# St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church

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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: 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 8TH NOVEMBER 2026**
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
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## *BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM!*

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings are increasingly concerned with the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord. In the first reading, Wisdom is personified as an attractive lady who seeks to comfort and support those who love and search for her. She prepares us for the parable in the Gospel where the virgins look out for the bridegroom. Continuing the theme of watching, the Psalmist's main ambition is to find God, so he's ready when the Lord comes. Using apocalyptic language, Paul reminds the Thessalonian Church community in the second reading, whether dead or alive, the Lord will be with them, so they can comfort one another. In the well-known parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Matthew reminds his audience the Lord will eventually come, but we must not only exercise patience but also be ready at all times to welcome him. We pray particularly for those who won't be prepared when the Lord comes, either because they don't know him, or they've given up waiting.
*Prego & Fr Jimmy*

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**November: For the proper use of wealth**

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. Visit: https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/

## FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Thank you to all who supported the passionate appeal lead by Brendan and Matt from Friends of the Holy Land. **£1716.15** was raised for this fantastic charity.
For more information on their life saving work, visit
www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

## MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THE STEVENAGE DEANERY

On Tuesday 10th November at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Welwyn Garden City AL7 3TP at 11am followed by tea and biscuits. Bishop Paul and the Priests of the Deanery will celebrate Mass. All Welcome

**Fr JIMMY**
**is now on annual leave and will be available from Thursday 26th November.**

**ROSARY FOR PEACE**
Every Friday after morning Mass.

**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.

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – NEXT WEEKEND**
The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

**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 minimum 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.

**CAKES FOR THE HOSPICE– THANK YOU**
Thank you to all who provided cakes for Trish's annual appeal to support our local Hospice. No doubt they will make patients and their families and friends very happy. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." *Aesop*




**HELP A LOCAL STUDENT**
"Hello! My name is Bella and I'm a GCSE photography student working towards making a final piece for my portfolio. Every students project has to be based on the theme of their portfolio, and my theme is Race and Culture. For my project, I was hoping to photograph individual portraits the congregation of St Hugh of Lincoln to show how different cultures all unite under God, and the diversity in the Catholic Church. I'd be super grateful to anyone willing to participate. I will take the photos at your convenience, but I was hoping before or after Sunday Mass." *Bella*
Portraits must be take before the end of November so Bella has time to organise her portfolio before she hands it in in December. If you wish to help, please contact the office or Bella directly via email at bella-blount319@gmail.com

**MASS BOOKINGS**
There are no more available Masses to book in 2026.

**MASS INTENTIONS**
*Sat 7th November to Sun 15th November 2026*
Saturday 7th November:
6pm: Kathleen Bourke RIP
**Sunday 8th November – 32nd Ordinary Time**
9.30am: People of the parish
11.30am: Alba Lopez & Family INT
Monday 9th November:
NO MASS
Tuesday 10th November:
NO MASS
Wednesday 11th November:
9am: Anne Canty RIP
Thursday 12th November:
9.30am: Mabel & Jack Mills RIP
Friday 13th November:
9.30am: Julie Cranston RIP
Saturday 14th November:
6pm: Luigi Rizzo RIP
**Sunday 15th November – Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln**
10.30am: 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.

**SASH**
A group for senior people to socialise, enjoy a nice brew and each other's company. Next meeting on 19th 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.

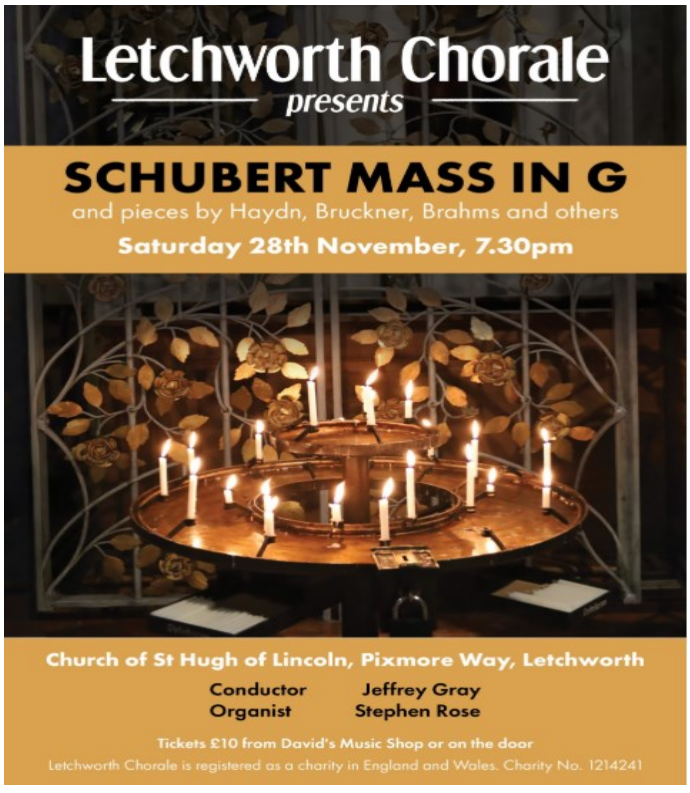
**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**
On Tuesday 5-6pm, St Hilda room. Meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of reflection and discussion. All welcome.

**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.

**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.

**RED MISSIO BOXES** are available in the porch.



**We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:**

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| 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 October: £12,027.22**
This is inclusive of standing orders and online donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**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.

## Dates for your Diary:

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| Saturday 7th November | Marian Procession at 4pm from church |
| Sunday 8th November | Enrolment Mass FHC 9.30am |
| Tuesday 10th November | Mass for Deceased Clergy, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, WGC 11am |
| Sunday 15th November | St Hugh of Lincoln, one Mass at 10.30am followed by refreshments at Fortescue Hall |
| Sunday 29th November | Baptism session after 9.30am Mass, St Hilda Room |

**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.