



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine

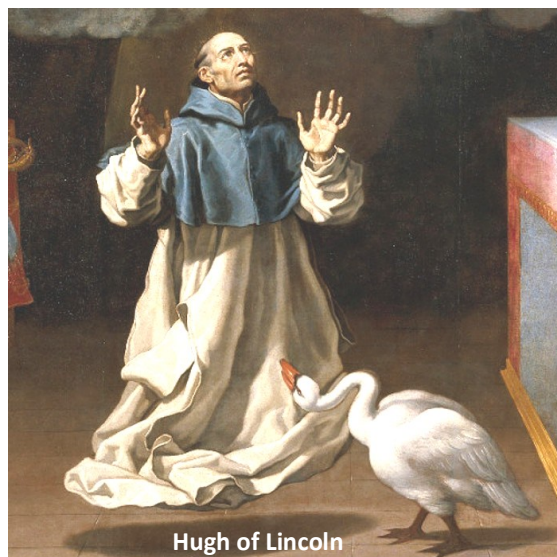


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Thirty Third Sunday of the Year



Hugh of Lincoln



Thirty Third Sunday. Yr C. 16th November	8.30am	Pro Populorum. Pious List & Holy Souls
	10.30am	Holy Souls & Abina Cottingham, BR
Mon 17th Nov: St Hugh of Lincoln	9.30am	Pious List & the Holy Souls
Tuesday 18th Nov: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul	9.30am	Pious List & the Holy Souls
Wed 19th Nov: Votive Mass for the Holy Souls	9.30am	Pious List & the Holy Souls
Thur 20th Nov: Votive Mass for the Holy Souls	—	— (No public Mass today)
Friday 21st Nov: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
Saturday 22nd Nov: St Cecilia	—	— (No public Mass today)
Christ the King. Yr C. 23rd November	8.30am	Pro Populorum. Pious List & Holy Souls
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THANK YOU for your offerings to the parish each week.

Youth Sunday next week. Retiring collection for Animate: diocesan youth service.

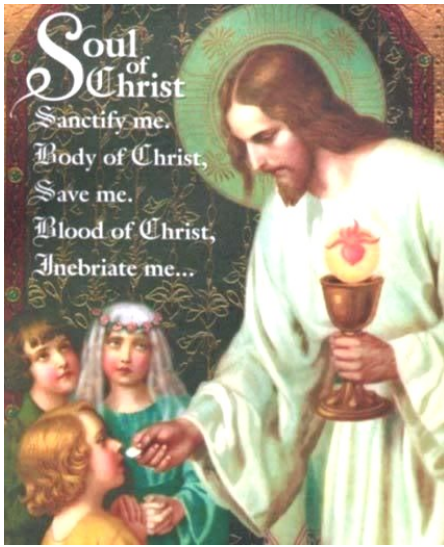
100 Club: J. Preston (59).

Fr Simon's blog is at **offerimus tibi domine** (where you will also find the Mass times each week)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Pending appointment.

MISSALS: MASS CAN BE FOLLOWED: Sunday Pg. 1091.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the pink pages. Prayers before Mass, Pg 510. Prayers after Mass, Pg 673.



FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNIONS.

Our First Communion preparation has begun, with forty or so children taking part. The next session is in the Social Centre on **Wednesday 3rd December at 6.30pm.**

Children must sign the “Golden Book” at the back of church.

This is to make a record of their prayers and attendance at Mass for each Sunday until their First Communion as a gift for Jesus. It will be carried up to the altar on the day of their First Communion.

Please note that attendance at Mass & the preparation sessions are a prerequisite of being able to make First Communions in Eastertide of next year. If families are not able to make this commitment, then those children can defer and join the program next time round.



“Those whose names are written in the book of life.” Phil 4:3 .

SOME PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NEXT YEAR!

BURN’S NIGHT SUPPPER Saturday 31st January 2026.

A formal evening with a three course meal, including the Haggis, Neeps and Tatties with the piping in of the Haggis and traditional speeches and entertainments. Traditional Scottish dress if you have it! This will be run with any profits going to the charities of the Order of St Lazarus. Further details to follow.



ST PATRICK’S NIGHT CÉILIDH Saturday 21st March 2026.

