

Week beginning 3rd February 2019

Sat	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Dela Loftus
Sun	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am <i>1.00pm</i>	Parishioners Norah Lindop and Roger Taylor <i>Baptism Waring family</i>
Mon	Ferial	9.30am	Teresa Turner (sick)
Tues	St Agatha	7.30pm	Frank Moore RIP
Weds	St Paul Miki and Companions	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thurs	Ferial	9.30am	Sheila Ridd RIP
Friday	St Josephine Bakhita	12.15pm	Catherine & Peter recently married
Saturday	Ferial Vigil Mass	9.30am 6.30pm	Marie Gavin RIP Tom Keogh RIP anniversary
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am-12.00 noon and 5.45-6.15pm			
Sunday	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	James & Elizabeth Beswick RIP Andrew MacNaughton and friends

Fr. Pat writes: "In recent weeks I have been visiting the homes of our young candidates who will be getting ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday when Bishop Mark will confirm 36 of this parish's young people. It has been a joy and a privilege: as Pope Francis put it "*smell the sheep*". Since we had the Mass of Enrolment on 7th January, the attendance at the preparation

sessions, Masses and liturgies, and the overall enthusiasm and commitment has been very good. During each of the Masses today the simple **Rite of Election**, in place of the creed, reminds us that the Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens and encourages us to live our faith in the spirit of joy. It is about new beginnings *and not endings*.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be refreshments in the parish hall after both Masses this Sunday, and after the 10.30 next Sunday. We would welcome other people to volunteer to run a coffee morning.

BEYOND Bereavement: the training session for the Beyond group will start at 2:00pm on Sunday afternoon in the hall.

DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITY: There will be Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes here next Sunday (10th) at 3.30pm, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the parish hall. We look forward to welcoming people around the Diocese. Information on this year's pilgrimage will be published shortly.

PARISH MEAL: 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.

MORNING OF REFLECTION: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, a Spiritan priest, (Holy Ghost Fathers) will lead a morning of Reflection on Saturday 2nd March at 9.15am in the parish hall, leading up to Mass at 12.15pm. He is well known for giving talks and retreats in schools and parishes. Eucharistic Ministers, readers, catechists and those involved in ministry are particularly invited to come.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE: This takes place at St Columba's postcode in Chester on Saturday 12.00 noon. If those celebrating significant anniversaries let us know by the end of today, they can receive an invitation from the Bishop. **Please note Mass here on Saturday is at 9.30am.**

CAFOD. In June 2013, our J&P Group started taking special collections for Sebeya, a town in Ethiopia, to help the people make permanent improvements to their lives. We took 38 retiring collections, the last being in December 2018. The total received at came to £30,685, including about £3750 from gift aid tax and £2150 from the weekday coffee meetings. The people of Sebeya are now largely self-sufficient, although CAFOD maintain a presence there. Going forward, CAFOD have asked us to focus our help on Madelena Medio in Colombia, which is trying to bring itself out peacefully from a 50-year civil war. Our first collection for them will be on 17th February, when we will have more information for you about the project.

THE CATHOLIC MIRACLE RALLY 9 - 10 March, Our Lady's Catholic High School, Preston. The Catholic Miracle Rally celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of his Spirit is moving in his church today. If you are seeking more of God and his love and power or healing in body or soul, come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome! The open Miracle Healing Service on Saturday 6.30pm with Damian Stayne is free. Please invite your friends and those who are sick! For more information and booking details, see the poster and leaflets in the porch or ring Eddie Drozdziak on 07947168096

COLLECTIONS. Thank you for last week's Offertory: £1243.90 plus standing orders. This week, we have the **Priests Retirement Fund** collection, which will remain open for a couple of weeks. If you miss this week's collection, you can put your envelopes in the main collection for the next two weeks, and they will be counted and recorded in the usual way. Please Gift Aid if you can.