



The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

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Parish Priest: Canon Christopher Matthews

Assistant Priest: Canon Pat Munroe



Week commencing Sunday 24th August: Ordinary Time Week XXI.

Sat 23rd	BVM	11.00am 12.00 noon	Adoration Rosie Gallagher RIP
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	For Canon Pat's intentions
Sun 24th	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Margaret Colette Banville (<i>anniv. RIP</i>) Parishioners
Mon 25th	Saint Thomas of Hereford	12.00 noon 7.30pm	30th wedding anniversary <i>Living Water Prayers</i>
Tues 26th	Ferial	7.00pm	Jan Stofancik RIP MASS IN THE PARISH HALL
Wed 27th	Saint Monica	9.30am	John & Sheila Ridd RIP MASS IN THE PARISH HALL
Thurs 28th	Saint Augustine of Hippo	9.30am	Gerald Murray (<i>sick</i>) MASS IN THE PARISH HALL
Friday 29th	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	9.30am	Pauline Hutchinson RIP MASS IN THE PARISH HALL
Sat 30th	Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Martyrs	11.00am 12.00 noon	Adoration 50 th wedding anniversary – thanksgiving
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Elizabeth Margaret Leyden (<i>anniv. RIP</i>)
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION on SATURDAY 11.00am – 11:45am			
Sun 31st	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary time	8.30am 10.30am	Parishioners Vera Connell 97th B'day

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This coming week we commemorate the memory of several saints, two of which are important for our own Diocese. On Monday we keep the memory of Saint Thomas of Hereford, whose diocese covered parts of our own Diocese of Shrewsbury and the inverted leopard in our coat of arms comes from his family coat of arms. He inverted the leopard to show he had moved from the secular to the religious life. We ask him to intercede especially for Bishop Mark and all the clergy religious and lay faithful of our diocese.

Next Saturday we keep the memory of Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, all three ladies went to their death as martyrs for their Catholic faith. Margaret Ward came from Congelton in our Diocese, she entered service in London and was arrested for assisting a priest to escape from prison. Though tortured she refused to reveal the location of the priest or renounce her Catholic faith. Bishop Mark's immediate predecessor, Bishop Brian Noble, was ordained as Bishop of Shrewsbury on this day in 1995 (I was there as a very young 17-year-old in Saint Anthony's Wythenshawe). We ask Saint Margaret Ward to intercede for our Diocese, the parish of Congelton, and we pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Brian. Wishing you a blessed week ahead.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: Please note Mass is at 12 noon on Monday – enjoy the Bank Holiday!

CHURCH ROOF: a reminder that work begins to the church roof, around the sky lights on the right-hand side, on Tuesday. This means the church is CLOSED with weekday Masses being celebrated in the Parish Hall from Tuesday until Saturday and then again from Monday next week until the works are completed. Many thanks for your patience during this work and apologies for any inconvenience.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Our parish is on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram. Find us @rctimperley.

THINGS TO PONDER: Canon Chris has asked us to have a think and pray about the following: Establishing a Parish Pastoral Coordination Team. We are looking for new volunteers, in several areas, especially in adult catechesis, Children's RCIA, Readers, ExtraOrdinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Welcomers for Masses especially the 10.30am Mass, and in justice & peace issues. The establishment of a Parish Social Team to coordinate the social life of our wonderful parish. Alongside this we really need to look at some fundraising for our parish – we are extremely generous to the charities we support, but we are suffering a little as parish. We will hold a parish meeting on Tuesday 16 September (following the evening Mass) to explore some of these things in greater detail together. Thank you for your generosity of time and spirit.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our parishioners who have received their A Level, GCSE and BTEC exam results. We are very proud of all our young people. May you grow into the person God created you to be.

CAFOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a collection for CAFOD after all Masses on the weekend of 30/31 August. Please use a Gift Aid envelope if appropriate.

MARIAN LAMP: This week the Marian Lamp burns for a private intention.

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP: This week the Saints Lamp burns for the sick and housebound.

If you would like one of the lamps to burn for a week for a particular intention, please contact the Parish Office. A donation of £5 per lamp per week is recommended.

JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS: with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. On Saturday 15th November at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK JUBILEE DAY: will take place on Friday, 20th September at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. To enquire about groups/programme from our diocese attending, contact Caritas Shrewsbury at: info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk.

VENERATION OF THE FIRST CLASS RELICS OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX: will be held at the Carmelite Monastery in Birkenhead, 12 Grosvenor Place, CH43 1UA on Sunday September 28th at 3pm. All are welcome. For more information www.carmelitesbirkenhead.org.uk.

SHARING HOPE IN A BROKEN WORLD: An inspiring evening hosted by the Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis, featuring special guest speaker Mark Saunders. Date: September 13th, Time: 10:30am-2:15pm, Place: Saint Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport. Contact: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: please pray for Chloe L., Irini H, ZiNing Joseph Lin, John R., William C., AE B., Amrut, Sue O'M., Anna B., Valentine M., Jozef and Anna M., Niall O'H., Gerard, Jim & Bernadette S., Gerry B., Hannah H., Denis C., Kitty D., Seema Mc., Lisa C., Sam H., A.P., Jo R., Timothy M., Margaret B., May & John H., Anne L., Brian T., George Mc.; John R., and Berandette B.

CANON PAT WRITES: I had the privilege of celebrating my ordination as priest in 1975, which was also a Jubilee Year. That Holy Year was dedicated by Blessed Pope Paul VI for *"interior renewal and Reconciliation"* within the Catholic Church. What attracted me - and still does - to become a Priest of Shrewsbury Diocese was the call to mission. Over the past fifty years, I have experienced a richness of blessings through many people I have encountered along the way.

Last weekend, I officiated at my one and only wedding this year, in the Church of St. Catherine of Sienna, Wimborne in the Diocese of Plymouth. St. Catherine of Sienna, an Italian mystic and lay woman, theologian, Doctor of the Church, patron of Europe died aged thirty three declared: *"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."*

OFFERINGS: Thank you all very much for your offerings of **£590.62** (plus standing orders). We received **£0** for the livestream services and **£236.00** from the second collection. **Thank you so much for your generous hearts!**