



*In the Care
of the
Claretian
Missionaries*

Parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Some dates for your diary of activities taking
place here at the Towers.

Saturday 31st October 10am—2 pm

Pop up Coffee Shop in the teasshop. Sausage rolls,
scones and sweet treats.

Sunday 1st November

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

3PM BUCKDEN CEMETERY

Thursday 5th November

Fireworks at the Towers—5-8pm

Gates open at 5pm for the bonfire

There will be hot and cold food available, sweet
treats, glow sticks, soft drinks and a fully licensed

Friday 18th December 2025

Christmas at The Towers

5.30pm-8.30pm FREE ADMISSION

Carols/ Craft Stalls /Mulled Wine /Santa's Grotto /
Hot and Cold Refreshments /

Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows / Festive Song /
Aragon Singers / Lucy Lock

Also Young Entrepreneurs Market—we are
looking for any U16's Stall Holders — Stalls
available, please get in touch.

OVER 75's Christmas Lunch

Details to follow soon.

Christmas Day 2026 - Christmas Dinner

An Early Invitation - we wanted to mention this
early. Our parish and community would be very
happy to welcome **individuals or couples who
may otherwise be on their own at Christmas** to
join us for Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. If
you think you might like to join us, or know some-
one within the parish who might appreciate the
invitation, please speak to one of the priests or
drop us an email. There is no need to decide im-
mediately – we simply want people to know that
the invitation is there.

Date	Service Time	Intention
Sat 17th October 2026	6.00pm	Leigh Davis RIP
Sun 18th October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 10.00am	People of the Parish Joseph Laraia II RIP
Mon 19th October	9.30am	Peter Dorai Raj RIP
Tue 20th October	9.30am	Cathy Byrne RIP
Wed 21st October	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Thurs 22nd October	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Fri 23rd October	9.30am	Philip Croft RIP
Sat 24th October St Anthony Mary Claret	6.00pm	Betty Daniels RIP
Sun 25th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 10.00am	Special Intention People of the Parish

Wednesday Evening Mass

Wednesday Mass will be celebrated in the evening rather than in the
morning. During October, Mass will be at 7.00 pm.

During November we will try 6.30 pm to see how it works.

Altar Server Rehearsals, after the Mass in the church, there will be the oppor-
tunity for all young people who have made their First Communion, to find out
about being altar servers. We would like to have Altar Servers for both Satur-
day and Sunday Masses, so please speak to Fr Chris.

Join Us for Prayer - Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9.00am in the Claret
Chapel, before the 9.30am Mass.

Evening Prayer: 6.00pm in the Claret Chapel. On some evenings this will in-
clude Scripture reflection and other forms of prayer alongside the Prayer of
the Church. Both Morning and Evening Prayer are part of the prayer life of our
Claretian community, and **parishioners and visitors are very welcome to join
us whenever they are able.**

Confession: Saturday between 5.15pm 5.45pm.

November is the month of the Holy Souls - The month of November is dedi-
cated to remembering and praying for the Holy Souls in masses. You are invit-
ed to submit the names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for during this
month, by making a list and placing it in the envelopes available in the church
porch. Each day during November Mass will be celebrated for the deceased
and place the names of the departed will be placed on the altar.

First Holy Communion Programme

The FHC program continues this week, 18/10/26 with a children's session.

Confirmation Programme

Sunday 25th October at 6.30pm For anyone who didn't attend the pro-
gramme introduction meeting please come to this meeting.

Sunday, 1st November from 7.00–8.30 pm.

The 2nd session for the program *"Called and Chosen"*

SUNDAY *Plus*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I Year A****World Mission Sunday**

A young catalyst

World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, founded by Pauline Jaricot in 1819, before she was twenty-one. It is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies.

Pauline [Jaricot's] really distinctive contribution, which gives her claim to the title of foundress of the Society [for the Propagation of the Faith] was the practical, businesslike step of organisation taken in 1819... Each member was to find nine others who would combine with the first into a group of ten. One of the ten would be responsible

for collecting a sou [€0.05] from each member. Over every hundred groups was a chief collector, whose responsibility it was to bring or send the thousand sous [€50-€60] to headquarters each week...

Within a few months, however, Pauline Jaricot ran into a storm of abuse and opposition in clerical circles, the first of many such storms she was to encounter in her career. Her pastor ordered her to stop the work because, he said, it was controlled by a laywoman and therefore it was illicit. Pauline appealed to the vicar general of the diocese –

there was no bishop in residence at that time – and offered to stop the work if the vicar general thought her pastor right. He answered by telling her not to stop the work but rather to extend it...

The very success of the work caused the opposition to grow more intense and bitter, most of it coming from the pulpit with priests saying that young women should say their prayers and leave other ecclesiastical matters in clerical hands.

Thomas P. Neill, *They Lived the Faith: great lay leaders of modern times*



Ven. Pauline Jaricot © Wikipedia

Here I am, Lord. Send me to my family, community and world as a messenger of your love.  Amen.

They don't forget!

Bishop Joseph Dupont (1897-1911), nicknamed Moto Moto ("fire fire"), was the first Missionary of Africa to arrive in the village of Mashitolo in northern Zambia. He and his companions left Chilubi Island, paddled across the magnificent but hippo- and crocodile-infested waters of Lake Chifunabuli, pulled their canoe onto the shore and set up camp under a large, shady tree. The first white people whom the villagers had ever seen, they attracted considerable attention from the local Chiefs Chitembo,

Mwansakombe, Mulongwe and Mwewa and their subjects. Before long, Christianity was established in the region – and thrives today. Two hundred years later, however, those first missionaries are still remembered and celebrated in Lubwe's annual Kwanga ceremony.

I spent six years in Lubwe and the (relatively) nearby Kasaba, on the shores of Lake Chifunabuli and the Kasaba Lagoon – and will never forget being shown the very tree under which those first missionaries camped. People still talk of Moto Moto. They don't forget!

Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

While the whole Church is missionary, today we pray especially for those men and women who have left everything to bring the Gospel to those who do not know it. They are missionaries of hope among all peoples. May the Lord bless them!

Pope Leo XIV



Feast of the week Sunday 18 October

St Luke the Evangelist

St Luke was the beloved physician and evangelist whose Gospel reveals the compassionate heart of Christ. Luke's writing is rich with mercy: he alone gives us the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, stories that echo God's boundless love and call us to imitate it.

As a companion of St Paul and a careful historian, Luke bridges faith and reason, showing that the Gospel is not myth but lived truth. His attention to detail and inclusion of women, those who are poor and the marginalised reminds us that the kingdom of God is for all.

Luke's feast invites us to be healers in our own way, through kindness, listening and presence. May we, like him, proclaim Christ not only with words but with lives marked by mercy, inclusion and hope. Let us be Gospel people, writing love into the world one act at a time.

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

Monday:
Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday:
Ephesians 2:12-22
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday:
Ephesians 3:2-12
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday:
Ephesians 3:14-21
Luke 12:49-53

Friday:
Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday:
Ephesians 4:7-16
Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday:
Ecclesiastes 35:12-14, 16-19
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14