

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Saturday	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Jean Crosby RIP Elsie Collins RIP
Monday	St Agnes	9.30am	Charles Alfred Nelson RIP
Tuesday	St Vincent	1.30pm 7.30pm	Funeral service for David Gough Holy souls
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Edward Fallon RIP
Thursday	St Francis de Sales	9.30am	Brion Xavier RIP
Friday	Conversion of St Paul	12.15pm	Sheila Ridd RIP
Saturday	Sts Timothy & Titus Vigil Mass	12.15pm 6.30pm	Kathleen Plumb RIP Margaret Swain RIP (B'day anniv.)
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am-12.00 noon and 5.45-6.15pm</b>			
Sunday	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.	8.30am 10.30am	Daniel Cobbledick and friends Parishioners

**Fr. Pat writes:** "The preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has got off to a wonderful start. Thirty-six of our young people were enrolled during 10.30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, and then enjoyed pizza for lunch followed by a time for prayer and reflection, with parents coming for the closing Liturgy. What matters more

than numbers is enthusiasm and commitment. The focus for the session on Thursday evening was on putting **'Faith into Action'**. There is an opportunity to do so today with a coffee morning fundraising event which will support a charity that the young people will decide on this coming week. Your presence in the parish hall after Mass today will not only help financially but most importantly will help to encourage our young people and generate a spirit of community within the parish."

**COMMISSIONING OF NEW HEADTEACHER.** This will take place during 10.30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 27th January. This simple and poignant ceremony will help remind us of the special link between parish and school, and for us to welcome and pray for Kevin Platt who took up the position of Headteacher at St. Hugh's Catholic primary school at the start of the spring term. Governors, staff, parents, children and all other parishioners are invited. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall.

**"BEYOND" BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Nine people attended the meeting last Tuesday with a view to providing support for people experiencing any form of loss or bereavement. This is a service that can make a difference for the better, and many parishes provide it. We are fortunate in that one of our retired parishioners, Maggie Keane, was in her professional life a bereavement counsellor in schools and has kindly offered her services to the parish. There will be a training afternoon on Sunday, 3rd February from 2- 5 p.m. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be involved. It is important to stress that this is about bereavement support and is not a counselling service.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, CH2 1SA on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, with refreshments afterwards. All married couples and their families are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary and would like a special letter of invitation, please let Fr Pat know by 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**PARISH WALK:** Meeting today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the car park, we will walk in Sale Water Park and the Mersey Valley.

**THANKS:** Brenda would like to thank all the wonderful, caring people who came to her assistance last Sunday

**PAX CHRISTI and Peace Sunday - 20 January. Pope Francis World Peace Day Message, "Good politics serves good peace".** The Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP, President of Pax Christi, writes "... Pope Francis invites us to start the new year with a reflection of our role as peace makers and looking at the 'the signs of the times', Pope Francis is uncompromising in his challenge to war and violence". Since 1967 Pax Christi has spread the Church's message of peace to communities in England and Wales. Archbishop McMahon asks us to join in this work through prayer and by supporting Pax Christi, of which we are a member. Today there is a retiring collection for Pax Christi which depends greatly on these collections. It is not a charity so donations cannot be gift aided. It is also an opportunity to pray for peace and the non-violent settlement of conflict. There is a display on the notice board and more information, including the full text of Pope Francis's message, is available at [paxchristi.org.uk](http://paxchristi.org.uk). Thank you for your continuing support.

**J&P MEETING.** There will be a meeting of the group on Monday 21 Jan at 7.30 pm in the parish centre. All are welcome.

**COLLECTIONS.** Thank you for last week's Offertory: £1109.51 plus standing orders. This week, the collection for Pax Christi will be taken. See above for details. At the start of February, we have the Priests Retirement Fund collection.