

The Catholic Parish of
ST HUGH & ST JOHN

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WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 25th November 2018

Sat	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Brion Xavier and Thresiamma Xavier RIP
Sun	Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King (Youth Sunday)	8.30am	Parishioners
Mon	Ferial	10.30am	Gerard Norris, Ernest Sheerin, Frieda Smith nee Sheerin RIP
		9.30am	Philip Greenough RIP (anniversary)
		12.30pm	Funeral Mass for Maria Gavin
Tues	Ferial	7.30pm	Sven Thoren (sick)
Wed	Ferial	9.00am	Holy souls
Thur	Ferial	9.30am	Michael O'Connell RIP
Fri	St Andrew, Apostle	12.15pm	Irene Brandon RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday morning 11.00-12.00 noon and 5.45- 6.15pm.

Sat		12.15pm	Carmel Phelan (SVP Intention)
		1.00pm	Baptism Rowe family
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Eileen and Patrick Fleming RIP
Sun	First Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Banville family RIP
		10.30am	Parishioners

Fr. Pat writes: "One of the special initiatives we have introduced in St. Hugh's Primary School during the Year of the Eucharist is the opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Children in year 3, preparing for the celebration of First Eucharist, were introduced to this very special experience of praying in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist during the week. I was very impressed by their sense of reverence and prayer. Pope Francis, in one of his many messages to young people says: *"The Lord does not keep his distance, but he is near and real. He is in our midst and he takes care of us"*. This Sunday, National Youth Sunday, we pray that our children and young people may come to and develop a more personal and intimate relationship with Jesus, especially in the Eucharist. We welcome all our groups from the Scouting movement at Mass today, thanking God for their presence in our Parish and for the good that they do".

SEASON OF ADVENT. In preparation for Advent, which begins next Sunday, Fr. Pat will be going to a Day of Recollection for Clergy on Wednesday. **Please note that Mass on Wednesday will be at the earlier time of 9.00 a.m.**

We will have an early morning Mass 7.00am on each Tuesday of Advent, beginning 4th December. Since this is the day that the Governors will be interviewing for the post of a new Headteacher for St. Hugh's Primary School, the Mass intention will be for a successful outcome. Your presence at Mass would be particularly welcome. On the Wednesdays of Advent, beginning December 5th at 7.00pm there will be an Advent Holy Hour, during which there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We plan for a Service of Reconciliation on Monday, 17th December in the evening. As it is a busy season in the school, Fr. Pat will be leading an Advent Service of Reconciliation for years 4, 5 and 6 on this Tuesday.

ALPHA: On Thursday we have the final session in what has been a wonderful experience for our parish. We hope to run another series in Spring. Alpha is all about new initiatives for ourselves and for the parish. One such initiative is in having a bereavement support group which we look forward to starting in the new year. A big thank you for all who have helped with launching Alpha: the average weekly attendance was 35 people.

CONFIRMATION. The initial meeting for parents and candidates is in church at **7.30pm this Thursday 29th November**. A contribution of £5.00 towards costs is to be paid at this meeting. Please remember your forms if you haven't already sent them in.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION. The annual collection will be taken this weekend. Special envelopes are available, as is a leaflet about the fund which describes the different donation methods. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid.

CONCERT. We enjoyed the excellent performance by the Festival Wind Octet in the church last week, and we look forward to having them back. Thanks to David Cantillon for arranging it.

MISSIO. It's Red Box (Missio) 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.

DOWRY OF MARY. In preparation for the re-dedication of England and Wales to Our Lady of Walsingham in March 2020, her statue is being taken to all Catholic Cathedrals in England and Wales and will be in Shrewsbury Cathedral between Thursday 29th November and Sunday 1st December. Information leaflets are available in the porch.

TELEPHONE. Until such time as landline repairs take place, incoming calls are being transferred to a mobile 07711 428 970. We have been promised (yet again) that repairs will be completed on 5th December 2018.

SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL. For several years the Parish has generously supported this appeal to help prevent babies and very young children from dying in Sudan and South Sudan. This vital need still exists and your gift would help the most vulnerable. It could also serve as an alternative Christmas present and a certificate can be provided if required. Forms will be available after Mass from this weekend (24/25 Nov) onward.

PARISH VACANCIES. We urgently need people to take over the running of the **piety stall** after Christmas. We also need Monday morning **counters**, and **readers** for Sat 6.30 and Sun 8.30 Masses. Please ring the office on 973 1694 if you can help.

COLLECTIONS. Thank you for last week's offerings £1098.62 plus standing orders, and for the CAFOD collection last week which raised £588.47 plus standing orders.