



The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

314 Manchester Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5NB

Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram. Find us @rctimperley

Parish Priest: Canon Christopher Matthews



Ordinary Time Week XVI: Week commencing Sunday 19 July 2026

Saturday 18th	BVM	11.00am 12 noon	Adoration and Confessions Michael Mcloughlin B'day
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Bill & Joe Byrne anniversary Mass
Sunday 19th	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Parishioners Cathy Maguire
Monday 20th	Ferial	9.30am	Dominic Swain RIP
Tuesday 21st	Ferial	7.00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday 22nd	Saint Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Sheila and John Ridd RIP (Mass in School for the end of the Academic Year – parishioners are very welcome)
Thursday 23rd	Saint Bridget, Patroness of Europe	9.30am 6pm 7pm	Alexis & Roger Paine Year 6 Leavers Mass <i>Holy Hour, Adoration & Rosary</i>
Friday 24th	Saint Sharbel Makhluf	9.30am	John Martin B'day
Saturday 25th	Saint James, Apostle	11am 12 noon	Adoration and Confessions Souls in purgatory & souls no one prays for
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Christine Hallinan RIP
Sunday 26th	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Emma Baptism B'day Parishioners

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Today we keep the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the summer is just around the corner! Our schools are getting ready to finish as the academic year draws to a close. We remember especially all those moving on to new schools, pupils and staff and we give thanks for the time they have spent with us at Saint Hugh's. We remember all those entering a new phase of their lives, particularly John, the Site Manager at Saint Hugh's School who retires after 32 years of service. I was delighted to be present for a reception last Thursday when we thanked John for his hard work and commitment to our school for so long. May he enjoy his retirement. We wish all our staff and pupils a restful break and look forward to their return on September.

A massive thank you to our Parish Social Team who organised the most amazing afternoon tea last Sunday as part of the SVP summer concert. Our Social Team did an awesome job and everyone went away fed and watered in the most delightful way! Watch out for more social events organised by our team – it would be amazing to see you at the next events.

Don't forget the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes sets off soon; if you would like candles lit, petitions taken or Masses said please see the inside of the newsletter for how this can happen.

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.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

MARIAN LAMP:

This week the Marian Lamp burns for *the Intentions of Luke*

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP:

This week the Saints Lamp burns for *Teachers*

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:

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL: I am delighted to share with you the outcomes of our recent Catholic Schools Inspection, which represents a remarkable achievement for our entire school community. The inspection process provided a comprehensive evaluation of our provision across 3 key areas: Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. I am immensely proud to report that Saint Hugh's has been recognised as **Outstanding** in all three areas assessed. This exceptional result is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, governors, pupils and parents ensuring that our Catholic ethos permeates every aspect of school life and that our vision for excellence is consistently realised. Our Catholic identity remains at the heart of all we do, shaping not only what we teach but how we teach and the relationships we foster with one another. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to this outstanding achievement. As we move forward, we remain committed to maintaining these high standards whilst continuing to develop and enhance our provision for all our pupils. If you would like to read the full report it can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.sthughstimperley.org/resources/728a37a2-17ba-41dc-8804-c4e64193014a>

Lisa Kelly Headteacher

A THOUGHTFUL REMINDER: As we enjoy the warmer summer months, please help us keep the parish hall and church facilities clean, tidy, and welcoming for everyone. When using the facilities, please remember to flush the toilets after use, and to empty bins and replace bin liners in the hall when needed. Used hand towels and nappies in the church WC must be placed in the correct bin provided — please do not put them in the wrong bin, as they will not be collected. Please leave the hall and church facilities as you would wish to find them, remembering those who will use them after you. Thank you for your help in caring for our parish buildings and for your thoughtfulness towards others.

