday 23rd October:
9.30am: Mary Gamble, Patrick & Diana Diskin INT
Saturday 24th October:
6pm: Saverio & Giuseppa Rizzo RIP
Sunday 25th October – 30th 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.

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.

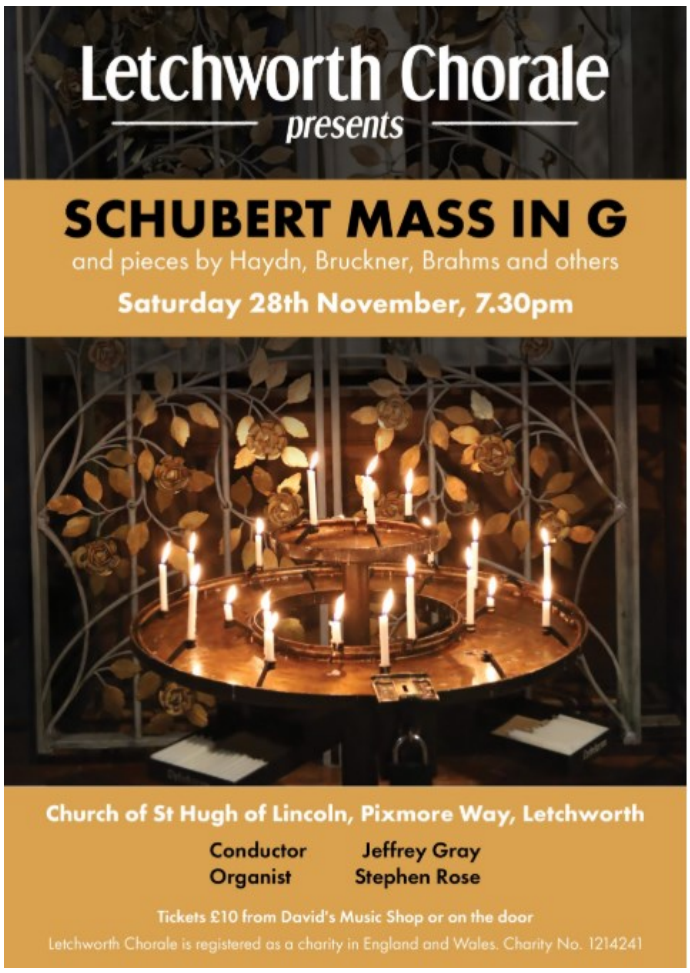
TODDLER GROUP
Every Thursday, term-time, at Fortescue Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. A donation of £1 per child capped at £3 helps with the running costs so we can keep this important community resource going.

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.

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



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.

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.