A traditional Irish celebration with Irish Stew and live music to dance to. Suitable for all the family. Again, further details to follow.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS. All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass.

Come and say hello!



Especially all our First Communion families, now that their preparation has begun. A great chance to get to know folks.

WE ARE SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AFTER THE 10.30AM MASS. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP US CONTINUE ENABLING US TO MEET ONE ANOTHER AFTER MASS.

GROUNDS TIDY DAY. Thank you to all who came along to help.

LITURGY MATTERS: There is a saying “Save the Liturgy, Save the World!” This might seem a little over the top but if we agree that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most wonderful and most important thing we do each week, then it begins to make sense. So it is that the best we can give God in our worship, will enrich us beyond measure and help us to access God’s saving grace in our lives. Over the last two weeks we have experienced some moving and powerful music: last week for Remembrance Sunday, with some extra singers drafted in to join our two regular cantors; the Sunday before with the help of singing from our schoolchildren, helping us to lift our hearts to God.

Another saying, from St Augustine, the great theologian, says “*He who sings prays twice*”. So I encourage you to join in the singing at Mass to enhance your “full and actual participation in the liturgy”, as the documents of the Second Vatican Council encourage us to do.

We are also hoping to make a final re-arrangement of the Lady Chapel area this week, using some further accouterments brought from St Catherine’s church. Arranging the Lady Chapel to work as a prayer space is quite a challenge, as it was not designed as a chapel or shrine originally but as a space for the Anderton Family to attend Mass in privacy, as the local “Lords of the Manor” and the original benefactors of the building of St Mary’s. Thanks to parishioners who are helping with the work this coming week.



Your Prayers are asked for all the sick, including: Rosena Stacey, Vivienne Lee, Tom Miller, Paul Casey, Linda Melling, Tilly Gee, Kathleen Ward, Clare Butler, Maureen MacDonald, Louie Baines, Margaret McNiff, Elle Miller, Mark Duncan, Mary Ann Monaghan, Bernard Lawson, Mick Marshall, Carol Parkinson, Eric Nielson, Margaret Lawler, Catherine Thompson, Martin Croft, Pat Fishwick.

We pray for those who are housebound & for those who love & care for them.
Mary conceived without sin - Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN. A great English Saint we should know more about. Feastday on Monday.

Born in 1135 at Avalon Castle in Burgundy, France. At a young age, Hugh showed great piety and devotion to God, and at the age of 15, he entered the monastic life. By the time he turned 19, he had become a deacon and eventually became the prior of a monastery at Saint-Maxim. In 1160, Hugh joined the Carthusians, a strictly contemplative order, known for their rigorous asceticism.

After joining the Carthusians, Hugh was ordained as a priest in 1165. His reputation for holiness and spiritual fervor continued to grow throughout England. In 1175, King Henry II, as part of his penance for the murder of Thomas Becket, built the first English Carthusian monastery. Hugh became the abbot of this monastery, which attracted many individuals seeking a life devoted to prayer and contemplation.

In 1181, despite his resistance, Hugh was appointed as the bishop of Lincoln. His appointment came at a time when many dioceses were kept vacant in order to divert their income to the throne. Hugh admonished King Henry II for this practice and worked tirelessly to restore clerical discipline within his diocese.

One of Hugh's most significant achievements was the rebuilding of the Lincoln Cathedral, which had been destroyed by an earthquake in 1185. Under his leadership, the cathedral was reconstructed, becoming a symbol of his dedication to God and his people.

Throughout his life, Hugh displayed unwavering compassion and courage. In 1190-91, he vehemently denounced the mass persecution of Jews in England. On numerous occasions, he fearlessly confronted armed mobs, compelling them to release their victims.

In 1199, Hugh served as a diplomat to France on behalf of King John. Unfortunately, this trip took a toll on his health, and upon his return, he fell seriously ill. While attending a national council in London a few months later, he was struck by an unnamed ailment. Despite receiving medical attention, his health continued to deteriorate until he passed away peacefully on 16 November 1200.