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP! All friends, former members and parishioners are warmly invited to join Saint Hugh & Saint John's parish for a special anniversary celebration. We begin at 3pm with praise, worship and shared memories, followed by Mass of Thanksgiving at 4pm, then refreshments in the Parish Hall from 5pm. Come and give thanks, reconnect, and celebrate all God has done through the group over the past 40 years. We would be delighted to welcome both familiar faces and new friends. If you have a special memory or short testimony to share about what the Living Water Prayer Group has meant in your life, or if you plan to attend, please let us know. RSVP / testimonies: Brenda at bvackroyd@aol.com

WORKS TO CHURCH UPDATE: As you can see the scaffolding has been erected for the roof works, which all being well will take place Monday to Wednesday next week. After inspection of the works, the scaffolding can then come down. Parishioners should not be entering the church outside of Mass/service times whilst the work takes place. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

CONCERT, RAFFLE AND AFTERNOON TEA: the concert and afternoon tea was a great success. Over £700.00 was raised for the SVP. Thank you everyone who supported the SVP. We hope you had a lovely time!

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION: Parish collection for altar and church supplies. Please give what you can.

DIOCESE:

IN PREPARATION FOR THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, parishioners from across the Diocese are invited to join us for a special Pilgrimage Day at Saint Francis Church, Chester, on Thursday 17th September 2026, the Feast of the Stigmata of Saint Francis. Please see poster in Church for more details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Towards the end of the month Canon Chris, and some parishioners, will be heading to Lourdes for the Diocesan Pilgrimage. This year is our 75th anniversary and the pilgrimage has sold out, which is great news. If you would like him to take petitions to Lourdes please place them in a sealed envelope (no money) and write *Lourdes Petition* on the front. If you would like him to light a candle for you or a particular intention please place the intention with a donation in an envelope marked *Lourdes Candle*. If you would like a Mass celebrated in Lourdes then please place the intention with a donation inside an envelope marked *Lourdes Mass*. All these can be returned to the Parish Office before Sunday 26 July and he will take them with him. Canon Chris will of course remember you all to Our Lady of Lourdes.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ADOREMUS: will be held in London on Saturday 10 October. Anyone wishes to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group, please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice via email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Please see the poster in the porch.

EVENTS:

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO DO THE CAMINO? Got lots of questions? Lydia Ryan will be sharing her pilgrimage experiences on 31 July at 6pm in the Parish Hall at Saint Hugh's. There will be Camino related nibbles and tipples to enjoy! The talk is free to attend but donations would be very welcome! Lydia, together with her close family members will be taking part in the Coppatrek Challenge in September in the Lake district and would be delighted if you are able to support. www.justgiving.com/page/lydia-bowden-5.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WEBINAR: With the by-election for the Mayor of Greater Manchester set to take place on Thursday 30th July, Caritas Salford are hosting a webinar to raise awareness of Catholic Social Teaching and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. This free webinar will introduce you to the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching in an accessible way. If you wish to attend, please register via the link <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/cst-webinar/> - and please do share with anyone you think may be interested.

CATECHETICS:

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING: For children under 7 years of age: the next evening course will be on Thursday 3 September at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Book a place by emailing Hannah (pastoral@rcparishtimperley.org). Please note there will be no meeting in August.

FINANCE:

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

Sunday 5 July £491.20 plus Standing Orders (June total £3277) and Card Donations. Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) collection £255.10.

Sunday 19 July:

10.30am Children's liturgy in the Parish Hall

Monday 20 July:

6pm Irish Dancing in the Parish Hall
7pm Living Water Prayer in the church porch
7pm SVP meet in the Parish Meeting Room

Tuesday 21 July:

9.30am Exercise class in the Parish Hall
1pm Craft Group in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 22 July:

9.30am Mass is in school – there is no Mass in church today – join us at school – all welcome
10.30am Mothers' in Prayer in the Parish Hall
6pm Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in the Parish Hall
6.30pm Choir Practise in church

Thursday 23 July:

6pm Year 6 Leavers Mass in church

Friday 24 July:

Saturday 25 July:

Sunday 26 July:

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.

PARISH OFFICE: ☎ 0161 973 1694 ✉ info@rcparishtimperley.org 💻 www.rcparishtimperley.org
Hannah Capey-Allcock (Lay Pastoral Assistant): ☎ 07565 187510 ✉ pastoral@rcparishtimperley.org
Safeguarding officer: Mrs Pauline Powell 07764 247 165, **Health & Safety officer:** Martin Gallagher 07553 168 914
Canon Christopher Matthews: frchris.matthews@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

If you haven't already done so, please subscribe to the parish email system through our website. You can unsubscribe at any time.
The Shrewsbury Catholic Diocese is a Registered Charity, No 234025