The Parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John

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Ordinary Time Week XXXII: Week commencing Sunday 8 November 2026

Saturday 7th	**Ferial**	**11am** **12 noon**	**NO Adoration or Confessions** Paul Zhonglin Hu
	First Mass of Sunday	**6.30pm**	Steve Meakin RIP
Sunday 8th	**Thirty second Sunday in OT** *Day of Special Prayer for All Victims of War*	**8.30am** **10.30am** **3pm**	Parishioners Wolfenden and Fisher families Bereavement Service (*not a Mass*)
Monday 9th	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer**	**9.30am**	Theresa Bates RIP
Tuesday 10th	**Saint Leo the Great**	**7.00pm**	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11th	**Saint Martin of Tours**	**9.30am**	NO Mass – *Canon Chris is on a Clergy Safeguarding Training Course*
Thursday 12th	**Saint Josaphat**	**9.30am** **7pm**	Holy Souls *Holy Hour, Adoration & Rosary*
Friday 13th	**Ferial**	**9.30am**	Peter Coffey RIP
Saturday 14th	**BVM**	**11am** **12 noon**	Adoration and Confessions John Ulahanna and Theresiamma VI
	First Mass of Sunday	**6.30pm** **8pm**	Catherine Faragher RIP NeoCatecumenate Mass in Parish Hall
Sunday 15th	**Thirty third Sunday in OT** *Safeguarding Sunday*	**8.30am** **10.30am**	Parishioners Charles and Michael Commissiong RIP

Canon Christopher writes:
Welcome to this week's newsletter.

The month of November is a month of remembrance. It is during this month that we remember all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We pray for the repose of their souls, and pray for all those who have lost loved ones; we pray for healing and peace for all those who grieve. Last Sunday we gathered with our neighbouring parishes of Saint Vincents and Holy Angels to bless the graves of loved ones in Dunham Cemetery. This afternoon we gather as a parish family to pray for all those who have died, particularly those who have died in the last twelve months from our parish. We remember all those lay faithful, clergy and religious who have served our parish of Saint Hugh & Saint John over the years, we remember all the Masses celebrated and the prayers said on our church buildings. We also pray for all those names placed in our November Box before the altar. May all those who have died rest in peace and rise in glory. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

This coming Wednesday I will be attending a clergy safeguarding training day. Keeping safe all those who come through our doors must be a priority for all of us. I am very grateful to our two new safeguarding volunteers who are now receiving training to support our parish in keeping everyone safe, especially those who are vulnerable. Please keep this important area of Church life in your prayers.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead.

LITURGY & PRAYER:

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: please pray for Carole C, 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: Barbara Clitheroe. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 18 November at St Hugh's. May she rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shephard.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

MARIAN LAMP:

This week the Marian Lamp burns for the Faithful Departed

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN LAMP:

This week the Saints Lamp burns for John Columb and his family

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:

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE:

Envelopes for your November Lists are 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.

Also, join us for our **Parish Bereavement Service** this afternoon, 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.

PARISH CENTRE SPIT 'n' POLISH: A massive thank you to all those who came along last Saturday to help us to refresh and renew *our* Parish Hall, and to those who have come during the week to help complete a few of the projects. Those who came worked so hard. A huge thank you to the young and the many not so young volunteers who came and gave their time – your efforts benefit us all. Canon Chris is particularly grateful to Celia and Jim McNally for planning, organising and feeding everyone! Last Saturday those volunteers who came put two coats of paint on the hall walls, painted the skirting boards, put two coats of pain on the new picture rail, two coats of paint on the meeting room, a first coat of paint on the foyer walls, emptied, cleaned inside and out, and reorganised the kitchen cupboards, moved the washing machine, fitted a new cup cupboard in the kitchen, fitted a new hot water boiler, emptied and reorganised the cleaners cupboard, cleaned all the hall chairs and tables, cut the grass, picked up the litter, hoovered and brushed up the leaves, tidied the Parish Hall garden and left the whole site looking amazing. THANK YOU! There is still more to be done, so watch out for how *YOU* can help in the new year.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Saturday 28 November 2pm – 4pm in church. This is for new and exisiting Altar Servers. Please contact Hannah (pastoral@rcparishtimperley.org) to let us know you are attending. Also, we are hoping to organise a panto trip on Sunday 3 January for our Altar Servers to say '*Thank you*' for their hard work through out the year. Please see the sign up sheet in the sacristy or speak to Hannah.

