

Week beginning 27th January 2019

Saturday	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Margaret Swain (birthday remembrance)
Sunday	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Daniel Cobbledick and friends Parishioners
Monday	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	Ferial	12.15pm	Desmond Magennis RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.45am	Herbert J & Ursula Wolfenden RIP
Thursday	St John Bosco	9.30am	Gordon James Russon RIP
Friday	St Bridget	12.15pm	Bridget Fleming RIP
Saturday	Presentation of the Lord Vigil Mass	12.15pm 6.30pm	Bob Cullen RIP Dela Loftus
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am-12.00 noon and 5.45-6.15pm			
Sunday	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Parishioners Norah Lindop and Roger Taylor

Fr. Pat writes: "We live in an age of manifestos which provide a summary of policies and strategies, which afterwards can be used to measure success and failure. In today's Gospel, Jesus presents the manifest for his ministry in the synagogue at Nazareth, when he reads an extract from the prophet Isaiah, and comments 'this text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. It sets the scene for the Sunday Gospels from St. Luke during this year, in which we are reminded that Jesus is always on the side of the poor, the lost, the underprivileged and those who feel rejected. It is an appropriate occasion to commission our new Headteacher, Kevin Platt, who recently took up his appointment. The Rite of Induction reminds governors, staff, children, parents and the wider parish that we are all called and challenged to keep alive the mission of Jesus here and now. It is our opportunity to welcome Kevin with his family, and pray that the school we feel so proud of may continue to be true to its mission, of being a beacon of the light of Jesus in our world."

MASSES THIS WEEK: As there is a meeting of the LPA on Tuesday, please note that Mass will be at 12.15pm. On Wednesday Mass will be at the slightly later time of 9.45am to allow Fr Pat to go to the school assembly.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1SA on Saturday, 9th February, 2019. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the church hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th) and wish to attend the Mass, please let Fr Pat know (by the 27th January) and you will receive a special letter of invitation.

SUPPER FUNDRAISER: Come and share a meal with people like yourself who want to make a difference, on Thursday 21st February 6.30 for 7.00pm in the parish hall. Tickets are £10 and must be bought in advance. All profits go to the Madagascan Development Fund, providing water for families in remote Madagascar. Contact Fran Pridham 07738 716 834 for further details.

SERRA. On Thursday 7th February Deacon Anthony Caffrey will give a talk on "A day in the life of a funeral director". Everyone is very welcome. The meetings are in the Parish Hall, Christ Church. Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a light supper and the talk. Please ring Gerry Lanigan early in the week, if possible, for catering purposes."

MORNING OF REFLECTION: To help us to prepare for Lent, there will be a morning of Reflection on Saturday 2nd March at 9.15am in the parish hall, leading up to Mass at 12.15pm. We are fortunate in that Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, a Spiritan priest, (Holy Ghost Fathers) will lead us. He is well known for giving talks and retreats in schools and parishes.

CONFIRMATION: the coffee morning fundraiser held by the Confirmation candidates last week raised £307.91 which will be going to Cornerstone. Thank you for your support and hopefully we will have similar events in the future.

SPUC Youth Conference 15-17th March in Milton Keynes. Please book early; details are on the noticeboard and there may be some funding available also. Speak to Fr Pat if you're interested in this.

FLAME 2019. This will take place on 2nd March at Wembley Arena and is a wonderful and exciting full day event for young people in year 10 and over. There is a poster on the noticeboard. If you are interested in going please have a word with Fr Pat.

COLLECTIONS. Thank you for last week's Offertory: £900.37 plus standing orders. Last week's Pax Christi collection raised £312.75 and The Caritas crib collection, held over Christmas, raised £642.22. Thank you all for your generosity. Coming up at the start of February, we have the Priests Retirement Fund collection.