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 25TH OCTOBER 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD.

Our readings remind us of God's love and compassion, as we're asked to live these out each day in our relations with God and each other. In our first reading from the Book of Exodus, God tells Moses to teach the Israelites the kind of care they're to show each other as children of God. Psalm 18 is a song of praise and thanksgiving to God who is the only source of our strength. We express our love for God in our dealings with others. In our second reading, St Paul praises the Christians in Thessalonica for the way they've responded in joy to the Spirit; they've become imitators of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus answers the question, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' The answer is to love God with our whole being. Love of our neighbour flows from this and, when practised, brings us back to love of God. With joy, we strive daily to imitate Christ's love for us in the smallest details of our motives and actions with others. In our experience we find the living God.
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/

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

This weekend, 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

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Friday after morning Mass.

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."

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

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/

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.

HELP SHAPE NEIGHBOURHOOD MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN HERTFORDSHIRE Viewpoint and Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT) are inviting people with lived experience of mental health services, as well as carers, family members and friends, to join a friendly discussion about how local mental health support can be improved. These sessions are a chance to share your experiences, hear about plans for neighbourhood-based mental health support, and help shape services that better meet the needs of local communities. Upcoming sessions:
28 October 2026, 1:30pm to 3:30pm - Skills and Learning Centre, Hertford (with an online option available) Join conversation
29 October 2026, 6:00pm to 8:00pm - Online session Join conversation
Your voice can help make a real difference to the future of mental health support in Hertfordshire, so please come along and get involved.

FR STEPHEN'S ANNIVERSARY
On Sunday 1st November, All Saints, the 11.30am Mass will be offered in Thanksgiving for the 30th anniversary of Fr Stephen's Ordination. We are very lucky to have him and grateful for all he does for the parish. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekday Masses are available from the end of November. Sunday morning Masses and Vigil Masses are no longer available to book for the remainder of 2026.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24th October to Sun 1st November 2026

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
Monday 26th October:
9.30am: Bernardette Wrynn RIP
Tuesday 27th October:
9.30am**:** Rosaleen Garvey RIP
Wednesday 28th October:
9.30am: Holy Souls
Thursday 29th October:
9.30am: MIchale & Breege Kerrane RIP
Friday 30th October:
9.30am: John McGarry RIP
Saturday 31st October:
6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP
Sunday 1st November – All Saints
9.30am: People of the parish
11.30am: Thanksgiving for Ordination of Fr Stephen

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. We are excited to report meetings have started and are already a success.

SASH

A group for elderly people to socialise, enjoy a nice brew and each other's company. Next meeting on 11th November at 2pm in St Hilda room.

TODDLER GROUP

Every Thursday, term-time, at Fortescue Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. The group will resume on 19th November. 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.



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
Monday 2nd November	Memorial Mass at 7pm followed by Tea&coffee
Saturday 7th November	Marian Procession at 4pm from church
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.