

# The Catholic Parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley

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## Week commencing 28th April 2024 - EASTER WEEK V, Year B

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ferial <b>Vigil Mass</b>	9.30am <b>6:30pm</b>	Christopher Ribchester RIP Gerard Lock
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>8.30am</b>  <b>10.30am</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	(1) Mariam & Celina Ptak, Joane Adams (2) Eamonn Teehan – for healing Lilian Marquis RIP Mass for the Chinese Catholic Community
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	St Catherine of Siena	9.30am	Prayer for Europe
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Pius	7.00pm 7.30pm	Patsy Igoe RIP <i>'Come and See' in the parish hall</i>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Joseph the Worker	9.30am After Mass 7.00pm	Betty and Tony Dady <i>Mothers in prayer</i> <i>Holy Hour &amp; Rosary</i>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Athanasius	9.30am 7.30pm	Teresa Conlon RIP <i>'Come and See' in the parish hall</i>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ss Philip and James	11.00am 12.00 noon	<i>Exposition of the Holy Sacrament</i> Peter Lambert RIP
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	The English Martyrs <b>Vigil Mass</b>	9.30am <b>6:30pm</b>	For the survivors of sexual abuse Gary O'Donnell RIP
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> on Saturday 11.00am – 12.00noon and 5.15pm – 6pm			
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Margaret Colette Banville RIP Christians and all people of the Holy Land (EOHSJ)

**Fr. Tomasz writes:** *I am the vine, you are the branches*, says Jesus today. We are deeply rooted in his love. Our risen Lord is the source of all that we need to grow ever closer to his Father and others.

In the first reading, we hear how shortly after his conversion, St Paul was initially treated with fear and disdain by those he had been persecuting. Only Barnabas, who recognized his conversion and trusted him, brought him to the Apostles. Shortly after it became obvious that Paul's zeal for the Lord and his Church was grounded in a very personal encounter with Christ. Knowing that he was loved completely despite all that he had done before, gave him the encouragement to spread the Good News. In the second reading, St John confirms this great work of St Paul when he says: *Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active*. And today we all know how active St Paul was and how great is the work he has done.

Another beautiful image of a very personal encounter with Jesus comes from today's gospel. Jesus is the vine and we are his branches. Notice that Jesus doesn't say: *I am the stem, you are the branches*. Although the branches are dependent on the stem, they are not part of the stem. But branches and the stem are both parts of the vine, the whole vine. It shows that we are not just *dependent on* Jesus but we are *PARTS OF* him, members. Through baptism we are put into Christ's Body, not just into an external relationship with him. We are *one flesh, one body* of Christ. So, our small community in Timperley as a part of Christ's Church is a *LIVING ORGANISM*, and not an *organization*. The problem is that so many believers don't see and don't understand this image and its meaning. And what about you, do you understand this picture? Do you feel yourself; Can you see yourself as a part of Christ's life?

This week, let us try to consciously be aware that we are branches of one vine - Jesus, rooted in God's love. Although we may have our differences and shortcomings, we are forever loved completely by a God of compassion, love and forgiveness. Let us pray that like St Paul, we will have the grace to live out this amazing Good News. Have a wonderful week brethren!

**CHINESE BROTHERS & SISTERS YOU ARE SO WELCOME!** By celebrating Holy Mass we want to express our love and welcome to all the brothers and sisters from China who have come to the UK and started a new spiritual life. This Sunday Bishop Mark will especially welcome those who became Catholics this year through the Sacrament of Baptism or the Rite of Reception. Please join us! Everyone is welcome! After Mass there are refreshments in the parish hall.

**ROSARY PRAYER AROUND OUR LADY'S STATUE:** Traditionally in May 2024 we have a daily recitation of the Rosary next to Our Lady's statue in the church grounds for different intentions, especially for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine. At 7pm, we will pray the Rosary every day this month apart from Tuesday when our prayer starts at 6.30pm before our evening Mass at 7pm. On the occasions when there won't be a priest to lead it, just take the initiative. Should the weather be inclement we will transfer to the church.