SAINT HUGH & SAINT JOHN PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sunday 29 November after 10.30am Mass until 2pm. Please add your ideas on the poster at the back of church. 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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL FROM MEDZUGORJE: They are free for anyone who would like to take one.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER AFTER MASS: Canon Christopher has invited members of the Living Water Prayer Group to be available after the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses on the last Sunday of the month to pray with anyone who would welcome prayer, whether for a personal intention, a difficult situation, healing, peace, or simply a sense of God's presence in their lives. You are warmly invited to come forward if you would like prayer. Our Prayer teams will offer a quiet, caring and confidential space where you can share as much or as little as you wish. There is no need to explain everything or have the right words. Simply come as you are. Whatever is on your heart, you are welcome. The prayer teams will next be available on Sunday 29 November.

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.*

- *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.

CATHECHETICS:

SAINTS' CLUB: As we do every November, we will celebrate ALL THE SAINTS! You are invited to join us dressed as one of your favourite saints or bring a prop to represent your chosen saint. The Saints' Club is for children of all ages, but it is also open to everyone who is young at heart and loves children's books. Join us on Zoom on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 4.30 pm Meeting ID: 845 4261 5048 Passcode: 919038. Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84542615048?pwd=anzU62QaZwRWjvRTfILXa7iXb5ij5M.1

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING: For children under 7 years of age: the next evening course will be on Thursday 3rd December at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Book a place by emailing Hannah (pastoral@rcparishtimperley.org).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: For all our children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion there is an opportunity during the 10.30am Mass (term time only) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is more age appropriate. Canon Christopher invites our children forward at the beginning of Mass, to gather with him, before he sends them out to listen to God speak to them through the scriptures in an age appropriate way. All our children are welcome – very young children may want to bring mum or dad with them too!

DEANERY & DIOCESE:

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS (SMCYA) is a community for young adults aged 18–35 across South Manchester. Email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com or see the poster in the porch.

CAFOD QUIZ AND CHILLI NIGHT: Saturday 14 November in Saint Joseph's Parish Centre, Hope Rd, Sale M33 3BF. Doors open 7.00pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Price £12 includes meat or veggie chilli or non-spicy option. Bring your own drinks but tea and coffee available during the break. Please book now by email: cafod.sjhf@gmail.com or phone 07958025886. Pay on the door.

ALTRINCHAM BAPTIST CHURCH VACANCY: Our neighboroughs are looking for a Finance Administrator. For more details, please visit https://www.altrinchambaptist.org/vacancies.

JESUS YOUTH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: 10 November. See the poster in the porch. To sign up for the adoration slots throughout the day and night please visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecL-k-BZHgctrIkwxX7SliDngwMrX2V0ficGbn8-D40dSQmQ/viewform.

FINANCE:

OFFERINGS: Sunday 1 November £511.50 plus Standing Orders (October total £3274) and Card Donations (September total £517.70). The Clergy Education and Training Fund collection: £209.71.
Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT'S ON:

Sunday 8 November:

10.30am	Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall
3pm	Parish Bereavement Service in church followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

Monday 9 November:

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

Tuesday 10 November:

8am	Drain and gully cleaning – *please park avoiding any gullies or drain covers*
9.30am	Exercise class in the Parish Hall
1pm	Craft Group in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 11 November:

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

Thursday 12 November:

7pm	Rosary & Holy Hour in church
8pm	Neocatecumenate in the Parish Hall

Friday 13 November:

Saturday 14 November:

8pm	Neo Catechumenate Mass in the Parish Hall

Sunday 15 November:

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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