



The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

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Easter Week VII: Week commencing Sunday 17 May 2026

Sat 16th	Ferial	10.30am	First Holy Communion
Sat	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	John Fraine RIP
Sun 17th	Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>Day of Special Prayer for World Communications</i>	8.30am 10.30am	Margaret Trunkfield 75 th Birthday Parishioners
Mon 18th	Ferial	9.30am 7.00pm	Michael Lynskey RIP (<i>Class Mass</i>) <i>Living Water Prayer Group</i>
Tues 19th	Saint Milburga	7.00pm	Secular Clergy Fund
Wed 20th	Ferial	9.30am	Sheila and John Ridd RIP
Thurs 21st	The Dedication of the Cathedral	9.30am	SPUC
Friday 22nd	Ferial	10am	Jozef 75 th B'day (<i>First Holy Communion Mass of Thanksgiving</i>)
Sat 23rd	Ferial	11am 12 noon	Adoration & Confessions Robert and Maureen Ryan 60 th anniv. of marriage
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Margaret Holohan RIP 60 th B'day
Sun 24th	Pentecost Sunday Day of special prayer for the Church	8.30am 10.30am	Comrie Family Parishioners

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

For a good number of years, we didn't hear the readings of this Seventh Sunday of Eastertide, as the Solemnity of the Ascension was moved to this Sunday. Thankfully the Ascension is back in its rightful place of 40 days after the Resurrection. We hear in the first reading how the Apostles returned to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room, and devoted themselves to prayer, and Mary the Mother of Jesus was with them. Right from the start Mary was there with the early Church giving us a pattern of prayer that continues to this day. It is a reminder that prayer is the foundation stone for all our lives, and Mary offers us an example to follow.

Yesterday, the third of our three First Holy Communion Masses took place. Congratulations to the 67 children who have received the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the First time over recent weeks. It has been a joy to accompany our children as they have grown in knowledge of the Lord and come to be nourished by Him. My thanks to all who have supported them to this point, especially their parents who are the first teachers of the faith. Thanks also to their teachers and to Mrs Capey who has done a wonderful job of coordinating it all!

Wishing you a blessed Easter Week ahead.

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., Niall O'H., Gerard, 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.; Benjamin C., Libby, Robert; Remy Jordan Paul, and Margaret L.

LATELY DEAD: Margaret Mary O'Connell whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 1 June, Val Mullins whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 4 June at 11am, and Bernadette Smith whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 5 June at 12 noon. All funerals will take place at Saint Hugh's. May they, and all the faithfully departed, rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shepherd.

MAY IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY: You are welcome to join us to pray the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes every weekday throughout the month at 7pm (6:45pm on Tuesdays).

MARIAN LAMP:

This week the Marian Lamp burns for *Special Intention*

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP:

This week the Saints Lamp burns for *Special Intention*

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.

PARISH:

OFFICE CLOSURE NEXT WEEK: Due to annual leave, the parish office will be closed next week. If you have an urgent enquiry, please leave a voicemail on 0161 973 1694.

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT: Saturday 6 June in the church hall. There will be pizza, puddings and soft drinks provided. You are welcome to bring your own alcohol. Doors open 7.15, first games start 7.30pm prompt. We have aimed for this event to be as inclusive as possible. None of the games require any specific skills or knowledge and are suitable for all ages (6 to Seniors). Tickets are being sold to cover the cost of the food and drinks. It is a "not for profit event" which we hope provides great value and lots of fun. Tickets need to be purchased in advance so that we can plan the catering, prizes and table layout. Adults £7, Children and teens £5, Families £20. Please come and join in the fun!

OUR LADY'S PROJECT: Our Lady has always had a special love for flowers, so at the invitation of Canon Chris the SVP Team have begun a little project around her statue near the car park. They have recently planted sunflowers, which you will soon see brightening the area, and we hope to make the surroundings even more cheerful. A bench has been placed there for anyone who wishes to relax, spend time in prayer with the Holy Mother, or simply watch the world go by. This is meant to be an ongoing project: planting flowers, painting the bench, restoring the statue, caring for the space, and sharing in the joy of nurturing something beautiful together. We hope the Mini Vinnies will join us too! Everyone is invited! We need story tellers, gardeners and entertainers!

