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: 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 15TH NOVEMBER 2026
SOLEMNITY OF ST HUGH OF LINCOLN
PSALTER WEEK 1; PLEASE REFER TO THE BOOKLET FOR THE READINGS AND FINAL HYMN

Saint Hugh of Lincoln (c. 1135–1200) offers a powerful reflection on surrendering personal plans to God's call and balancing contemplative prayer with fearless pastoral action.

The Call of God ("You did not choose me; no, I chose you"): Hugh was a happy, reluctant Carthusian monk at Witham who loved his cell and silence, yet he yielded when obedience and duty called him to serve as Bishop of Lincoln. So let us ask ourselves: is God calling us out of our comfort zones into active service?

Courageous Justice and Compassion: Hugh boldly defended the poor, stood up against unjust royal forest laws, protected persecuted Jewish communities at the risk of his own life during the 1190 riots, and personally cared for lepers. He reminds Catholics that true holiness cannot be disjointed from social justice and defending the vulnerable. Let us be inspired and encouraged by our tradition of Social Catholic Teachings.

The Contemplative Heart in the Midst of Work: Even as a busy bishop traveling across a vast diocese, Hugh continually retreated to the silence of his Carthusian roots. He reminds us to take stock every day and anchor our life in the silence of prayer amid a fast-paced, often too noisy world. Take time to listen to your inner voice and use it to speak quietly to God.

Harmony with Creation: As portrayed by the statue in our church, Hugh was famously accompanied by a devoted swan at Stow that guarded him and trusted his gentle nature. Our patron mirrors St. Francis in displaying how God's grace restores peace and harmony to Creation and how we are entrusted with the care of God's Garden.

Inspired by our patron, let us pray:
"Lord, you chose St. Hugh not to fulfill his own ambition, but for the glory of your kingdom. Grant me the grace to listen to your voice in the quiet of my heart, the courage to stand up for justice for the marginalized, the humility to serve you in the least of my sisters and brothers and to never forget my role as steward of Creation. Amen."

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/

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.

SECOND COLLECTION – SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or 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 – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

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.

CAFOD FAST DAY—THANK YOU

Our parish raised £1054.09 on Fast day to support CAFOD projects helping communities around the world build a better future. Tayla and Kiki in northern Zimbabwe now have access to safe drinking water at their primary school thanks to a new solar powered water pump. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/ParishThankYou



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*

Bella will be joining us on Sunday 15th November after Mass in Fortescue Hall, please consider supporting her.

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 14th November to Sun 22nd November 2026

Saturday 14th November:
6pm: Kathleen Bourke RIP

Sunday 15th November – Solemnity of St Hugh of Lincoln
10.30am: People of the parish

Monday 16th November:
NO MASS

Tuesday 17th November:
9.30am: Fr Stephen Coker INT

Wednesday 18th November:
9am: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Thursday 19th November:
9.30am: Felicia Phillips RIP

Friday 20th November:
9.30am: Mary Quinn RIP

Saturday 21st November:
6pm: Tonina Rizzo RIP

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King
9.30am: People of the parish
11.30am: Margaret & Roy Devey 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.

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. 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.

LETCHWORTH FOODBANK

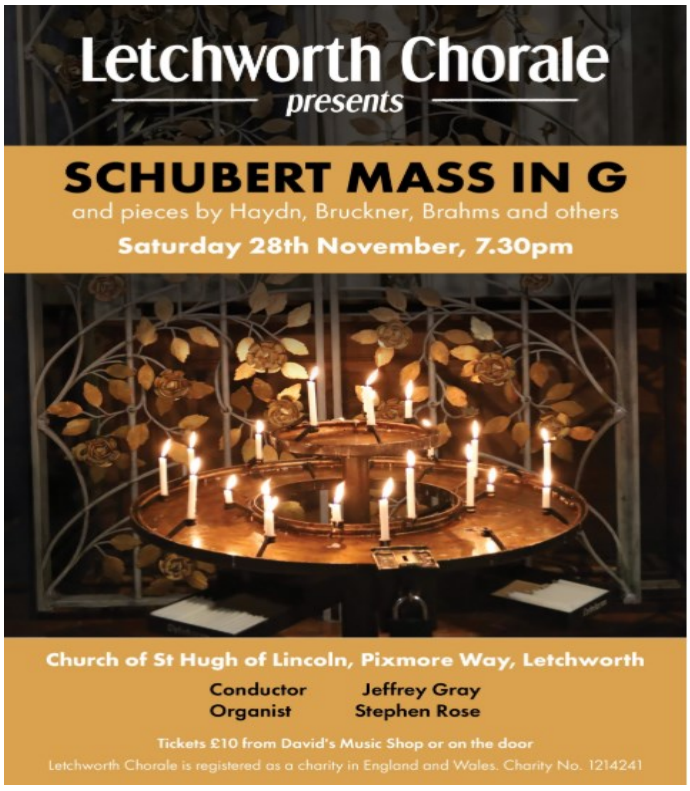
Long Life Fruit Juice, Baked Beans, Biscuits, Pasta Sauce, Pasta/Rice, Packet Soup, Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fish, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Bags for Life. We are unable to use food that has passed its best before date.

PARISH FIRE PLAN

Please can you all familiarise yourself with the Parish Fire Plan which is now displayed at entrances to Church, Fortescue Hall and St Hilda room.

The Parish still needs Fire Wardens to cover the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses and indeed a few extra for the 6pm would be well received. Please send your details to the Parish office.

RED MISSIO BOXES are available in the porch.



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
Peter Ivers	

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:

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
Saturday 5th December	Marian Procession at 4pm from church
Saturday 12th December	Lunchtime Concert for Kanyike, Fortescue Hall 12noon with soup.

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.