



In the Care  
of the  
Claretian  
Missionaries

# Parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln

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**IN AN EMERGENCY, OUTSIDE OF OFFICE**

**HOURS, PLEASE**

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Date	Service Time	Intention
Sat 11th April 2026	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am	Donor's Intention Phylis Knowles (RIP)
Mon 13th April	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Tue 14th April	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Wed 15th April	9.30am	Bridget Dorairaj (RIP)
Thurs 16th April	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Fri 17th April	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Sat 18th April	6.00pm	Christina Ireland (RIP)
Sun 19th APRIL 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am	People of the Parish Arthur Laraia (RIP)

## BUCKDEN BUSINESS EXPO

**SUNDAY 12th APRIL— 14.00—17.00**

Join us for the Buckden Business Expo, this Sunday, showcasing the local businesses in Buckden –35! Entry is free, and you can meet the businesses and sample some of their wares! We also have / Prize Tombola / Pomegranate Tea Room /Open Knot Garden /Shakespeare at the Towers tickets on sale / Hot beverages and cakes in the house

Dogs on leads are welcome.

## BUCKDEN AND DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER THREE CHURCHES: ONE GOD

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

7.00pm at Buckden Towers

Everyone is welcome

Guest Speaker: Joe Ballard from Hardwick Dene talking about Dementia

## PARISH ASSEMBLY—SUNDAY 19th April 5PM in the Main House

The Claretian Community will be having visitors after Easter, from the new Provincial Council.

We intend to arrange a Parish Assembly on Sunday 19th April, where parishioners will have a chance to inform the visitors about the life of the parish, and how they feel the Claretians are serving them.

The meeting will take place at 5pm in the Main House.

## FRIENDS OF BUCKDEN TOWERS

**PRESENTS A 1000 TUDOR PEOPLE—Dr. Melita Thomas  
THURSDAY 30th April—7.00PM—Tickets £10.**

Author, historian, and scholar, Dr Melita Thomas, gives a vivid insight into some of the fascinating characters who populate her latest book, 1000 Tudor people.

**Bookings via The Claret Centre Office or  
[admin@friendsofbuckdentowers.co.uk](mailto:admin@friendsofbuckdentowers.co.uk)**

**"Head to Heart": Diocese's Retreat Day For Women 2026** - Organised by the Diocese, the highly popular *Retreat Day For Women* will take place on **Saturday 23rd May** with talks given by the sisters of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at their home in Dereham, Norfolk. Join us as we explore ways of growing in our relationship with Christ. The day will explore some of Saint Edith Stein's ideas of what it means to be a woman and the unity God desires to bring us to, as well as how to carry the crosses of daily life. The day will include two talks, time for discussion and fellowship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as a cream tea.

Places are limited! Booking essential! Booking Form can be found here:

[www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/)

Please direct all enquiries to [mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk)



**NEW WEBSITE—As we have shared over the last few weeks, the new website is coming.**

**It is now live, and you can visit the Home Page, The Claret Centre and the Parish of St Hugh pages. Links below.**

[www.BuckdenTowers.com](http://www.BuckdenTowers.com)

[www.BuckdenTowers.com/claret-centre/](http://www.BuckdenTowers.com/claret-centre/)

[www.BuckdenTowers.com/Parish-of-st-hugh/](http://www.BuckdenTowers.com/Parish-of-st-hugh/)

## The Pomegranate Tea Room

Open each **Saturday between 10 and 3pm.**

Bring your friends and enjoy refreshments at historic Buckden Towers.

# SUNDAY *Plus*

2nd Sunday of Easter **Divine Office Week II** Year A**Divine Mercy Sunday**

## The quality of mercy

The man advanced three paces and approached the lamp which was on the table. "Stop," he resumed, as though he had not quite understood. "That's not it. Did you hear? I am a galley-slave, a convict. I come from the galleys." He drew from his pocket a large sheet of yellow paper, which he unfolded. "Here's my passport. Yellow, as you see. This serves to expel me from every place where I go. Will you read it? I know how to read. I learned in the galleys. There is a school there for those who choose to learn. Hold, this is what they put on this passport: 'Jean Valjean, discharged convict, native of' – that is nothing to you – has been nineteen years in the galleys: five years for house-breaking and burglary.


Fourteen years for having attempted to escape on four occasions. He is a very dangerous man! There! Everyone has cast me out. Are you willing to receive me? Is this an inn? Will you give me something to eat and a bed? Have you a stable?"

"Madame Magloire," said the bishop, "you will put white sheets on the bed in the alcove." ...

The bishop turned to the man. "Sit down, sir, and warm yourself. We are going to sup in a few moments and your bed will be prepared while you are supping..."

At this point the man suddenly comprehended. He began stammering like a crazy man. "Really? What! You will keep me? You do not drive me forth?"

Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*

Lord of love, help me to look for happiness in the right places. Help me to be realistic in my hopes and dreams. May I find my happiness in loving you.  Amen.

### Give of your best

Often, we simply don't notice that our response to a hurt is an over-reaction. Someone says or does something that hurts or offends us and we let a sense of grievance take root in our heart, creating a wound that is out of all proportion to the event that inflicted it. It's hard to detect such moments in one's own life: after all, my over-reaction usually seems entirely reasonable to me, at least at the time!...

Meet what is worst in your enemy with what is best in you. Let his wrongdoing bring out the best in you. What is best in you is not born of retaliation or hate, but of compassion and forgiveness. What is best in you is that which preserves your humanity. This is the new twist we can give to the old idea of "getting our own back" on an enemy: getting back the best and not being reduced to the worst.

Stephanie Thornton,  
*Finding Forgiveness*

Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week  
Thursday 16 April

### St Bernadette of Lourdes (1844-1879)

St Bernadette had asthma. Interestingly, her biographers mention that she suffered from the condition before meeting Our Lady at the rock of Massabielle in Lourdes – and are silent about any adult asthma attacks. Did she "grow out" of it? Did Bernadette herself receive the first cure when obeyed Our Lady's instructions to bathe her face in the muddy pool which became the miraculous spring and future pilgrimage destination of millions of people? Was it such a "normal" part of her life that biographers overlook asthma when writing about Bernadette's other health issues which led to her death at the age of thirty-five?

Anybody who is familiar with asthma, either personally or through a family member, knows the limitations on activities – including food allergies – and freedoms which everybody else enjoys.

As we remember St Bernadette, perhaps it is also an opportunity to remember and pray for all those who suffer from asthma.

### READINGS

Today:  
Acts 2:42-47  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

Monday:  
Acts 4:23-31  
John 3:1-8

Tuesday:  
Acts 4:32-37  
John 3:7-15

Wednesday:  
Acts 5:17-26  
John 3:16-21

Thursday:  
Acts 5:27-33  
John 3:31-36

Friday:  
Acts 5:34-42  
John 6:1-15

Saturday:  
Acts 6:1-7  
John 6:16-21

Next Sunday:  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
1 Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35