



The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

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Ordinary Time Week XXIX: Week commencing Sunday 18 October 2026

Saturday 17th	Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	Zuzana and family
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday 18th	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Special Prayer for World Missions</i>	8.30am 10.30am	Joan and Malcolm Machin 60th wedding anniversary Fred Murphy
Monday 19th	Saint Peter of Alcantara	9.30am	Intentions of Pope Leo
Tuesday 20th	Ferial	7.00pm	Nora and George McLaughlin RIP
Wednesday 21st	Ferial	9.30am	Jozef M RIP (Zuzana's dad)
Thursday 22nd	Pope Saint John Paul II	9.30am 7pm	Yearsley Family Intentions <i>Holy Hour, Adoration & Rosary</i>
Friday 23rd	Ferial	9.30am	Kieran Connolly RIP
Saturday 24th	Blessed Virgin Mary	11am 12 noon	No Adoration or Confessions No Mass
	First Mass of Sunday	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday 25th	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Bill Cavanagh RIP anniversary Josie Reynolds RIP

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Today is World Mission Sunday when Pope Leo invites us to both pray and support practically the work of mission, to share the faith with those around the globe. It is not just the clergy who are called to be missionary and bring Christ to the world. Each and everyone one of us is called at our baptism to be sharers of the Good News of Jesus Christ and to bring His message of hope, love and mercy to the whole world.

Last week Pope Leo underwent surgery for lung cancer. We are told the operation was successful, please continue to pray for the Pope and all those who are living with cancer. This afternoon I will be in Birkenhead presiding at the Wirral *Pause for Hope* service for all those affected by cancer, their families, friends and the dedicated medical staff caring for them. Pause for Hope was founded by Professor Ray Donnelly who is also the founder of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. I have been involved for many years and have both presided and preached at these services in Chester and the Wirral. These ecumenical services have been held up and down the country each year since 1999. It is a moment to simply pause and hope. For more information see www.pauseforhope.org

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., Anna M., 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.

LATELY DEAD: Theresa Bates and Clifford Farby. May they rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shephard.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

MARIAN LAMP:

This week the Marian Lamp burns for Mike Canniffe

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP:

This week the Saints Lamp burns for Pope Leo

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:

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED: Our Parish family is in need of volunteers for various roles to serve our community: *Thank you to those who have already volunteered.*

- Parish Safeguarding Representative – we have one volunteer, it would be great if someone else would be willing to work as part of team.
- ExtraOrdinary Ministers of Holy Communion - we've had a couple of volunteers so far – thank you so much – more still needed.
- We are desperately looking for a volunteer to manage our social media accounts. Interested? Contact the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 31 October – all hands on deck – Parish Hall 'spit n polish'.

We are inviting everyone to come and give a helping hand to tidy up our Parish Hall. We need people willing to paint, clean, tidy, sort, organise. Everyone can help! Tea, coffee, soup and all materials provided.

More details to follow, but save the date.

NEEDED: Are you an electrician or a plumber? Or can you recommend a good electrician and plumber? We are not asking for free work. We need good reliable tradesmen to complete a number of jobs around the parish property. Please contact Canon Chris. Many thanks in anticipation.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sunday 29th November after 10.30am Mass until 2pm. Saint Hugh & Saint John Christmas Fair. All proceeds to improving the kitchen and storage facilities and the hall acoustics.

Initial ideas include: Mince pies and mulled wine, Irish coffees, Christmas cards and decorations, New and nearly-new stall, Face painting, Handmade gifts, Cake sale, Raffle, Bottle and chocolate tombolas, Bacon and sausage butties, Activities for kids e.g. bracelet making, Fairtrade stall.

There is a poster at the back of church so you can add your own ideas. It would be great if our various parish groups could volunteer to run their favourite stall. There will also be a box at the back of church for donations for raffle, tombolas, new and regifting items. Many hands make light work.... Please join in and help make this a fun event and a great start to Advent.

