



The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

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Lent Week II: Week commencing Sunday 1 March 2026

Sat 28th	Ferial	11.00am 12noon	<i>Adoration & Reconciliation</i> Val special intention
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	George McLaughlin RIP
Sun 1st	Second Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Neil Burnett RIP
		10.30am	Parishioners
Mon 2nd	Ferial	9.30am 10.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm	John Kirton RIP <i>First Reconciliation Penance Service</i> <i>Living Water Prayer Group</i> <i>First Reconciliation</i>
Tues 3rd	Ferial	7.00pm	Anne Cramer RIP
Wed 4th	Ferial	9.30am 7.00pm	Rina McDermott RIP 12 th anniv. <i>Station Mass at All Saint's</i>
Thurs 5th	Ferial	9.30am 7.00pm	No Mass Holy Hour and Adoration
Friday 6th	Ferial <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>	12noon 7.00pm	Bindu Edger health & wellbeing <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 7th	Ferial	11.00am 12 noon	<i>No Adoration or Reconciliation</i> No Mass
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Matthews Matthew RIP 32 nd anniv.
Sun 8th	Third Sunday of Lent	8.30am	John McDonald RIP
		10.30am	Parishioners

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Today, on this Second Sunday in the great season of Lent, we hear Saint Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Matthew tells us that the face of Christ shone like the sun. That Transfiguration of Jesus showed to those disciples who were with him, that he truly was the Son of God, his glory literally shone out of him. This Lent, we too are called to be transfigured, we are called to grow closer and closer to Jesus Christ. In this way our lives will be transformed, we will radiate the glory of God, we will be a beacon of light for others to follow.

I hope your Lenten journey is going well, if not don't be down hearted. Remember the Lord Jesus came to redeem us; so don't give up, try again, and remember that Lent is not a season to be miserable, but rather a season to rejoice in the love and mercy and hope of our God.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten week ahead.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: There are still places available and time to join us for our parish pilgrimage to Rome from Monday, May 25th to Saturday, May 30th, 2026. This spiritual journey is open to families, teachers, and everyone—perfect for half term! Led by Canon Chris and organised by Tangney Tours, you will explore Rome, visit the Vatican Museums, holy sites, attend Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica, visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where the late Pope Francis is buried, attend the Papal Audience and more. Please speak with Canon Chris if you are interested. Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of church.

LITURGY & PRAYER:

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: please pray for Chloe L., 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., B. S., Lisa C., K. C., Sam H., A.P., Jo R., Timothy M., Margaret B., May & John H., Anne L., Brian T., John R., Bernadette B., Roger P., Ajay E.; and Margaret L.

MARIAN LAMP:

This week the Marian Lamp burns for *Mary Anderson*

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP:

This week the Saints Lamp burns for *Women around the world*

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: begin at 7pm each Friday during Lent in church. Come and accompany our Saviour in His Passion, walking prayerfully with Him on His journey to the Cross. These Friday evenings offer a time of prayer, fasting, and reflection as we prepare for Easter. Thank you to the various parish groups who will lead us in prayer each week.

PARISH:

FANCY A NICE BREW AFTER SUNDAY MASS TODAY? Come and join us in the Parish Hall for a hot drink and a delicious cake and a catch up after a Sunday Mass today. It is a great way to enjoy some time together as a parish family. Everyone is warmly welcome!

BOOKSALE: At our next gatherings for coffee after Mass, on March 1st, our parishioner Brenda's books will be available to buy. In addition to her book of Rosary stories, "A Foretaste of Heaven", and "Interplay" which is a collection of poems, Brenda has had her reflections on the "Stations of the Cross" published, and this is available to help your Lenten journey. Cash sales only, but available online (details available on March 1st). Feel free to come and look!

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: The Lent Fast Day collection takes place after all Masses on 28 Feb/ 1 March. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Please use a Gift Aid envelope if appropriate. Thanks for your generous support.

SVP SOUP SOCIAL AFTER FRIDAY MASS: Join us for a Soup Social hosted by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, following Friday Mass. Everyone is welcome. Please note, there will be no social on Good Friday in April.

DATES FOR DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES: Wednesday 4th March at All Saints, Wednesday 11th March at Saint Hugh & Saint John (us!), Wednesday 18th March at Holy Family and Wednesday 25th March at Sacred Heart. Confessions & Adoration 6-7pm; Mass 7pm; Light Refreshments after Mass.

MOVING FROM CASH TO STANDING ORDER OFFERTORY GIVING: There has been a significant increase in bank charges for the processing of cash and cheques. We are looking at ways to reduce this increased cost; one way is for offertory donations to be given as a Standing Order or via the card machine instead. If you would like to make your offertory donation as a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for more details. If you are not interested in doing this, you can continue to give cash and we are extremely grateful for all offertory donations made, as this makes up the majority of our parish income.