There is a well-known story of him being befriended by a swan, which would protect Hugh while he slept. He is also associated with the Lincoln Cathedral, as he played a significant role in its reconstruction. Additionally, there are depictions of him at his deathbed with a swan and raising a dead child to life. Saint Hugh of Lincoln's feast day is celebrated on 17 November. Upon his death, he was buried in the Lincoln Cathedral. Pope Honorius III canonized him on 18 February 1220, making him the first canonized Carthusian. Saint Hugh of Lincoln is regarded as the patron saint of sick children, sick people, and swans. His life serves as an inspiration to all, demonstrating deep faith, devotion to God, and a tireless commitment to justice and compassion.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY SICK CHILDREN.

Dear Saint Hugh of Lincoln, as Bishop and shepherd of the faithful, your virtues shone brightly as you endeavored with remarkable apostolic zeal to labor for the honor of God and the salvation of souls. To obtain Divine aid in the many needs,

you took refuge in prayer, fasting, and other penances. When tempted, you called upon the Blessed Virgin, obtaining such strength, that your could withstand temptations. The sacrifice of Holy Mass you performed with such devotion, that several times you received the grace to see the Lord in the form of a lovely child, in the Holy Eucharist. Saint Hugh, defender of the Faith, you would rather die than renounce your calling to serve. I ask you today Saint Hugh To intercede before God on my behalf, that I may obtain the favour that I seek. [Mention your need(s) here ...] Amen.





NOVEMBER AND THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:

We offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—the greatest of all prayers—for our deceased loved ones. Each Mass during November is offered for the Holy Souls on our Pious List, placed at the altar during this time.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

JOIN OUR PARISH 100 CLUB!

SUPPORT THE CHURCH - WIN MONTHLY CASH PRIZES!

WHAT IS THE 100 CLUB?

A fun, simple way to support our parish. Buy a number (or more!) and you'll be entered into a monthly prize draw. The more people who join, the bigger the prizes – and the more funds raised for our church.

WHY JOIN?

- ✓ SUPPORT PARISH PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE
- ✓ HELP STRENGTHEN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY
- ✓ CHANCE TO WIN A MONTHLY CASH PRIZE
- ✓ EASY, AFFORDABLE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

£ HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A small monthly contribution per number – and every entry helps!

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

Simply fill in the short Interest Form to let us know you'd like to join.

SCAN THE QR CODE / VISIT THE LINK TO SIGN UP TODAY!



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU!

JOIN OUR PARISH 100 CLUB

For many years St Catherine's Church has run a 100 Club to assist with parish funds. It seems sensible to keep this going under our new circumstances.

There are, in fact, several free numbers for new people to be able to join. In fact, if we can get enough people to sign up, it could be extended in scope to become larger.

It's a very simple idea. Of the money that comes in each week, half goes out as a prize and half goes to the parish. Considering that there are 52 weeks in the year, you have a good chance of winning sometime in that year!

Pay £1 each week with a chance to win £50 each week. This can be set up by direct debit or paid by cheque - monthly, quarterly or annually. It is hoped that we can move the payments to be done through the bank for the most part, to avoid the need for physical collection.

Please take a form from the back of church.

Thanks to two David and Grace Barton, who have volunteered to revamp and streamline how the 100 Club functions and help our parish in this way.

FOCUS ON PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: THE YEMEN. Following Jesus in Yemen continues to be extremely dangerous. Most believers are Yemeni and come from Muslim backgrounds. As conversion from Islam is forbidden by Islamic and state law, Christians risk severe repercussions from their families, the authorities or radical Islamic groups. Yemeni Christians face targeted persecution from government, family and community, and as the influence of more extreme and violent Islamic groups grows, following Jesus becomes even more difficult.

In Yemen, Christians must keep their faith secret. "You cannot reveal that you're a Christian here," says one of our contacts inside the region. "You cannot have an identity as a Christian. You cannot have a church. You cannot get your birth certificate, which makes every Yemeni a Muslim. You cannot get married [if you're a Christian]. It's impossible to live as a Christian."

It's also very difficult for Christians to come together. They only gather with Christians they have already known for a long time to avoid being betrayed. And the humanitarian crisis caused by Yemen's 10-year civil war has also exacerbated the pressure on believers. While some relief aid is available, this is mostly distributed through local Muslim groups and mosques, which some claim discriminate against anyone not considered a devout Muslim. Pray for strength and protection for believers living in areas where they are at risk from Islamic militant groups. Pray for courage to share their faith, and that the underground church will grow.

