



The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

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Ordinary Time Week XXI: Week commencing Sunday 23 August 2026

Saturday 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00am 12 noon	No Adoration Joan Robinson RIP
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	SPUC
Sunday 23rd	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Alan Fraser-Foster RIP Parishioners
Monday 24th	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle	9.30am 7pm	Val Mullins RIP <i>Living Water Prayer Groupn the church</i>
Tuesday 25th	Saint Thomas of Hereford	7.00pm	George McLoughlin RIP
Wednesday 26th	Ferial	9.30am	Martina Okumege RIP
Thursday 27th	Saint Monica	11.30am 1pm	Funeral Service for Derek Penny (Crematorium) Requiem Mass for Damien Ingram
Friday 28th	Saint Augustine	9.30am	SVP
Saturday 29th	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	11am 12 noon	No Adoration Secular Clergy Fund
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Patrick Francis Banville
Sunday 30th	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Parishioners Vera Connell

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week we keep the memory of a number of saints: Saint Bartholmew (who gives his name to the world famous Saint Barts Hospital in London), Saint Thomas of Hereford (from whom we get the inverted leopard on the diocesan coat of arms), Saint Monica (who prayed for the conversion of her son Augustine), Saint Augustine (after a wayward youth became one of the greatest bishops in the history of the Church), and the Passion of Saint John the Baptist (patron of our parish). All of the saints had a past but were called to be saints. You and I too have a past, but we also have a future, may that future be as the saint we are called to be. May all the saints pray for us.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead.

LITURGY & PRAYER:

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: please pray for Chloe L., ZiNing Joseph Lin, William C., AE B., Amrut, Sue O'M., Anna B., 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., Bernadette B., Roger P., Ajay E.; Benjamin C., Libby, Robert; Remy Jordan Paul, Margaret L, and Bernadette B.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MARIAN LAMP:

This week the Marian Lamp burns for Ng Kwan Tai, Maria Alice, Tam Tsz Kiu, Matthew

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP:

This week the Saints Lamp burns for Vocations

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:

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MP TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this: enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. Please visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide and righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

STATUE OF THE SACRED HEART: As a trial, we have put a votive candle stand in front of the Sacred Heart statue in the Baptistry. Please feel free to light candles (same donation as for the votives by Our Lady) and make your prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email alletizia@cafod.org.uk.

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).

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? Please email Hannah (pastoral@rcparishtimperley.org) for more information. From September, we will be running two programmes; one for adults wishing to be received into the Church, and one for non-baptised children aged 7+.

DIOCESE:

EXCITING NEW VACANCIES HAVE ARISEN WITHIN THE DIOCESE. The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) are recruiting for a Programme Coordinator and Team Member; both roles are full time based in Stockport. The Curial office is also looking to recruit an Accounts Assistant, full time, based in Birkenhead. CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 18 September. Further details for all vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website using this link <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>

FINANCE:

LAST WEEKS SECOND COLLECTION raised £331.56 for the upkeep of the parish hall with £30 donated from the midweek morning coffee group.

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

Sunday 16th August £588.27 plus Standing Orders (July total £3277) and Card Donations.

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