



The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

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Parish Priest: Canon Christopher Matthews

Ordinary Time Week IX: Week commencing Sunday 31 May 2026

Saturday 30th May	Ferial	11.00am 12 noon	No Adoration No Mass
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday 31st May	The Most Holy Trinity	8.30am	Anna McNally Birthday
		10.30am	Trudy and Barclay Patoir RIP
Monday 1st June	Saint Justin	11am	Requiem Mass for Peggy O'Connell <i>7pm Living Water Prayer group</i>
Tuesday 2nd	Ferial	7.00pm	No Mass
Wednesday 3rd	Saint Charles Lwanga and companions	9.30am	Ints of Father Tomasz (Silver Jubilee of Ordination)
Thursday 4th	Ferial	11am 7pm	Requiem Mass for Val Mullins <i>Holy Hour, Adoration & Rosary</i>
Friday 5th	Saint Boniface	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Bernadette Smith
Saturday 6th	Ferial	11am 12 noon	Adoration and Confessions Ints of Father John Daly 55 th Ordination Anniversary
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday 7th June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	8.30am 10.30am	Bernard Kevin Roddy RIP John Creegan RIP <i>Followed by Eucharistic procession and Benediction</i>

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Today we keep the solemnity of Trinity Sunday, a reminder of the great relationship of love that exists between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The amazing thing for you and for me, is that we are invited into that relationship of deep and perfect love, to be united with our God who is pure love. As we celebrate this great feast, may we constantly seek the God who loves us, made us and sustains us.

Last week myself, Father John, and a number of our parishioners were in Rome on pilgrimage. We prayed for you all, and for our parish family. We asked the intercession especially of Saint Peter, Saint Paul and Saint Philip Neri (considered the third apostle of Rome). The highlight of the week was being in Saint Peter's Square for the general audience with our Holy Father, Pope Leo. We pray for him and ask the Lord to protect him as he guides and shepherds the Church here on earth.

Coming up this week is the first of the events organised by our new social team, a family games night. I hope you have got your tickets? I'm looking forward to a relaxed and fun evening with no skill involved! I hope to see you there.

Wishing you a blessed 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, Margaret L, and Bernadette B.

LATELY DEAD: Peggy O'Connell, Val Mullins, and Bernadette Smith. 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.

MARIAN LAMP:

This week the Marian Lamp burns for *Canon Chris (Ordination Anniversary)*

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP:

This week the Saints Lamp burns for *the Intentions Saint Hugh's School*

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI: This year the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ falls next Sunday, Sunday 7 June. At the end of the 10.30am Mass that day we will have a short Eucharistic procession from church to the Parish Hall for Benediction. Please join us if you can. You may want to bring some flowers or flowering plants to put in front of the altar in the hall as we celebrate this great Solemnity and the gift of the Eucharist.

PARISH:

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT: next 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 7.15pm, 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! Have you got your tickets yet?????

OUR LADY'S PROJECT: Thank you to the SVP who, at the invitation of Canon Chris, have begun a little project around Our Lady of Lourdes statue near the Parish Hall. They have recently planted sunflowers, which you will soon see brightening the area. This is 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!

PARISH HALL GATES: We are trialling leaving the main gates to the Parish Hall open permanently to be more welcoming. If you are using the Hall, there is no need to close the gates. Many thanks.

WE WELCOME Sister Teresa Wild today. Sister is a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph, and will be making an appeal on behalf of the Sisters' Missions Committee. This is a group of 12 Orders of Missionary Sisters. The Sisters live and work in many different parts of the world, witnessing to the love of Christ for his people in ministries of teaching, medical and health care, catechesis, social & pastoral work and so on. The Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph were founded in Rochdale by Allingham and companions. Their first overseas mission was in Sarawak and Sabah, East Malaysia, spreading later to countries in Africa and the Americas. Currently they serve in Kenya, Uganda & Ecuador as well as in UK.

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION: There will be one of our usual collections for CAFOD after all masses on 6/7 June. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if appropriate and thanks for your generous support for this worthy cause.

CAFOD PETITION: "Call on our Prime Minister to Tackle Global Debt Crisis." Low-income countries are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay even higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. Money that

should be spent on food, health care or education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it. CAFOD is organising a petition to appeal to the PM to do something about this issue. Please sign the petition. You can do this on the form in the church porch or online at "cafod.org" where more information is available about this matter. A letter from Cardinal Stephen Mulla of South Sudan explains the problems facing that country. This is posted on the CAFOD section of the notice board.

WORKS TO CHURCH: Following the successful work to repair the roof on the liturgical south side of the church, work will begin early June to repair the roof on the liturgical north side of the church around the sky lights. Also due to start soon are works to make the Confessional meet current safeguarding standards, along with re-hanging the original rood cross bought for the church. More news about this to follow soon.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE FROM FATHER TOMASZ: As I look back on this milestone of my priesthood, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for God's faithfulness and grace. Thank you to all of you, people of Saint Hugh & Saint John's parish who are my '*first love*' in Shrewsbury Diocese for your presence, prayers, cards, gifts, companionship, and constant encouragement I've received through your GENEROSITY and LOVE. It is a profound joy to share this journey and celebrate God's love with all of you. Please, be certain that I keep each of you and your families in my daily prayers. All these feelings and this atmosphere you have made last Sunday I will remember for ever. Once again, THANK YOU and GOD BLESS - Father Tomasz

DIOCESE:

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 a couple of 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

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.

FINANCE:

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

Our Parish of St Hugh & St John raised £3,112.51 in 2025 through the Red Boxes, including individuals giving directly. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. THANK YOU.

You raised generous £250.46 for the sacramental preparation programs collection at the weekend. The Midweek Coffee Morning Group made a donation of £25 towards the collection.

Sunday 24 May £638.18 plus, standing orders and card donations. Your consistent support is invaluable.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please collect your envelopes by the end of this weekend. If you no longer use envelopes, please let the Parish Office know. Many thanks.

WHAT'S ON:

Sunday 31 May:

10.30am Children's liturgy in the Parish Hall

Monday 1 June:

7.00pm Living Waters Prayer in the porch

Tuesday 2 June:

9.30am Exercise class in the Parish Hall

1pm Craft Group in the Parish Hall

8pm Catechesis in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 3 June

10.30am Mothers' in Prayer in the church porch

6.30pm Choir Practise in church

Thursday 4 June:

7pm Baptism Preparation meeting in the Parish Hall

8pm Catechesis in the Parish Hall

Friday 5 June:

12.30pm SVP soup social in the Parish Hall

Saturday 6 June:

7.30pm Games night in the Parish Hall (doors open 7.15pm – tickets available after Mass)

Sunday 7 June

9.30am Coffee and cake after Mass

10.30am Children's liturgy in the Parish Hall

11.30am Eucharistic procession & Benediction in the Parish Hall

11.45am Coffee and cake after Mass

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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