**AWAKENING - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Our parish supports a prayer campaign centered around the Blessed Sacrament, hosted at various parishes across the UK. It is initiated by Jesus Youth UK and is currently in its 16th year. As in previous years, "Awakening" began on Ash Wednesday, 14th February 2024 and will conclude with a Eucharistic Celebration on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May 2024. "Awakening" is scheduled at our parish on 7th May 2024, from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Come and join us! We need Your prayerful presence!

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:** There is a day conference for the existing confirmation Catechists and those seeking to become catechists. Join Bishop Mark and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph for an exploration day on **May 18th, 2024, at 10am-4pm**. See you at St Mary's Caritas Centre – 65 Delamere Street Crewe CW1 2JXE. Booking required <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/a-day-for-confirmation-catechists-may-18th-2024/>

**SVP AND CAFOD JOINT VENTURE:** With the general election on the horizon, CAFOD and SVP are joining together to launch A Year of Encounter. This joint initiative invites parishes to reach out to local candidates to find out more about their views on the issues that we, as people of faith, care about such as poverty and injustice. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter), including online sessions details on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN 2024:** To commemorate the unborn babies lost to abortion and support affected families, please consider participating event on Saturday 4th May 2024, 11am - 1pm, Washway Road / Marsland Road junction, Sale, M33 3NA. If you have any queries, please contact John on 07594 806403. Your SPUC team will be offering refreshments in the hall after the 10:30 mass on 12th May. This is a relaxed, fun, family-friendly event for everyone. All are welcome.

**DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS VACANCY:** The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools. Applications are still open. Visit <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730> for more information.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE:** Will take place on Saturday **June 8th, 12 noon** at Saint Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary in 2024 and wanting to attend, submit the following to the parish office **by 5<sup>th</sup> May**: Names/Address/which wedding anniversary you are celebrating.

**SVP SOUP AND SOCIAL:** Come on Friday 3rd May after 12 noon Mass to the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

**CATHOLIC PARENTS/GODPARENTS/GRANDPARENTS CLUB:** Sunday, 28th April, 8.30 - 9.30 pm UK Time. Feel free to join even after 8.30 pm. **Meeting ID:** 864 1059 4167 **Passcode:** 911793.

**PRAY FOR PEACE:** There will be a candlelit service on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at St Vincent's Church, Altrincham, to pray for lasting peace and reconciliation in Israel and Palestine.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** Pilgrimage to Fatima, Porto, Lisbon (Portugal), Coimbra, and Santiago de Compostela (Spain). It will take place from **21 to 28 October 2024**. The price is **€1305** (about **£1115**). In the porch you can pick up a leaflet with outline of the pilgrimage and booking form. For more details, please speak to Fr. Tomasz.

**ROMULUS SINGERS:** invite you to their concert on **Saturday 11 May at 3pm** at Holy Angels, Hale Barns. Tickets for the concert should be purchased in advance through [www.romulus-singers.co.uk/my-spirit](http://www.romulus-singers.co.uk/my-spirit). Check the poster in the porch.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COLLECTION:** after all Masses on 4/5 May. The Little Sisters began their work in Manchester in 1862 and still do their Mission (the Apostolic Mission of Hospitality to the Aged poor, welcome the elderly of all nationalities and beliefs) until today. Let us welcome Sisters among us with generous hearts and help.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** please pray for Hugh F., John R., Bernadette B., Sr. Margaret and Sr. Isabel, Poppy S., Amanda B., William C., AE B., Amrut, Sue O'M., Anna B., Valentine M., Matthew, Anna M., Sam H., Gary C., Angie O., Niall O'H., Gerard, Jim & Bernadette S., Anna M., Gerry B., Hannah H., Denis C., Kitty D., Seema M., Lisa C., Fr. Jim A., Tony M., and Eamonn T.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Hilda Parkinson (funeral service on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, at 2:30pm - Altrincham Crematorium).

**OFFERINGS:** last week totalled **£601.53** (plus standing orders). From our monthly second parish collection we reached **£449.27** (for the new sound system) which is fantastic start, isn't it? There is **no donation for the livestream service**. **Thank you for your generous heart!**