CEILIDH & HOT SUPPER: Friday 27th March, 7:30pm – 10:30pm (doors open at 7pm) at Holy Angels Parish Hall. £10 per ticket/£25 per family (children up to 12 years old). **Booking essential!**

Music and calling by HopGoblin Ceilidh Band, a hot supper and cash bar. There will be a Raffle in support of CAFOD. Tickets available by email HACeilidh@talktalk.net or from Holy Angels' Parish Hall on a Tuesday afternoon at 'Coffee and Chat' 2.00pm-4.00pm.

ECUMENICAL:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026: A women-led, global, ecumenical, movement. This year the service has been prepared by Christian Women from Nigeria on the theme, *"I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME"*. It will take place at 2pm on Friday 6 March at Timperley Congregational Church, Heyes Lane, Timperley. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: We are trying something a little different this year. The walk will commence with brief worship at Saint Alban's on 3rd April at 9.30 am. We shall progress to Saint Hugh and Saint John's for a prayer pause and then to Holy Cross for the same. From there we shall go to the Congregational Church for an indoor service, organised by their Leadership Team, with members of other churches taking part. This service will last no longer than 45 minutes and will start at approximately 10.45. Come and join us!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TIMPERLEY: Ecumenical BYO Lent Lunches (Hot drinks provided). These will be held at the Congregational Church from 12.30 and will focus on pilgrimage and spiritual renewal. Please do come and support our 'new look' format. We shall welcome your feedback.

Friday 13th March - Oberammergau led by Helen Reeves (Congregational Church)

Friday 20th March - Walsingham led by Linda Goodchild (Timperley Parish)

Friday 27th March - Camino de Santiago led by Ann Drozdiak (Saint Hugh & Saint John RC Church)

APPEALS:

THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their mission for the re-evangelization of England. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. Cheques payable to COLW can be sent to House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org E: office@walsinghamcommunity.org T: 01362 692574.

CATECHETICS:

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: For children under 7 years of age: the next evening course will be on Thursday 7 May 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. *There will be no preparation course running in March and April due to Lent/Easter.* Book a place by emailing the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – LAST CALL: If **you** are in School Year 8 or above and wish to be Confirmed please write to Canon Chris at the Parish Office requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation and include **yours, and your parents, contact details.** It is for the young person to write themselves not their parents. Bishop Mark will be with us on Wednesday 6 May 2026 for the Mass of Confirmation. Please write before Sunday 8 March. Program details and dates will be sent out very soon after the closing date. Many thanks.

DIOCESE:

LENTEN COURSE: WE DARE TO ASK: This year's Lenten resource is inviting parishioners to prepare their hearts and minds to renew their Baptismal promises during the Easter celebrations. We stand to renew our Baptismal promises: to ask for his life, his grace and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to renew and restore our covenant relationship with Jesus, that we may live in an ever-deepening union with him as his baptised son or daughter.

Each week has also been split out and each of the sessions can be found here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask-session-three/>

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask-session-four

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask-session-five>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ROADSHOW: The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Management Team is hosting a roadshow to learn more about joining our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2026

Saturday 07/03/26 - Saint Patrick's, Wellington, Telford, TF1 3AP - 12.30pm - 2pm

FINANCE:

OFFERINGS: THANK YOU.

Sunday 22nd February £627.31. Plus, standing orders and card donations. Your consistent support is invaluable.

Thank you for your financial support of the parish.

WHAT'S ON:

Sunday 1 March:

9.30am Coffee & cake in the Parish Hall
10.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall
11.30am Coffee & cake in the Parish Hall

Monday 2 March:

7.00pm Irish dancing classes in the Parish Hall
7.00pm First Reconciliation in church
7.00pm SVP meeting in the small meeting room in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 3 March:

9.30am Exercise class in the Parish Hall
1.00pm Craft Group in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 4 March:

9.30am Toddlers group in the Parish Hall
10.30am Mothers' in Prayer in the church porch
6.00pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides in the Parish Hall
6.30pm Choir practise in Church
7.00pm Deanery Station Mass at All Saints (adoration & confessions from 6pm)

Thursday 5 March:

7.00pm Adoration, Holy Hour & Rosary in church

Friday 6 March:

12.30pm SVP Soup social after Mass
7.00pm Stations of the Cross in church led by *The Dads at St Hugh's*

Saturday 7 March:

Sunday 8 March:

10.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall

Could parish groups please keep the Parish Office informed of dates and times of meetings and events, so the diary is always accurate. Many thanks in anticipation.

Now that we are a one priest parish again, for any home communions, sick visits, Mass intentions, baptisms, funerals, RCIA, etc. please contact Canon Chris via the Parish Office.

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