

The Catholic Parish of
ST HUGH & ST JOHN

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WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 11th March 2018

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| Sat | Vigil | 6.30pm | Christina Carey RIP |
| Sun | 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) Year B | 8.30am | Parishioners |
| | | 10.30am | John and Mary Lucey RIP (anniversary) and we also remember Karen Storrow |
| Mon | St Constantine | 9.30am | Jackson family (SVP intention) |
| Tues | St Maximilian | 7.30am | Holy Souls |
| | | 7.30pm | Mandy, Mary & Gerard Crawford |
| Wed | Ferial | 9.30am | Frank Collins RIP |
| Thur | Saint Matilda | 9.30am | Richard Fernandez RIP |
| Fri | St Louise de Marillac | 12.15pm | Ernest & Freda Sheerin RIP |
| <i>(Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 11.00am to 12 noon and 5.45 to 6.15pm)</i> | | | |
| Sat | St Patrick, Patron of Ireland Vigil Mass | 12.15pm | James Biesty RIP |
| Sun | 5th Sunday of Lent | 6.30pm | Sean O’Kane (RIP) |
| | | 8.30am | Margaret Quinn RIP (anniversary) |
| | | 10.30am | Parishioners |

Fr. Pat writes: “My favourite image of God in the Old Testament is that of a Mother who never forgets her children; yet ‘even if she does I will never forget you’. This fourth Sunday of Lent when we celebrate Mothering Sunday has a deeply religious tradition going back to the 17th century. At a time when many children worked as house servants, they were allowed home to be reunited with their mothers, usually meeting at Church. Today we remember all mothers with gratitude for the love they give in their own families and within the family of the Church.”

IRISH NIGHT will be held in the parish hall on St Patrick’s Day, 17th March 2018 after the evening Mass. Music with Breffni O’Brien, Irish singers, set dancing, food and drink. Entry £5.00 to cover costs. Contact Mary Tansey on 969 3945 for details or to offer help.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER: Currently over 70 parishes have raised £8.65 million in pledges to the fund established by our Bishop for three areas of mission in our Diocese: support for the increasing number of retired priests and a new generation of priests for the future; ‘Caritas Shrewsbury’ the social mission of our Diocese; and a project that is specific to individual parishes. Material relating to this is available to all parishioners. Support for the current and indeed future mission of the Church is always voluntary, never binding, and the gift is always at the discretion of the giver. Please be mindful of this in considering how you can support this appeal.

LENT FOOD COLLECTION. This year our parish Lent food collection will be for Cornerstone and The Wellspring Day Centres. Donations can be brought to church from Sat 10 March to Sun 18 March. “Shopping lists” of required items are available in the porch. Please leave your gifts in the box there. Visit their websites at www.cornerstonecds.org.uk www.thewellspring.co.uk to find out more about these organisations or contact Ed Murphy at em4@onetel.com or on 973 3766.

DO YOU GIFT AID BY STANDING ORDER? If so we now have small sets of gift aid envelopes which you can use for special collections, such as Christmas & Easter. If you would like a set of these envelopes, please either contact Terry Goodill t.goodill@ntlworld.com or tel **0161 282 8437**.

The NEWMAN ASSOCIATION exists to promote greater understanding of the Christian Faith and the application of its principles. The local programme of talks for this season is on the notice board by the toilet in the porch. First talk on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm by the Bishop of Salford. All welcome, new members especially. For further information, contact Michael Crawley on 973 9333.

EASTER MUSIC APPEAL. Due to holidays, we find ourselves very short of musicians (especially pianists) and singers for the Easter services, i.e. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Sunday Masses. If you can help **PLEASE** make yourselves known through the parish office.

READERS AND MINISTERS are asked to sign up as soon as possible for Easter services on the noticeboard please, and will the **ALTAR SERVERS** please sign up in the sacristy. Save Julia from panicking!

CANTORES OECUMENICA are performing *Olivet to Calvary* at Holy Angels on Sunday 25th March at 4pm - free entry but proceeds of a collection will be split between charities. See noticeboard for details.

SERRA. Fr Paul Lomas speaks on "The influence of St Paul on the Church" on 15th March after 7.30 Mass at Christ Church, followed by a light supper and the talk. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (428 9103) beforehand.

COLLECTIONS. Thank you for last week’s Offertory: **£1,161.94** plus standing orders.