

The Catholic Parish of  
**ST HUGH & ST JOHN**

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**WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

Sat	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Eileen and Patrick Fleming RIP
Sun	<b>First Sunday of Advent year C</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Banville family RIP
	Ferial	<b>10.30am</b>	Eileen Lucey RIP
		1.00pm	Baptism Byrne family
Mon	St Francis Xavier	8.30am	Tommy McPartlan RIP. There will be a Service of the Word and Communion at 0930.
Tue	St John Damascene	<b>7.00am</b>	For a successful outcome for St Hugh's school
		7.30pm	Johnny Regan (sick)
Wed	Ferial	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Souls
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Weekly Advent Holy Hour
Thur	St Nicholas	9.30am	May Routledge RIP
Fri	St Ambrose	12.15pm	Joe Gillespie (for a successful recovery)
<b><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday morning 11.00-12.00 noon and 5.45- 6.15pm.</i></b>			
Sat	The Immaculate Conception	12.15pm	Holy Souls
	Vigil Mass	<b>6.30pm</b>	Peggy Boyle, Maggie Hulme RIP Anniversary
Sun	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Daniel Cobbledick birthday anniversary
		<b>10.30am</b>	Parishioners

**Fr. Pat writes:** The Season of Advent, which begins today, has a special appeal for me. It is a time to look back to the first coming of Jesus, to look forward to his second coming, but most importantly to recognise that Jesus is coming to us in the now. Bishop Mark, in his Advent Pastoral Letter, invites us in the coming year to focus on our call to holiness. Holiness is what makes the living out of our faith more attractive. 'Home is a Holy Place, a Prayer for Advent' is posted on our website. Why not include 'wishing you a holy Christmas' when writing your cards this year?

**ADVENT IN OUR PARISH:** During Advent, there will be an Early Mass each Tuesday at 7.00 am. This Tuesday, 4th, the special Intention will be for a good appointment as Headteacher for St. Hugh's Primary School; interviews will take place that day. Each Wednesday there will be a Holy Hour, 7-8.00 pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. A Service of Reconciliation with opportunity for personal Confession will be held on Monday, 17th December. There are also Advent prayer booklets and other publications available at the back of Church.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING:** It was wonderful to welcome 35 young people with their parents for the Introductory Meeting last Thursday night. The preparation meetings will begin on Thursday 10th January. If anyone feels they have missed out, let us know **NOW**; for once we start it will be too late for this series

**PARENTS MEETING FOR FIRST SACRAMENTS:** The first Meeting takes place on Thursday, 7.00 pm beginning with a short Liturgy in the church.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** is happening this weekend, all are welcome and helping hands especially so.

**GREETINGS CARDS CAMPAIGN FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE.** Greetings cards to support prisoners of conscience, their families and others who are abused for their beliefs will be on sale at all Masses on 8/9 December next week. The cost will be £1.40 per card. Thank you for your generous support in the past for this campaign.

**ALPHA IN OUR PARISH.** The first series, which concluded last Thursday, was a great success. An average of 35 people came together over 11 weeks and enjoyed the presentations, to delicious food and good company. This is not an ending, but a new beginning with the forming of friendships within the parish which will enable us to flourish. Another series will begin in the Spring. A big thank you to those who helped with the organisation and smooth running.

**TELEPHONE.** We have been promised (yet again) that repairs will be completed on 5th December 2018.

**MISSIO (Red Box).** It's collection time again. Promoters should be calling to empty your box in the next couple of weeks. If you have any problems, please contact your promoter or Margaret White on 941 5676. You can also bring your red box to Church but please inform your promoter or Margaret. Thank you all for your support for the Missions.

**CAFOD World Gifts.** The catalogues have arrived and will be in the porch for the next couple of weeks. There are stocking fillers for you, and some essentials for someone in the third world. Please pick up a catalogue on the way out and consider giving the 'alternative' Christmas present.

**LOOKING AT LUKE.** On Thursday 13th December 7-8.30pm at Sacred Heart there is an introduction to St Luke's Gospel since we are following it in our Sunday readings this year. See poster.

**REFUGEES AND MIGRATION: A CAFOD perspective.** A talk by Richard Sloman, CAFOD International Programme Officer on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 2pm at St Hilda's Parish, Kenworthy Lane, Northenden, Wythenshawe, M22 4EF

**ALL SAINTS CHOIR CONCERT** is on Sat 8th December at 7pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Tickets are £5.00 and proceeds go to the church roof fund. All welcome.

**COLLECTIONS.** Thank you for last week's offerings £1071.91 plus standing orders. The Clergy Education fund raised £566.39 so far. This weekend is the collection for the SVP.