MISSIO COLLECTION: Today is World Mission Sunday which is celebrated by parishes worldwide. By supporting Missio - the Pope's charity for world mission - we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of the mission and give what you can to

this vital collection. There are Missio envelopes in church today and you can also donate using the card machine or visit missio.org.uk. Please Gift Aid your donation if possible. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Following consultation with the Bishop the Saturday evening Mass will move to 6pm from the beginning of Advent. There will be no changes to our Sunday morning Mass times.

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE:

Envelopes for your November Lists will be available at the back of church. Please place inside the envelope a list of those deceased loved ones you wish to pray for, include a donation, and place them in the November Box in front of the altar. We will pray for all those named in the November Box at Mass each day and Mass will be offered twice a week for all those names during this month of Remembrance.

The Blessing of Graves will take place at Dunham Cemetery on Sunday 1 November at 3pm. After a short time of prayer the graves of your families and loved ones will be blest by one of the priests from the Local Missionary Area. All are welcome but do wrap up warm – Canon Christopher was freezing last year!

Also, join us for our **Parish Bereavement Service** on Sunday 8 November at 3pm in church followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome. The families of those whose funerals have taken place at Saint Hugh & Saint John in the last year will receive an invitation to join us too.

CATHECHETICS:

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING: For children under 7 years of age: the next evening course will be on Thursday 5th November at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Book a place by emailing Hannah (pastoral@rcparishtimperley.org).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: If your child is baptised, in Year 3 and above but not in Catholic school and would like to prepare to receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion please contact Hannah (pastoral@rcparishtimperley.org) before Sunday 18 October. Many thanks.

DEANERY & DIOCESE:

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS (SMCYA) is a community for young adults aged 18–35 across South Manchester, based at Saint Vincent's RC Church, Altrincham. Our upcoming dates are 17 October, 7 & 21 November, and 5 & 19 December. For more information, please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN – SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER: All welcome. Saturday 24th October 11am – 1pm, Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA (meet at the Stanley Mount bus stop just before 11am). Any queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA by air from Manchester 11th - 15th June 2027. Accommodation half board in 4* Hotel. Cost £695 per person sharing. Single room £795. Pilgrimage organiser Northern Star Travel with Canon Pat Munroe as Spiritual leader. Further information: info@northernstartravel.com 0161 773 2115.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN FINANCE OFFICE: The Diocese is aware that an overseas priest who previously served in the Diocese has been seeking financial support for work in Nepal. While we recognise the desire to assist those in need, the Diocese would not recommend responding to fundraising requests of this nature. Those wishing to support relief efforts in Nepal are encouraged instead to donate through CAFOD's emergency appeal, which is supporting the work of Caritas Nepal. Any contribution would be gratefully received. <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies>

FINANCE:

OFFERINGS: Sunday 11 October £582.55 plus Standing Orders (September total £4206.32) and Card Donations (September total £517.70). Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT'S ON:

Sunday 18 October:

10.30am Children's liturgy in the Parish Hall

Monday 19 October:

10am Coffee after Mass in the church porch
6pm Irish Dancing in the Parish Hall
7pm Living Water Prayer in the church porch
7pm SVP Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room

Tuesday 20 October:

9.30am Exercise class in the Parish Hall
1pm Craft Group in the Parish Hall
5pm Ballet class for adults in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 21 October:

9.30am Toddlers in the Parish Hall
10.30am Mothers' in Prayer in the Parish Hall
6pm Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in the Parish Hall
6.30pm Choir Practise in church
7pm OCIA in the church porch

Thursday 22 October:

10am Coffee after Mass in the church porch
10.30am Deanery Clergy Conference in the Parish Hall
7pm Rosary & Holy Hour in church
7pm Neocatechumenate in the Parish Hall

Friday 23 October:

Saturday 24 October:

2pm Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality AGM in Saint Columba's Chester

Sunday 25 October:

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.

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