



*In the Care
of the
Claretian
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Parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE

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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

Information and forms for these applications can be
downloaded on the parish website, scan the QR code

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 interest-
ed in being part of a confir-
mation 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.



Date	Service Time	Intention
Sat 15th August 2026	6.00pm	Jane Kluth (RIP) Giselle Cracknell (RIP Anniversary)
Sun 16th August <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.00am 10.00am	Donors Intention People of the Parish
Mon 17th August	9.30am	Rosalina D'Cunha (RIP)
Tue 18th August	9.30am	Clifford Fernandes (RIP)
Wed 19th August	9.30am	Joanita Ferme (Ints)
Thurs 20th August	9.30am	Piedade D'Cunha (RIP)
Fri 21st August	9.30am	Sarah Lloyd (RIP)
Sat 22nd August	6.00pm	Donors Intention
Sun 23rd August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.00am 10.00am	People of the Parish Brian Treadaway (RIP)

CLARETIAN FAMILY DAY—31 AUGUST

SAVE THE DATE SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

We invite you to share your memories,
photographs and stories on our Facebook
page. Post them here:

[www.facebook.com/
BuckdenTowersStHughOfLincoln](https://www.facebook.com/BuckdenTowersStHughOfLincoln)

SATURDAY TEA ROOM— VOLUNTEERS !!!

Could you volunteer on a monthly basis,
the last Saturday of the month, to get the
Saturday tearoom up and running again. If
you think you can help email:

st_hugh_of_lincoln@buckdentowers.com

CLARETIAN DAY VOLUNTEERS

We have sent volunteer sign up sheets
out and this week we have large sign up
sheets at the back of the church—so you
can sign up directly on them. Printed
sheets are also at the back of church to
fill in so do sign up for what you can help
with.

SUMMER SESSIONS IN THE GARDEN 23rd and 30th August 2026

The first weekend of Music was greatly
received, with a great atmosphere.

The Summer Sessions are the perfect way
to while away a few hours on a warm
Sunday afternoon. Bring your friends and
family—all ages are welcome.

Visit buckdentowers.com for event
details and ticket link.

With all profits going to Buckden Towers
& The Angels Foundation UK

PARISH FEEDBACK FORM

We would still like any further feed-
back, so please fill in a feedback form if
you can.

Please scan the
QR CODE to
complete the
form and
provide the
feedback for us
to support you.



SUMMER FETE At Buckden Towers Saturday 15th August 12-5pm

If you're looking for something for the
whole family this weekend, why not
pop along to our Summer Fete at
Buckden Towers.

It's a free entry event, with stalls,
games, bouncy castles - as well as a
fully licensed bar, food trucks, live
music and much more.

Have faith!

16 AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY *Plus*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

The Mother of the Son



She who embraced Jesus as a vulnerable child also embraced him as the man who had fulfilled his mission through suffering.

The death of Jesus plunged Mary into the most intense anguish that has ever been lived by a human being, except for Jesus himself. She is truly the compassionate mother. Her heart is pierced by the suffering and death of her son in and through whom all human anguish is lived. The purity that made Mary the mother of the child Jesus also made her the mother of the man of sorrows. She who could not wound her son was most sensitive to his wounds. Therefore she, whose peace was deepest, also lived in the deepest anguish. Her anguish and the anguish of Jesus are as intimately connected as her peace was connected with

the peace of Jesus. Peace and anguish are both part of her motherhood...

Mary calls me back to where I'm most want to be: to the heart of God which, as you know, is also the heart of the world. She calls me to let the passion of Jesus become my passion and his glory become my glory. She calls me to move beyond the dos and don'ts of the morally correct life into an intimacy with God where I can live the sadness, pain and anguish of this world while already tasting the gladness, joy and peace of the glorified Lord... She will teach us at every moment of our lives how to choose the narrow road and so become more and more disciples with a heart [which is] broken for the world.

Henri Nouwen, *Jesus and Mary: finding our sacred centre*

God of joy and mercy, lift those who feel forgotten and downtrodden, hungry and hopeless. May we celebrate your love.  Amen.

God's Mother – and ours

"It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles... it was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God."

St John Damascene (675-749)

In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together.

Pope Leo XIV



Feast of the week Wednesday 19 August

Blessed Hugh Green (c. 1584-1642)

Blessed Hugh Green was a courageous English priest and martyr, whose life bore witness to steadfast faith amid persecution. Born in London and raised Anglican, he converted to Catholicism and studied at Douai College, France, where he was ordained in 1612. Returning to England, he served covertly as chaplain at Chideock Castle, ministering to Catholics in Dorset during a time of intense repression. In 1642, while attempting to obey a royal edict banishing priests, he was arrested and condemned for his priesthood. His execution in Dorchester was brutal, yet he remained serene, offering absolution to fellow prisoners before death. Beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929, Hugh Green is remembered as a symbol of fidelity, mercy and pastoral courage. His example calls us to stand firm in faith, even when the cost is great, and to serve with compassion in the face of injustice.

READINGS

Today:
Apocalypse 11:19;
12:1-6, 10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56

Monday:
Ezekiel 24:15-24
Matthew 19:18-22

Tuesday:
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ezekiel 34:1-11
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ezekiel 36:23-28
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday:
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ezekiel 43:1-7
Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
Romans 11:33-38
Matthew 16:13-20