HELP NEEDED: Are you a keen gardener or at least grass cutter? We need some help to keep our parish lawns in order this spring and summer. Huge thanks to David who has done it previously. If you can help, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you for the offers of help – they are much appreciated. There is always room for more volunteers after all many hands make light work!

WANTED/NEEDED: We are looking for unwanted garden furniture for outside the Parish Hall. Are you planning to upgrade your outside furniture this summer? Have you garden furniture you no longer need? Would you be willing to donate it to the parish? If so, please contact the Parish Office. Alternatively, would you be willing to sponsor new outdoor furniture for the parish? If so, please speak to the Office or to the

Canon. Many thanks in anticipation – thank you to the first of our donations waiting to be collected.

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION: is for Catholic Communication Network, which provides support, fellowship, and engagement for Catholics in the UK, focusing on students, young adults, and social action. **NEXT WEEK'S PARISH COLLECTION:** is to support our Sacrament preparation programs and the resources needed.

DIOCESE:

BISHOP MARK WRITES: "In the last week of May, our diocese will be privileged to host the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300th anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died at 29. There will be four locations across the Diocese; The Cathedral, Chester, New Brighton, and Stockport. See the poster for details. St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession."

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Canon Christopher, the Pilgrimage Director, has written to all parishes to tell them that the pilgrimage plane is now full. There are still places available to travel overland by coach and of course some pilgrims make their own travel arrangements and book to stay with the pilgrimage. If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our 75th anniversary year, please see the brochure www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY: are holding a day of reflection on Saturday 23 May at Shrewsbury Cathedral Chapter House. The day will include reflections from Father Sean Henry and Dr Kieran Moriarty. There will also be Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All Hospitality members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please, confirm your attendance to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk.

CATECHETICS:

SERIES OF CATECHESIS (TALKS) FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (14+) AND ADULTS: Everyone is warmly invited to a series of talks in our parish aimed to offer an itinerary of rediscovery of baptism for those already baptised. These talks are also offered to all those who wish to return to the faith or who are interested in Christianity. Join us in our Parish Hall every Tuesday and Thursday for 1 hour starting at 8pm. Come and listen!

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING: For children under 7 years of age: the next evening course will be on Thursday 4 June at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Book a place by emailing the Parish Office.

VACANCIES:

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT: This post is being funded by the Our Mission Together funds that the parish raised some years ago for this purpose. This specialised role will provide pastoral support to Canon Chris with particular emphasis on faith formation and some liturgical ministry. Hours: 15 per week @ £15 per hour, afternoons and evenings, with occasional Sundays. Closing date Friday 29 May 2026. Further details can be found via www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies . If interested, please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

FINANCE:

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your financial support of the parish.

A special Coffee After Mass fundraising event for Confirmation candidates' for CAFOD raised £229.80.

Sunday 10 May £598.38. Plus, standing orders and card donations. Your consistent support is invaluable.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: There are still plenty of envelopes left – please check if yours are there and collect them. If you no longer use envelopes, please let the Parish Office know. Many thanks.

WHAT'S ON:

Sunday 17 May:

10.30am Children's liturgy in the Parish Hall

Monday 18 May:

6.00pm Irish Dancing in the Parish Hall

7.00pm Parish Finance Team meeting

7.00pm Living Water's Prayer Group in church porch

Tuesday 19 May:

9.30am Exercise class in the Parish Hall

1.00pm Craft Group in the Parish Hall

8.00pm Catechesis in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 20 May:

09.30am Toddlers group in the Parish Hall

10.30am Mothers' in Prayer in the church porch

6.00pm Guide's, Brownies & Rainbows in the Parish Hall

6.30pm Choir Practise in church

Thursday 21 May:

8.00pm Catechesis in the Parish Hall

Friday 22 May:

Saturday 23 May:

Sunday 24 May:

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.

For any home communions, sick visits, Mass intentions, baptisms, funerals, RCIA, etc. please contact Canon Chris via the Parish Office.

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