



*In the Care
of the
Claretian
Missionaries*

Parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln

Claretians in Residence

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Date	Service Time	Intention
Sat 11th July 2026	6.00pm	Donor's Intention
Sun 12th July <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.00am 10.00am	Donor's Intention People of the Parish
Mon 13th July	9.30am	Manuel D'Cunha (RIP)
Tue 14h July	9.30am	Christina Alemao (RIP)
Wed 15th July	9.30am	Joy Bowkett (Birthday)
Thurs 16th July	9.30am	Mario Rebelo (RIP)
Fri 17th July	9.30am	Sheila Cochran (RIP)
Sat 18th July	6.00pm	Donor's Intention
Sun 19th July <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.00am 10.00am	Donor's Intention People of the Parish

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE

For up to date information on everything going on in the Parish.



BECOMING A CATHOLIC—THURSDAY 16th JULY—7PM

There is another chance for people to come together to a gathering for people interested in finding out about becoming a catholic or adults who wish to be confirmed 7pm in the Conference Room of the Main House.

SAVE THE DATE AND SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

CLARETIAN FAMILY DAY—MONDAY 31 AUGUST

We invite you to share your memories, photographs and stories on our Facebook page. Whether your connection is recent or stretches back many decades, we would love to hear from you. Post your memories and photos of Buckden here on this page.

www.facebook.com/BuckdenTowersStHughOfLincoln/

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

FIRST COMMUNION We are now inviting people to make applications for joining next year's first communion program—we're inviting people to let us know if they are interested.

CONFIRMATION AND BEING RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH We're inviting people to let us know if they are interested in being part of a confirmation program or if they are adults who wish to be received into the church to become Catholics or to complete their initiation and be confirmed.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

Information and forms for these applications can be downloaded on the parish website.



Parish Family Barbecue – Thankyou

Thankyou for everyone who attended the Parish Family Barbecue last week, it was good to see everyone and share food, conversation, laughter, and have the community together.

PARISH FEEDBACK As we come to the end of this academic year, Fr Paul wants to review and get a sense of how people are feeling about the parish. If everyone can fill out a form, young and old, all feedback would be appreciated.

Our Goal in doing this is to see: **How is God at work in the lives of the people who form this parish, and how can we support that more faithfully?**



VENEZUELA COLLECTION

Thankyou to everyone for donations last week, we have raised **£969** so far.

If anyone would still like donate, we will leave it open for the week. Details for BACS Please use reference of— **SOMI** and **GA** if it can be gift aided and surname if it fits *i.e ref— SOMI GA SMITH*

Bank Details **CLARETIAN MISSIONAIRIES TRUST**

SORT CODE 09-01-27 ACCOUNT 73501060

100 CLUBS WINNER JUNE

1st P Kingham

2nd Watters Family

SUMMER SESSIONS IN THE GARDEN

9th, 23rd and 30th August 2026

3 afternoons of Live Music in the beautiful Knot Garden, the Summer Sessions are the perfect way to while away a few hours on a warm Sunday afternoon. Bring your friends and family, children of all ages are welcome.

Visit buckdentowers.com for event details and ticket link.

CLARETIAN COMMUNITY CHANGES - SEPTEMBER 2026

From September the Claretian Community will consist of Fr Paul Smyth, Fr Jim Kennedy and Fr Chris Newman. Fr Jude has been appointed to the community in Hayes.

SUNDAY *Plus*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year A



As yet, we seem incapable of recognising that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalised and the excluded. The suffering of indigenous communities is emblematic in this regard.

That is not all. Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God's creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources. We see this in agricultural areas and forests peppered with landmines, "scorched earth" policies, conflicts over water sources, and the unequal distribution of raw materials, which penalises the poorer nations and undermines social stability itself...

Environmental justice... is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed...

By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.

Leo XIV, Message for the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2025

Loving Lord, sow your Word in my heart. May I be good soil, bearing fruit in faith. Bless all who sail the seas – guide, protect, and nourish them with your love.  Amen.

On Sea Sunday...



Loving God, we thank you for the gift of the sea and for all who work upon it.

Bless the seafarers who sail far from home, bringing us the goods and resources we need each day. Grant them safe passage through calm and storm, strength in times of loneliness and hope when the journey feels long.

Bless the chaplains, ship visitors, and volunteers of Stella Maris, who offer welcome, comfort, and care to those in need. May their kindness be a beacon of your love in every port.

On this Sea Sunday, we remember the families waiting on distant shores. Hold them in your peace until they are reunited. Amen.

Jesus lived and prayed around the Sea of Galilee. That is where he called his first disciples in the setting of their daily lives and work.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week Sunday 12 July

St John Jones (1530-1592)

St John Jones, born around 1530 in Clynog Fawr, Wales, was a Franciscan priest and one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. Amid fierce persecution under Queen Elizabeth I, Jones ministered to Catholics in London and the countryside, offering sacraments in secret. Arrested in 1596 by notorious and sadistically cruel priest-hunter Richard Topcliffe, he endured brutal torture and two years of imprisonment. Despite his intense suffering, he remained steadfast in faith, encouraging fellow prisoners like John Rigby, who also became a martyr. On 12 July 1598, Jones was executed at St Thomas' Waterings, Southwark: hanged, drawn and quartered for the "crime" of being a Catholic priest. Before his death, he preached to the gathered crowd, affirming his loyalty to God and the Church. Canonised in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, his courage and compassion continue to inspire those who seek justice, mercy and unwavering spiritual conviction.



READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday:
Isaiah 1:10-17
Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday:
Isaiah 7:1-9
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday:
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday:
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday:
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday:
Micah 2:1-5
Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23